

ANNUAL REPORTS

For the year
2009



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MASSACHUSETTS

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AVAILABLE FUNDS	Free cash, reserves, and unexpected balances available for appropriation.
CHAPTER 90	General Law which provides for contributions by the State for construction and maintenance of certain town road; usually roads leading from one town to another.
CHERRY SHEET	Details of State and County charges and reimbursements used in determining the tax rate; known as “Cherry Sheet” due to color of the paper originally used.
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	Estimate of miscellaneous receipts based on previous year’s receipts deducted by the Assessors from gross amount to be raised by taxation.
FREE CASH	Amount certified by the Department of Revenue determined by any excess revenue and unexpected appropriations of the prior year.
MATCHING FUNDS	Amount made available by special State and Federal acts to supplement local appropriations for specific types of projects.
PROVISION FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	Amount raised by Assessors for purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements granted.
PROVISION FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS SURPLUS (FORMERLY OVERLAY SURPLUS)	Excess determined by the Assessors (exceeding tax balance for that year) which may be voted for extraordinary or unforeseen purposes.
RESERVE FUND	Amount appropriated for unforeseen or emergency purposes, controlled exclusively by the Finance Committee.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The 2009 financial picture did not improve much for the Town of Ashby. During the budget process many services needed to be cut to balance the budget. To help the town balance their budget the school committees had to find ways to tighten their own budgets.

In these hard times the Town of Ashby had to cut a Police Officer and a Highway laborer to balance the budget. Many budget lines will just make it this year. If we have a mild winter and we continue to conserve we should survive another tough year.

We survived the “Ice Storm 08” but the clean up needed to begin. This was no small task, with the number of trees and debris that were either hanging or on the ground on every town road. This project was headed up by Mike Bussell and Bruce Adams who needed to comply by all of FEMA and MEMA rules and regulations so the town could get their share of the reimbursement. Once again the Board of Selectman wish to thank everyone who helped during the storm and the following cleanup. It shows how everyone can work together to make things happen.

We all realized how important the Wheeler Road Bridge in Townsend is to the Town of Ashby for those who travel to Townsend. The bridge was officially closed and everyone needed to travel rte 119. With the closing more attention was focused on Bernhardt Bridge replacement which has now been closed over 5 years. Through our Representative Bob Rice and Senator Flannigan offices we were able to secure a temporary bridge that will be installed in the spring by the Corps of Engineers at no charge.

To the Safety Complex Committee who worked every angle to try to get the town a new Police station many thanks for your dedication of many hours you spent planning, meeting with the town citizens and trying to find the right fit for the future for Ashby.

The Police Chief Search committee is in the process of finding the town a new Police Chief following the resignation of Paul Lundin after his contract had expired. Many thanks to Paul and the town wish him and his family a lot of success and happiness.

After 12 years of service to the Town of Ashby, Linda Sanders resigned to take another position in the Town of Rockport. Linda loves the water so this was a perfect fit for her. Linda was very dedicated to the town. Being the Town Administrator or being in charge of any department in a small town is a hard position to hold. You try to make everyone as happy as you can but it's not an easy task. Linda tried her best over her 12 years, heading up many projects and

working for the town to move in a forward direction. She will be missed by many and hopefully the town will be able to find someone as dedicated to our town.

The Board of Selectmen wish to thank the Police Department, Fire Department and Highway Department working together to protect the citizens of Ashby. Also thanks to those that work at Town Hall who continue to make the everyday operations run smoothly, and to all those that serve on committees for your dedication and time.

The budget in the future will remain to be very challenging as the economy slowly turns around in the State of Massachusetts and the Town of Ashby. We will continue to search for ways to save money while providing the best possible services we can.

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter McMurray, *Chairman*
Dan Meunier
Joe Casey

FINANCE COMMITTEE

During the past year the Finance Committee has met regularly with additional meeting that have been posted due to budget changes. During these difficult financial times, both at the State level and local tax considerations, the Finance Committee has kept up to date with all the happenings.

The Finance Committee criteria are to act in an “ADVISORY” capacity, which the committee has been adhering to.

During the past year we brought to the attention of the appropriate Departments the following items that needed to be repaired, replaced or corrected. Again due to the financial constraints it has been difficult to find a way to financially correct the problems, while at the same time a fix could be financial savings to the town.

Public lists of fixes that are needed to be addressed are:

- The Finance Committee reported to the board of Health the need to fix the failed Septic System at Town Hall which has cost the tax payer for the past five years at over \$10,000.
- The Police Department has had problems with the Town owned vehicles, such as Maintenance Repairs with document records, which caused at least one motor to be replaced on a vehicle that had a low mileage record at a cost of \$5800.00. The Finance Committee feels we

need the maintenance on the vehicles to be done on time and updated for a good vehicle performance.

- The fact that the “Open Space” plan has brought in less revenue to the Town, due to their “Tax Free Statues”. The Finance Committee feels we need to have a good look at where we are and make the proper decisions.
- The “Reserve Fund” is the only line item the committee has any control over, and the Committee members are fully aware of what the “Reserve Fund” is all about. We have on occasion denied the transfer requests for a “Reserve fund” transfer, due the fact that the expense line in any Department needs to be spent before any consideration can be approved or other alternative that could be considered.
- The Schools are in a sad state of repair and if the town does not do the necessary repairs, the State has threatened to close the schools until we meet the required repair mandates.
- The Police Station is in a complex and deteriorating dilemma, with poor air quality, one bathroom, and no holding cells for criminals, which the Town pays for the outside lockup costs.
- The heating system at Town Hall is an on going expense for the taxpayers and needs to be evaluation on what needs to be done to correct the issues with the systems.
- The elevator has had water leaks during the past year and this also need to a corrected to maintain the operation safety of the elevator.
- The Library continues to have water leak problems and we need to find the solutions to fix it.
- The issue of Elementary School lease has been brought forward by the Finance Committee and we need to get this agreement corrected.
- The Finance Committee has asked a lot of questions from most of the Department Heads and is continuing to find out what is a “Realistic Budget” for all there true needs. What, where and how can we accomplish these needs and still be “Financially/Affordable” for our Town?
- The Finance Committee thanks all the employees of the town for their genuine support and input to the problems they are facing and what we can do about it has had a good impact for the Finance Committee to find the solutions.
- The Finance Committee has received resignation from members for various reasons. We thank them for volunteering their time, expertise, and efforts they gave for us.

Again as our posted meeting announcement have stated “We welcome the Public to any of our posted meetings” and have an open door for all the public comments.

Respectfully submitted:
Ashby Finance Committee,

G. Lillian Whitney, <i>Chairman</i>	Thomas Dorward, (<i>resigned</i>)
Martha Svedberg, <i>Secretary</i>	Lisa Dorward, (<i>resigned</i>)
Melissa Coyle	Joseph Casey (<i>resigned</i>)
John Steffian	Suzanne Caron (<i>resigned</i>)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is responsible for the valuation of real estate and personal property subject to taxation. The Registry of Motor Vehicles is responsible for motor vehicle valuations and supplies the data for excise bills. Assessed values for all three are based on “full and fair cash value” as of the January 1st preceding each fiscal year.

Office hours are from 9:00 AM to 12:00 and by appointment, Monday through Friday. The board meets at 7:00 PM on the second Wednesday of the month. The phone number is 978-386-2427 extension 15. E-mail is assess@ci.ashby.ma.us. Data on real property is available at www.csc-ma.us/Ashby.

Board and Staff

Oliver Mutch, *Chairman*
Jodi L Szczescuil, *Member*
Harald M. Scheid, *Regional Tax Assessor*

Fiscal 2009 Assessments and Revenues by Major Property Class

<i>Property Class</i>	<i>Levy Percent</i>	<i>Valuation by Class</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>	<i>Tax Levy</i>
Residential	94.6101	332,841,290	11.96	3,980,781.83
Open Space	0.0000	-0-	11.96	-0-
Commercial	3.4167	12,020,110	11.96	143,760.52
Industrial	0.3185	1,120,400	11.96	13,399.98
Personal Prop	1.6547	5,821,475	11.96	69,624.84
TOTALS	100.0000	351,803,275	11.96	4,207,567.17

Prior Valuation and Tax History

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>	<i>Total Valuation</i>	<i>Accounts</i>	<i>Tax Levy</i>
2008	11.53	350,386,764	1,831	4,039,959.39
2007	11.70	350,003,100	1,813	4,095,036.27
2006	10.64	338,987,900	1,769	3,606,831.25
2005	11.81	294,241,300	1,757	3,474,989.76
2004	13.49	253,655,200	1,759	3,419,272.10
2003	13.39	228,753,800	1,716	3,063,013.38

Fiscal Year 2009 Abstract of Assessments

<i>Prop Class Code/Description</i>	<i>Accts</i>	<i>Class Valuation</i>	<i>Average Value</i>
012 - 043 Mixed Use Properties	26	24,535,067	968,100
101 Residential Single Family	1,064	281,015,500	263,800
102 Residential Condominiums	0	-0-	
104 Residential Two Family	14	3,583,600	268,600
105 Residential Three Family	2	822,500	419,500
Miscellaneous Residential	14	2,540,700	183,400
111 - 125 Apartments	1	299,000	347,500
130 - 132, 106 Vacant Land	366	23,545,100	67,100
200 - 231 Open Space	0	-0-	
300 - 393 Commercial	21	7,294,400	343,400
400 - 442 Industrial	4	1,120,400	275,600
501 - 506 Personal Property	218	5,821,475	19,900
600-821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	106	1,225,533	7,100
TOTALS	1836	351,803,275	

Assessors' Account for Exemptions and Abatements

<i>Description</i>	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>FY2008</i>	<i>FY2007</i>
Assessors' Overlay	66,403.52	56,359.69	58,828.06
Charges to 6/30/08	39,275.77	37,504.20	52,885.73
Balance	27,127.75	18,855.49	5,942.33

New Growth Revenue

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>New Revenues</i>
2009	49,051
2008	39,192
2007	61,399
2006	71,272
2005	127,888

TREASURER

As of December 31, 2009 available cash was equal to \$250,690.89, and a total of \$1,469.35 was earned in interest from the general fund accounts.

The sum of \$33,836.79 was collected in tax title receipts and foreclosure redemptions.

The following trust fund balances as of December 31, 2009 are:

John Forbes Memorial Clock Fund	\$ 1,248.62
School Funds	
Jesse Foster	\$ 1,037.45
Samuel P. Gates	\$20,712.15
Sumner Taylor	\$ 2,738.81
Cemetery Funds	
Sale of Lots	\$ 20,988.81
Perpetual Care	\$ 91,431.62
Rosanna Robbins	\$ 89,064.63
Open Space Acquisition Fund	\$ 18,557.57
Stabilization Fund	\$457,640.27
Police-Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 475.50
Library Trust Funds	\$291,402.52
Memorial Trusts	\$ 11,859.00

In Accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 8, Clause 9 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town of Ashby was approved for an emergency loan by the Emergency Board, for the amount of \$763,000.00 to cover the costs associated with the Ice Storm of December 2008. At the Special Town Meeting held 11/30/2009, Article 7 approved the loan not to

exceed \$495,000.00. The above mentioned loan was not needed, as reimbursement from FEMA was in a timely manner. The Town currently has no long-term borrowing

Respectfully submitted,
Kate E. Stacy, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR

Thank you for your votes and this opportunity for a second term of service! Here are some highlights of the initiatives taken this year:

(1) UniBank upgraded its online payment modules –now you can pay multiple tax bills with a single payment transaction. It is also now compatible with browser systems. Visit www.ci.ashby.ma.us and give it a try!

(2) Our Deputy Collector has offered to print/mail excise bills for client towns. Between the free printing and bulk rate postage, this means a net \$350 savings.

(3) Last November, I was invited to help beta-test Century Bank’s new remote capture product. A key benefit of this lockbox option is mail processing stays in Ashby and under my control. In addition to isolating mismatched payment amounts, it creates a posting import file and gives us same-day bank deposits. The scanned coupon images also take much less space for retention purposes. The February 1st deadlines were my learning curve. This report went to print before FY2010 excise payments started arriving - that will be the true test!

(4) On a final note, we are becoming more comfortable with the enhanced features of our new Vadar System software. One example: the Assessor’s Office generated this year’s 3rd/4th quarter property tax billing file in-house using the ‘databridge’ process – this is a first for Ashby. I typically wait ‘in queue’ while our vendor works through this process with multiple towns. The added flexibility of generating our own in-house files is very helpful.

TAX BILLING

Tax bills are mailed to addresses provided by the Assessors and the Registry of Motor Vehicles. By law, a taxpayer is responsible for payment even if the bill is not received. Valuable information regarding abatement filing and other important deadlines is printed on each tax bill. If you require further assistance, my office is open 9:00-12:00, Monday – Friday and also Wednesday evenings. I

can be reached at 978-386-2427 ext13. If I am gone, the Town Clerk staff is bonded to accept tax payments and provide stamped receipt in my absence.

ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS

My charge to collect a tax continues until the tax is either paid or abated by the Assessor's Office. The deadline for filing real estate abatement applications is February 1st each year. If you transfer or sell your vehicle, or receive a bill for a vehicle you no longer own, you should contact the Assessor's Office at 978-386-2424 ext15 to request an abatement application. Ignoring an Excise bill eventually prohibits vehicle registration and/or license renewal at the registry. Unpaid real estate bills are recorded as tax title and transfer to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Ann Scheid

Unpaid Real Estate tax recorded as TAX TITLE – the outstanding tax plus accrued interest and fees transfer to the Treasurer's books for further collection.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Existing (#parcels)</i>	<i>New (#parcels)</i>	<i>Total Transfer</i>	<i>Rate</i>
2004	25,401 (41)	9,828 (10)	35,230	1.04%
2005	11,921 (16)	18,892 (12)	30,813	.89%
2005		20,689 (4)	20,689	n/a
2006	18,026 (17)	4,055 (2)	22,081	.62%
2007	5,905 (9)	17,322 (13)	23,227	.57%
2008-tax	6,416 (7)	22,620 (10)	29,035	.72%
2008-lien	86,615 (1)		86,615	n/a
2009	1,422 (1)	28,793 (13)	30,215	.72%

OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES as of December 31, 2009

<i>Year</i>	<i>PERSONAL PROP</i>	<i>MOTOR VEHICLE</i>	
2000-2003	13	2,944	0.38%
2004	40	1,376	0.39%
2005	65	1,465	0.39%
2006	59	1,200	0.33%
2007	158	2,762	0.75%
2008	420	3,915	1.10%
2009	506	10,630	3.2%

 COMMITMENT COMPARISONS as of December 31st 2009

Year	REAL ESTATE		PERS PROP		MOTOR VEHICLE	
FY2001	2,721,055		50,780		285,920	
FY2002	2,872,843	+151,788	48,919	- 1,861	319,262	+33,342
FY2003	3,019,179	+146,336	44,006	- 4,913	342,219	+22,957
FY2004	3,391,473	+372,294	48,518	+4,512	352,905	+10,686
FY2005	3,432,802	+41,329	46,260	- 2,258	371,114	+18,436
FY2006	3,568,252	+135,450	43,613	- 2,647	364,434	-6,680
FY2007	4,048,330	+480,078	46,699	+3,086	369,800	+5,366
FY2008	3,992,068	-56,262	47,876	+1,177	357,346	-12,454
FY2009	4,138,011	+145,943	69,639	+21,763	336,348	-20,998
FY2010	4,269,305	+131,294	84,499	+14,861	Report at Year-End	

Town of Ashby
 FY2009 Expense Report (All Entries)- General Fund
 July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

EXPENSE CATEGORY	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
ENCUMBERED						
Fire Expenses FY08	5,756.11	-	5,756.11	5,756.11	-	100%
Dog Officer Expense FY08	443.04	-	443.04	443.04	-	100%
Tree Warden Expense FY08	1,800.00	-	1,800.00	1,800.00	-	100%
T. Common Encumbered FY08	51.62	-	51.62	29.41	22.21	57%
Records Preservation FY08	1,905.20	-	1,905.20	1,905.20	-	
Town Common Exp FY05	1,014.66	-	1,014.66	-	1,014.66	0%
TOTAL ENCUMBERED	10,970.63	-	10,970.63	9,933.76	1,036.87	91%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Town Clerical Staff Wages	31,884.80	-	31,884.80	29,640.18	2,244.62	93%
Admin & Operations Expense	6,600.00	-	6,600.00	6,569.02	30.98	100%
Town Administrator Salary	52,195.25	-	52,195.25	52,195.25	-	100%
Unpaid Bills	-	10,722.03	10,722.03	10,722.03	-	100%
Finance Committee Expense	165.00	137.00	302.00	302.00	-	100%
Reserve Fund	44,698.37	(9,208.48)	35,489.89	-	35,489.89	0%
Town Accountant Salary	27,554.71	-	27,554.71	27,554.71	-	100%
Town Accountant Expense	3,969.50	-	3,969.50	3,274.67	694.83	82%
Audit of Records	16,500.00	-	16,500.00	16,500.00	-	100%
Professional Assessor	16,297.50	-	16,297.50	16,297.50	-	100%
Assessor Clerical Wages	16,308.63	-	16,308.63	14,182.06	2,126.57	87%
Assessor Expense	2,400.00	-	2,400.00	1,007.27	1,392.73	42%
Assessors Map Maintenance	1,900.00	(37.00)	1,863.00	1,800.00	63.00	97%
Senior Work Off Program	100.00	(100.00)	-	-	-	0%
Canva Expense	1,800.00	-	1,800.00	1,800.00	-	100%
Treasurer Salary	22,768.58	-	22,768.58	22,768.58	-	100%
Treasurer Expense	3,671.25	485.00	4,156.25	4,146.99	9.26	100%
Tax Title Expense	12,000.00	(4,400.00)	7,600.00	4,899.43	2,700.57	64%
Collector Salary	29,044.25	-	29,044.25	29,044.25	-	100%
Assist. Collector Wages	750.00	-	750.00	-	750.00	0%
Collector Expense	8,573.00	1,847.00	10,420.00	8,982.17	1,437.83	86%
Collector Software	5,865.00	(889.00)	4,976.00	4,976.00	-	100%

Town of Ashby
 FY2009 Expense Report (All Entries)- General Fund
 July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

EXPENSE CATEGORY	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
Legal Counsel Services	37,000.00	(9,275.54)	27,724.46	21,839.25	5,885.21	79%
Technology & Systems	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	1,281.00	719.00	64%
Town Clerk Salary	27,295.89	-	27,295.89	27,295.89	-	100%
Asst. Town Clerk Wages	6,644.15	-	6,644.15	4,513.37	2,130.78	68%
Town Clerk Expense	3,705.00	(945.00)	2,760.00	1,415.81	1,344.19	51%
Elect Off. & Regist. Stipend	5,811.00	1,200.00	7,011.00	6,157.35	853.65	88%
Election & Regist. Expense	5,800.00	(2,200.00)	3,600.00	2,935.86	664.14	82%
Town Clerk Dog Lic. Expense	332.00	-	332.00	328.58	3.42	99%
Public Records Preservation	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	1,150.80	1,849.20	38%
Town Reports	4,200.00	68.33	4,268.33	4,268.33	-	100%
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	1,465.12	534.88	73%
Planning Board Expense	850.00	-	850.00	588.08	261.92	69%
Zoning Board Expense	550.00	-	550.00	-	550.00	0%
Mont Plan Comm Assessment	779.25	-	779.25	779.24	0.01	100%
Land Use Agent	15,500.00	-	15,500.00	15,500.00	-	100%
T. Office Expense	14,000.00	13,025.65	27,025.65	26,844.11	181.54	99%
T. Office Custodian	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,282.33	217.67	91%
T. Office Fuel and Electric	30,000.00	4,180.83	34,180.83	31,841.51	2,339.32	93%
Care of Town Clock	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	-	100%
Municipal Grounds Wages	3,201.63	-	3,201.63	2,567.25	634.38	80%
Municipal Building Repair	2,000.00	77.99	2,077.99	2,077.99	-	100%
TOTAL GENERAL GOV	472,714.76	4,688.81	477,403.57	412,293.98	65,109.59	86%
PROTECT PERSONS & PROP						
Police Chief Salary	70,751.50	-	70,751.50	70,751.50	-	100%
Police Wages	367,710.36	(14,000.00)	353,710.36	347,507.53	6,202.83	98%
Police Expense	47,589.80	8,109.17	55,698.97	54,863.86	835.11	99%
Police Station Fuel/Electric	8,000.00	3,557.00	11,557.00	9,875.96	1,681.04	85%
Police Station Bldg Maint	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	982.61	17.39	98%
Fire Chief Salary	46,192.14	4,587.52	50,779.66	50,779.66	-	100%
Firefighters' Wages	15,955.99	(6,400.00)	9,555.99	8,940.50	615.49	94%

Town of Ashby						
FY2009 Expense Report (All Entries)- General Fund						
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009						
EXPENSE CATEGORY	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
Firefighter EMT Wages	36,000.00	-	36,000.00	31,997.44	4,002.56	89%
Firefighters Stipend	5,673.24	-	5,673.24	5,673.24	-	100%
Firefighter/EMT Overtime Wages	4,373.04	(767.71)	3,605.33	1,577.46	2,027.87	44%
Fire Dept. Expenses	22,000.00	10,038.70	32,038.70	30,624.98	1,413.72	96%
Fire Station Fuel	2,350.00	(1,509.84)	840.16	840.16	-	100%
Fire Equipment Replacement	2,417.04	2,509.84	4,926.88	6,259.67	(1,332.79)	127%
Waste Oil Coordinator Stip	2,206.26	-	2,206.26	2,206.26	-	100%
Waste Oil Expense	455.00	-	455.00	445.46	9.54	98%
EMT Wages	16,490.22	(3,432.62)	13,057.60	9,828.00	3,229.60	75%
EMT Stipend	3,151.80	-	3,151.80	3,151.80	-	100%
EMT Expense	9,900.00	2,000.00	11,900.00	11,644.14	255.86	98%
EMS ALS Charges & Fees	13,828.38	6,753.69	20,582.07	20,582.07	-	100%
Emergency Management Exp	600.00	-	600.00	600.00	-	100%
December 2008 Ice Storm Exp	-	-	-	51,070.82	(51,070.82)	0%
Dec 2008 Debris Removal Exp	-	-	-	3,270.00	(3,270.00)	0%
E-911 Expenses	125.00	-	125.00	123.20	1.80	99%
Hazardous Waste Coord. Stipend	531.87	-	531.87	531.87	-	100%
Blldg/Zoning Insp Salary	9,820.94	-	9,820.94	9,820.94	-	100%
Blldg/Zoning Insp Expense	500.00	-	500.00	273.98	226.02	55%
Plumbing/Gas Inspect Salary	5,808.06	-	5,808.06	5,808.04	0.02	100%
Plumbing/Gas Inspect Expense	115.00	-	115.00	-	115.00	0%
Electrical Insp Salary	5,808.06	-	5,808.06	3,802.66	2,005.40	65%
Electrical Insp Expense	200.00	-	200.00	-	200.00	0%
Insp of Animals Salary	600.00	-	600.00	600.00	-	100%
Insp of Animals Expense	240.00	-	240.00	-	240.00	0%
Dog Off/Animal Enrl Salary	16,000.00	-	16,000.00	14,663.00	1,337.00	92%
Dog Off/Animal Enrl Expense	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	1,434.63	1,565.37	48%
Dispatch Director Salary	1,545.00	-	1,545.00	1,333.00	212.00	
Dispatcher Wages	118,192.39	20,295.16	138,487.55	135,482.45	3,005.10	98%
Dispatcher Expenses	1,955.00	-	1,955.00	1,373.35	581.65	70%
TOTAL PROTECT PERS & PROP	841,086.09	31,740.91	872,827.00	898,720.24	(25,893.24)	103%

Town of Ashby
FY2008 Expense Report (All Entries)- General Fund
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

EXPENSE CATEGORY	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
EDUCATION						
Reg Voc Tech School Expense	308,178.00	-	308,178.00	308,177.80	0.20	100%
NMRSD Reg School Assessment	2,371,234.80	-	2,371,234.80	2,371,231.00	3.80	100%
NMRSD Reg School Transportation	228,822.00	-	228,822.00	228,822.00	-	100%
NMRSD Debt Service	4,819.85	-	4,819.85	4,819.85	-	100%
TOTAL EDUCATION	2,913,054.65	-	2,913,054.65	2,913,050.65	4.00	100%
PUBLIC WORKS						
Highway Super. Wages	42,407.28	-	42,407.28	42,407.28	-	100%
Highway Department Wages	133,799.04	4,013.97	137,813.01	131,848.38	5,964.63	96%
Highway Regular Overtime	500.00	137.76	637.76	637.76	-	100%
Highway Department Expense	6,355.20	1,666.07	8,021.27	8,010.12	11.15	100%
Highway Barn Fuel	9,500.00	(954.63)	8,545.37	8,545.37	-	100%
Highway Road Maintenance	40,000.00	5,000.00	45,000.00	43,670.86	1,329.14	97%
Highway Machinery Expense	40,000.00	1,000.00	41,000.00	39,414.95	1,585.05	96%
Highway Gas & Diesel	19,000.00	838.56	19,838.56	19,838.56	-	100%
Hwy Winter Operation Overtime	17,078.12	-	17,078.12	25,773.38	(8,695.26)	151%
Highway Winter Expense	71,000.00	15,138.87	86,138.87	183,589.96	(97,451.09)	213%
Street Lights	700.00	-	700.00	692.69	7.31	99%
Tree Warden Expenses	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	1,250.00	750.00	63%
Cemetery Wages	9,152.50	800.00	9,952.50	8,883.50	1,069.00	89%
Cemetery Maintenance	4,047.50	(800.00)	3,247.50	2,713.18	534.32	84%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	395,539.64	26,840.60	422,380.24	517,275.99	(94,895.75)	122%
HUMAN SERVICES						
Board of Health Expense	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	26.17	1,473.83	2%
Nashoba Board of Health Assess	5,692.36	-	5,692.36	5,636.00	56.36	99%
Landfill Operations	11,000.00	(4,000.00)	7,000.00	6,978.74	21.26	100%
Town Nurse Assessment	4,424.81	-	4,424.81	4,381.00	43.81	99%
Council on Aging Expense	1,300.00	500.00	1,800.00	1,317.83	482.17	73%
Veterans Agent Salary	1,615.54	-	1,615.54	1,615.54	-	100%
Veterans Agent Expense	50.00	-	50.00	-	50.00	0%

Town of Ashby
 FY2009 Expense Report (All Entries)- General Fund
 July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

EXPENSE CATEGORY	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
Memorial Day	2,800.00	-	2,800.00	2,800.00	-	100%
Veterans Benefit Expense	150.00	-	150.00	-	150.00	0%
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	28,532.71	(3,500.00)	25,032.71	22,755.28	2,277.43	91%
CULTURE AND RECREATION						
Librarian Salary	16,598.00	-	16,598.00	16,571.80	26.20	100%
Library Assist. Wages	11,232.00	-	11,232.00	11,232.00	-	100%
Library Expenses	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	1,871.78	628.22	75%
Library Custodial Services	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	100%
Library Heating Fuel	8,500.00	-	8,500.00	6,807.04	1,692.96	80%
Library Building Maintenance	12,000.00	2,280.00	14,280.00	11,542.05	2,737.95	81%
Library Books	13,500.00	-	13,500.00	13,459.40	40.60	100%
Band Concerts	7,000.00	-	7,000.00	7,000.00	-	100%
July 3rd Band Expense	1,200.00	(400.00)	800.00	-	800.00	0%
Allen Field Expense	600.00	600.00	1,200.00	1,132.63	67.37	94%
Town Common Expense	500.00	385.00	885.00	865.92	19.08	98%
Agricultural Commission Exp	300.00	-	300.00	-	300.00	0%
Historical Comm. Expense	216.00	-	216.00	173.05	42.95	80%
TOTAL CULTURE AND REC	75,646.00	2,865.00	78,511.00	72,155.67	6,355.33	92%
DEBT SERVICE						
Temporary Loan Interest	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	-	-	-	0%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	-	-	-	100%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENSE						
RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	-	-	-	2,540.00	(2,540.00)	0%
Air Pollution Assessment	-	-	-	756.00	(756.00)	0%
Mont RTA Assessment	-	-	-	2,527.00	(2,527.00)	0%
MBTA Trans Assessment	-	-	-	16,132.00	(16,132.00)	0%

Town of Ashby
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EXPENSE CATEGORY	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
TOTAL INTERGOV EXP	-	-	-	21,955.00	(21,955.00)	100%
MISCELLANEOUS Expense						
Middlesex Retirement System	126,520.00	-	126,520.00	126,520.00	-	100%
Retirement Contrib. To State	248.97	-	248.97	248.97	-	100%
Unemployment Compensation	2,922.00	-	2,922.00	-	2,922.00	0%
Employee Benefit Expense	241,895.60	-	241,895.60	232,552.15	9,343.45	96%
Workers Comp. Insurance	9,356.15	1,032.85	10,389.00	10,372.00	17.00	100%
Insurance-Liab, Prop &Caus, Fire Police	73,754.86	(4,900.86)	68,854.00	68,854.00	-	100%
FICA	20,448.65	-	20,448.65	19,551.78	896.87	96%
Transfer to Stabilization	20,746.20	-	20,746.20	20,746.20	-	100%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXP.	495,892.43	(3,868.01)	492,024.42	478,845.10	13,179.32	97%
SPECIAL ARTICLES						
FY08						
Art 11 ATM FY09- General Stipends	22,902.74	(7,637.86)	15,264.88	15,264.88	-	100%
Art 16 - STM FY09 - Police Radio Sys	-	20,500.00	20,500.00	384.62	20,115.38	2%
Art 10 ATM Fire Assist to Grant Match	3,760.00	-	3,760.00	3,760.00	-	100%
Art 7 STM FY09 Ice Storm Expense	-	32,860.51	32,860.51	-	32,860.51	0%
Art STM Trench Expenses	-	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	0%
Art 4 Transfer to Special Revenue	5,978.11	-	5,978.11	5,978.11	-	100%
Prior Year articles						
Art 4 ATM FY08- Collector Software	1,360.00	-	1,360.00	1,000.00	360.00	74%
Art 13 ATM FY03 Hwy Bridge Maint	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	0%
Art 8 Old Engine House Repair	9,583.50	-	9,583.50	5,926.50	3,657.00	62%
TOTAL SPECIAL ART	58,584.35	46,922.65	105,507.00	32,314.11	73,192.89	31%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 5,293,021.26	\$ 104,689.96	\$ 5,397,711.22	\$ 5,379,299.78	\$ 18,411.44	99.659%

Town of Ashby
 Statement of Revenue, Budget vs Actual
 July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BALANCE Over/(Under) Budget
TAXES			
Personal Property Taxes	69,624.84	69,349.66	(275.18)
Real Estate Taxes	4,137,942.33	4,071,934.33	(66,008.00)
Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	38,269.68	38,269.68
Tax Foreclosure Revenue	0.00	45,480.31	45,480.31
Motor Vehicle Excise	348,000.00	361,261.13	13,261.13
In Lieu of Taxes	3,876.30	3,876.55	0.25
Proforma Taxes	0.00	1,618.24	1,618.24
Supplemental Real Estate Tax	2,500.00	1,801.67	(698.33)
Subtotal	4,561,943.47	4,593,591.57	30,728.19
INTEREST			
Interest on Property Tax	14,280.00	13,060.47	(1,219.53)
Interest on Tax Liens	2,850.00	6,188.58	3,338.58
Interest on Motor Vehicle	1,200.00	3,558.53	2,358.53
Subtotal	18,330.00	22,807.58	4,477.58
LICENSES & PERMITS			
Alcoholic Licenses	2,520.00	1,655.00	(865.00)
Common Victualler	275.00	180.00	(95.00)
Used Car License (I)	300.00	300.00	0.00
Junk Licenses (II)	120.00	60.00	(60.00)
Cable TV Fees	360.00	362.00	2.00
Street Listings	165.00	123.00	(42.00)
Zoning By-Laws	35.00	35.00	0.00
Dog License Fees	2,000.00	2,605.50	605.50
Business Certificates	300.00	200.00	(100.00)
Pole Petition Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Building Permits	11,170.50	(4,829.50)
Plumbing Permits	3,167.00	(633.00)
Electrical Permits	2,705.00	(795.00)
Subtotal	22,563.00	(6,812.00)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

<i>Selectmen</i>		
Misc. Receipts Selectman	576.45	576.45
Contract Fee - Comm Tower	13,843.82	0.04
Occupancy Fee/ Ins Reimburse		0.00
<i>Assessors</i>		
Assessors Misc. Other Receipt	182.50	(117.50)
<i>Town Clerk</i>		
Town Clerk Misc. Receipts	639.15	(160.85)
<i>Substance Citation</i>	300.00	300.00
<i>Planning Board</i>		
Planning Board A.N.R Fees	175.00	25.00
Planning Board Site Plan Review		0.00
<i>Board of Appeals</i>		
Hearings	250.00	(250.00)
Zoning Variances	0.00	0.00
<i>Treasurer</i>		
Treasurer Misc.	192.76	(32.24)
<i>Tax Collector</i>		
Tax Collector Misc.	731.73	81.73
Subtotal	16,218.78	422.63

PUBLIC SAFETY

<i>Police Department</i>		
Police F I D Cards	1,750.00	(1,100.00)
Police Accident Reports	100.00	112.00

Town of Ashby
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Police Admin. Surcharge		1,084.00	784.00
Police Misc. Receipts	300.00	75.00	(5.00)
<i>Fire Department</i>			
Smoke Detectors	800.00	550.00	(250.00)
Fire Reports	0.00	10.00	10.00
Fuel Storage	0.00	75.00	75.00
Tank Removal Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oil & Wood Burner Permits	400.00	425.00	25.00
LPG - Propane Permits	500.00	400.00	(100.00)
Blasting Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tank Truck Cargo/Transit	100.00	125.00	25.00
Tank Installation	0.00	75.00	75.00
Open Air Fires	0.00	9,050.00	9,050.00
Fire Misc. Receipts	25.00	25.00	0.00
<i>EMS</i>			
Ambulance Rec. Abatements	78,300.00	71,215.46	(7,084.54)
Subtotal	82,355.00	83,971.46	1,616.46
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL			
Nashoba Board of Health	3,000.00	524.00	(2,476.00)
Compost Bin Sales	0.00	309.53	309.53
Agricultural Commission Fees	180.00	0.00	(180.00)
Subtotal	3,180.00	833.53	(2,346.47)
FINES AND FORFEITS			
CMVI Fines	12,000.00	11,260.00	(740.00)
Dog License Fines	0.00	70.00	70.00
Court Fines	1,700.00	2,990.00	1,290.00

Town of Ashby
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STATE & FEDERAL RECEIPTS				
Reg. Motor Veh. Fees	1,200.00	3,240.00	2,040.00	
St. Rec. State Owned Land	88,580.00	88,580.00	0.00	
St. Rec Abate for Surviving Spouse	10,375.00	11,870.00	1,495.00	
St. Rec Abate for Elderly	7,530.00	7,028.00	(502.00)	
St. Rec State Lottery	474,742.00	428,480.00	(46,262.00)	
Subtotal	596,127.00	553,518.00	(42,609.00)	
REFUNDS & MISC. RECEIPTS				
Earnings of Investments	12,500.00	5,665.60	(6,834.40)	
Miscellaneous Refunds	0.00	1,379.08	1,379.08	
Insurance Recoveries	0.00	2,190.19	2,190.19	
Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00	3,716.00	3,716.00	
Subtotal	12,500.00	12,950.87	(3,265.13)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfer from Special Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Transfer from Capital Project	0.00	9,827.47	9,827.47	
Transfer from Agency	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Transfer from Assessor Abatement	0.00	46,262.00	46,262.00	
Subtotal	0.00	56,089.47	56,089.47	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 5,320,029.25	\$ 5,362,966.89	\$ 42,937.64	

Town of Ashby
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

REVENUE CATEGORY	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDED	TRANSFER IN/OUT	ENDING BALANCE
STATE GRANTS					
Extended Polling Hours	505	1,010	1,495	-	20
Police Community Policing FY07	9,319		5,407	-	3,911
Police Community Policing FY08	3,480	9,452	12,931	-	-
Police Community Policing FY09	-	8,610	5,052	-	3,558
Police GHSB - Traffic Safety Grant	-	9,347	6,349	-	2,998
SETB EOPS - Training Grant	1,125	-	-	-	1,125
Dispatch - EOPS E-911 Training Grant	-	256	-	-	256
State - Emergency Management Grant	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Fire Equipment Grant FY09					
State Aid to Libraries	3,859	3,897	3,897	-	-
Arts Lottery Council	4,201	3,526	3,743	-	3,643
Council on Aging Grant	-	4,696	5,650	-	3,247
Conservation Wetland Act	-	4,228	4,228	-	-
Septic Title V Grant	16,453	1,845	423	-	17,875
Mass Historic Preservation - Fire House	48,115	3,288	42,825	-	8,578
Chapter 90 Highway Project	20,000	90	20,090	-	-
	6,766	92,950	99,715	-	-
TOTAL STATE GRANTS	113,823	145,694	211,805		47,712
FEDERAL GRANTS					
Fire - Assist to Firefighters Grant	-	71,440	71,440	-	-
FEMA Grant - Dec 2008 Ice Storm	-	207,073	207,073	-	-
TOTAL FEDERAL GRANTS	-	278,513	278,513		-
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE					
Police Dept Donation	77	357	425	-	8

Fire Dept Donations	25	8,100	8,000	-	125
Fire - Donations Electronic Equip	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Allen Field Donations	585	-	-	-	585
Allen Field Playground Donations	515	100	116	-	499
Dog/Kennel Donations	375	-	-	-	375
Landfill Operations/Monitor	13,806	-	-	-	13,806
Land Acquisition Donations	56	-	-	(56)	-
Town Common Tree Donations	125	-	-	-	125
Garden Club Donations	572	-	-	-	572
Hist Comm - Fire House Donations	6,948	110	3,244	-	3,814
Insurance Receipts Payable	4,384	8,646	8,128	-	4,901
PEG Access Fund - Capital	22,346	-	10,149	-	12,197
PEG Access Fund - Operating	17,514	21,998	218	5,978	45,272
Cemetery Revolving Burial Fund	4,043	7,275	5,002	-	6,317
Library - Book Fine Revolving Fund	-	1,688	1,630	-	58
Library - Donations for Assistant	-	2,631	2,631	-	-
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	73,370	50,903	39,542	5,922	90,653
TOTAL ALL SPECIAL REVENUE	187,193	475,109	529,860	5,922	138,365
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS					
Library Expansion	18,316	127	10,207	-	8,236
Landfill Closure	30,276	-	-	-	30,276
Public Safety Arch/Engineer	23,097	-	13,269	(9,827)	-
Chapter 90 Highway Project	6,766	92,949	99,715	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS	78,454	93,076	123,191	(9,827)	38,511

Town of Ashby

Ashby Recycling and Transfer Station Enterprise Fund
 FY2009 Statement of Revenue & Expenses

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

<i>Expense Category</i>	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	
Salary and Wages	3,800	100	3,900	3,807	93	98%
General Operating Exp	1,500	(100)	1,400	714	686	51%
Trash Disposal Exp	6,000	-	6,000	7,162	(1,162)	119%
Trucking Services	3,000	1,162	4,162	2,794	1,368	67%
Recycling Exp	3,200	1,443	4,643	4,643	-	100%
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,845	(2,605)	21,240	-	-	0%
Total Expenses RCTS	41,345	-	41,345	19,120	22,225	54%

<i>Revenue Category</i>	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL RECEIPTS	BALANCE	
Recyclable Fees	3,782	-	3,782	5,149	1,367	136%
Hauler Fees	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	0%
Trash Disposal Fees	8,718	-	8,718	12,087	3,369	139%
Recyclable Sales	4,000	-	4,000	2,350	(1,650)	59%
Interest Earned	1,000	-	1,000	444	(556)	44%
Total RCTS Receipts	17,500	-	17,500	22,030	4,530	126%
Other Funding Sources						
Retained Earnings	23,845	-	23,845	-	23,845	
Total/All Funding Sources	41,345	-	41,345	22,030	28,375	69%

Over/(Under) Budget

Town of Ashby

Ashby Free Public Library Trust Funds
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

	7/1/08 BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDED	INTEREST	TRANSFER	6/30/09 BALANCE
Non - Expendable Library Trust Funds						
Library Group Trust	2,741	-	-	12	-	2,753
Alonzo Carr Trust	5,463	-	-	11	-	5,474
Dr. Haskell Trust Fund	2,747	-	-	6	-	2,753
Freida Lyman Library	5,462	-	-	11	-	5,473
Freida Lyman Scholarship	32,446	-	-	48	-	32,493
Ruth Brooks Trust Fund	188,270	-	-	278	-	188,548
Ashby Alumni Trust	8,462	20	-	15	-	8,497
AAW Locke Trust	5,476	-	-	8	-	5,484
Edward & Barbara Lyman Trust	5,293	200	-	10	-	5,504
Todd Wright Memorial Fund	13,085	1,050	-	20	-	14,155
Total Non Exp. Trust Funds	269,445	1,270	-	419	-	271,134

Library Expendable Trust Funds

Library Group Trust	5,273	-	-	105	-	5,378
Alonzo Carr Trust	2,317	-	-	101	-	2,418
Dr. Haskell Trust Fund	1,323	-	-	53	-	1,376
Freida Lyman Library	2,155	-	-	99	-	2,254
Freida Lyman School	671	-	700	429	-	400
Ruth Brooks Trust Fund	4,756	-	5,400	2,500	-	1,856
Ashby Alumni Trust	2,031	-	2,000	133	-	165
AAW Locke Trust	249	-	200	74	-	123
Edward & Barbara Lyman Trust	1,643	-	-	90	-	1,733

Ashby Free Public Library Trust Funds
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

	7/1/08 BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDED	INTEREST	TRANSFER	6/30/09 BALANCE
Todd Wright Memorial Fund	207	-	250	183	-	140
Francis Marston Scholarship	3,231	628	3,400	45	-	504
Francis Marston General	1,964	314	-	30	-	2,308
Total Expendable Trust Funds	25,819	942	11,950	3,843	-	18,654
Expendable Memorial Funds						
Barbara Lyman Memorial	4,087	-	-	61	-	4,149
Edward Connor Memorial	1,639	-	-	24	-	1,663
General Library Memorial	4,702	900	4,359	62	-	1,305
Total Memorial Funds	10,428	900	4,359	148	-	7,116
Total Expendable Trust Funds	36,247	1,842	16,309	3,991	-	25,770
Total Library Trust Funds	305,692	3,112	16,309	4,409	-	296,904
Funds Held in Custody by Banknorth						
Bank North Marston Francis Scholarship	29,766	-	-	(3,224)	-	26,542
Bank North Marston Francis General	14,883	-	-	(1,612)	-	13,271
Total Funds Held Banknorth	44,649	-	-	(4,836)	-	39,813

Town of Ashby
Trust Funds - Statement of Activity
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Account	7/1/08 BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDED	INTEREST	TRANSFER	6/30/09 BALANCE
Expendable Trust Funds in Custody of Treasurer						
Summer Taylor School Fund	37	-	-	39	-	76
Jesse Foster School Fund	13	-	-	15	-	27
Samuel P. Gates School Fund	215	-	-	292	-	507
Roxanna Robbins Chapel Fund	86,927	-	-	1,255	-	88,182
Stabilization Fund	283,445	20,746	-	7,177	-	311,368
Stabilization - FB Reserve for Exp STRAP	142,025	-	-	-	-	142,025
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	7,267	-	2,340	1,261	-	6,188
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	16,354	1,200	-	253	-	17,807
Open Space Land Aquis Trust Fund	18,056	-	-	262	56	18,374
John Forbes Memorial Clock Fund	219	-	-	18	-	236
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	356	962	852	5	-	471
Total Expendable Trust Funds	554,914	22,908	3,192	10,576	56	585,261

Non-Expendable Trust funds in Custody of Treasurer

Summer Taylor School Fund	2,636	-	-	-	-	2,636
Jesse Foster School Fund	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
Samuel P. Gates School Fund	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Cemetery Perpetual Care	81,555	800	-	-	-	82,355
John Forbes Memorial Clock Fund	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total Non-Expendable Trust Funds	106,191	800	-	-	-	106,991

Town of Ashby
Agency Funds
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

	7/1/07 BALANCE	RECEIPTS	INTEREST	EXPENDED TRANSFERRED	6/30/08 BALANCE
BID DEPOSIT					
ZBA Escrow SBA II	4,077.85	-	-	-	4,077.85
ZBA Tower Ventures II	4.94	-	-	4.94	-
PLANNING BRD - Bayberry II	310.43	-	0.84	-	311.27
	\$ 4,393.22	\$ -	\$ 0.84	\$ 4.94	\$ 4,389.12
OTHER AGENCY					
Due to Commonwealth - Firearms	312.50	1,950.00	-	2,050.00	212.50
Due to Commonwealth - Fish & Game	-	1,737.75	-	1,737.75	-
Due to Commonwealth - Sales Tax	9.52	15.47	-	13.09	11.90
Due to Assist Town Clerk	-	331.25	-	229.95	101.30
Due to Town Clerk	-	331.15	-	331.15	-
Due to Tax Collector	5,555.00	11,395.00	-	11,780.00	5,170.00
Due to Deputy Collector	(486.00)	8,539.00	-	8,358.00	(305.00)
Police Special Detail	(2,824.68)	13,330.00	-	13,520.00	(3,014.68)
Fire/EMS Special Detail	-	550.00	-	550.00	-
Due to Vendor	-	30.00	-	-	30.00
Due to NMRSD - Yellow Bus Grant	-	200.00	-	200.00	0.00
Abandoned Property (tailings)	2,855.28	222.67	-	121.92	2,956.03
	\$ 5,421.62	\$ 38,632.29	\$ -	\$ 38,891.86	\$ 5,162.05
TOTAL	\$ 9,814.84	\$ 38,632.29	\$ 0.84	\$ 38,896.80	\$ 9,551.17

Town of Ashby
 Combined Balance Sheet All fund Types & Groups June 30, 2009

Assets	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects (Landfill Closure)	Capital Project (Library)	Enterprise Fund Recycle/Transfer	Trust/Agency Funds	Group Total
Cash & Investments	349,966	140,070	30,276	8,236	29,347	1,042,217	1,600,110
Cash Variance	454	-	-	-	-	-	454
Petty Cash	49	-	-	-	-	-	49
Receivables:							
Personal Property Prior	640	-	-	-	-	-	640
Personal Property Current	1,179	-	-	-	-	-	1,179
Real Estate Prior	757	-	-	-	-	-	757
Real Estate Current	103,364	-	-	-	-	-	103,364
Provisions for Abatements	(140,512)	-	-	-	-	-	(140,512)
Tax Liens Receivable	1,753	-	-	-	-	-	1,753
Tax Foreclosures	181,330	-	-	-	-	-	181,330
Motor Vehicle Excise Prior	16,620	-	-	-	-	-	16,620
Motor Vehicle Excise Current	18,660	-	-	-	-	-	18,660
Dept Receivable Ambulance	26,491	-	-	-	-	-	26,491
Betterments Receivable Title V	-	77,829	-	-	-	-	77,829
Def Revenue Property Tax	34,572	-	-	-	-	-	34,572
Def Revenue Tax Foreclosure	(181,330)	-	-	-	-	-	(181,330)
Def Rev. Ambulance	(26,491)	-	-	-	-	-	(26,491)
Def Rev Motor Vehicle Excise	(35,280)	-	-	-	-	-	(35,280)
Def Revenue Tax Liens	(1,753)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,753)
Def Revenue Special Assmnt	(77,829)	-	-	-	-	-	(77,829)
Total Assets	350,469	140,070	30,276	8,236	29,347	1,042,217	1,600,613
Liabilities							
Warrants & Payroll Payable	57,339	1,705	-	-	371	3,697	63,112
Withholdings	933	-	-	-	-	-	933
Agency Due to	-	-	-	-	-	9,551	-
Total Liabilities	58,271	1,705	-	-	371	13,248	64,044

Town of Ashby
Combined Balance Sheet All fund Types & Groups June 30, 2009

Assets	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects (Landfill Closure)	Capital Project (Library)	Enterprise Fund Recycle/Transfer	Trust/Agency Funds	Group Total
Fund Equity							
Reserve for Encumbrances	78,097	-	-	-	-	-	78,097
Reserve for Expenditures	31,807	-	-	-	2,319	142,025	176,152
Reserve for Special Purposes	-	138,365	30,276	8,236	-	886,943	1,063,819
Reserve for Appropriation Deficit	(106,146)	-	-	-	-	-	(106,146)
Reserve for Dec08 Ice Storm	(54,341)	-	-	-	-	-	(54,341)
Res for Unprovided Abatements	(1,230)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,230)
Unreserved Fund Balance	344,011	-	-	-	26,657	-	370,667
Total Fund Equity	292,197	138,365	30,276	8,236	28,976	1,028,969	1,527,018
Total Liab. & Fund Equity	350,469	140,070	30,276	8,236	29,347	1,042,217	1,600,613

TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

2009 DOG LICENSES ISSUED

		EACH	TOTAL
63	MALES/ FEMALES	\$10.00	\$ 630.00
341	SPAYED/ NEUTERED	6.00	2046.00
4	KENNEL \$25.00	25.00	100.00
5	KENNEL \$50.00	50.00	250.00
4	KENNEL \$75.00	75.00	300.00
		TOTAL	\$3326.00

2009 FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES ISSUED

2	RESIDENT FISHING MINOR	\$ 11.50	\$ 23.00
12	RESIDENT FISHING	27.50	330.00
4	RESIDENT FISHING (65-69)	16.25	65.00
2	NON-RESIDENT FISHING	37.50	75.00
2	NON-RESIDENT FISHING (3 DAY)	23.50	47.00
4	RESIDENT CITIZEN HUNTING	27.50	110.00
1	RESIDENT HUNTING (65-69)	16.25	16.25
1	NON-RESIDENT HUNTING, LG	99.50	99.50
16	RESIDENT SPORTING	45.00	720.00
4	RESIDENT SPORTING (65-69)	25.00	100.00
9	ARCHERY STAMP	5.10	45.90
21	PRIMITIVE FIREARMS STAMP	5.10	107.10
2	WATERFOWL STAMP	5.00	10.00
		TOTAL	\$1748.75

MISCELLANEOUS \$1615.34

PAYMENTS TO:

TOWN TREASURER \$6690.09
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS \$1721.75

REGISTRARS REPORT

The Town Clerk's office was open Wednesday, March 4th from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to register new voters Special Town Meeting held Saturday, March 14, 2009.

A registration session was held on Tuesday, April 7th from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to register new voters for the Annual Town Election held April 27, 2009.

Wednesday, April 22, a voter registration was held in the Town Clerk's office from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to register new voters for the Annual Town Meeting held May 2, 2009.

The Town Clerk's office was open Wednesday, May 27, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to register new voters for the Special Town Election held June 16th.

Wednesday, November 18, 2009, a voter registration was held in the Town Clerk's office from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to register new voters and for voters to change parties for the Special State Primary held December 8, 2009.

A voter registration session was held in the Town Clerk's office on Thursday, November 19, 2009 from 9 AM to 8 PM to register new voters for the Special Town Meeting held November 22, 2009.

Wednesday, December 30th, a voter registration was held in the Town Clerk's office from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to register new voters for the Special State Primary held January 19, 2010.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

RECORD OF MARRIAGES 2009

		RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
Mar 21	Earl H. Collins Alison Paula Swank	Rock Island, IL Ashby, MA	Ashby, MA
May 23	Randy Thomas Stacy Stacey Lynn Campbell	Ashby, MA Ashby, MA	Ashby, MA
July 4	Timothy James Suokko Megan Lynn Sunderland	Fitchburg, MA Fitchburg, MA	Sterling, MA
July 9	Nicholas Peter Austin Summer Lynn Pufont	Kenosha, WI Kenosha, WI	Ashby, MA
July 24	Brian Jairo Meza Melissa Susan Ojala	Orlando, FL Orlando, FL	Ashby, MA
Sept 6	Benjamin Derrel Smith Christine Marie Washburn	Holladay, UT Holladay, UT	Ashby, MA
Nov 3	Daniel William Harju Jessica Alison Holland	Ashby, MA Ashby, MA	Ashby, MA
Nov 9	Richard A. Lavargna, Jr. Lisa A. Marini- Brennan	Ashby, MA Ashby, MA	Ashby, MA

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS
2009

	TERM
MODERATOR	
Peter S. Rourke	2010
TOWN CLERK	
Lorraine D. Pease	2010
SELECTMEN	
Peter McMurray	2010
Daniel Meunier	2011
Joseph Casey	2012
ASSESSORS	
Jodi Szczesuil	2010
Dona Sue LaRue, res	2011
Oliver H. Mutch	2009
TREASURER	
Kate Stacy	2010
COLLECTOR	
Beth Ann Scheid	2012
NORTH MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	
Kenneth Brown	2010
NORTH MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT-LARGE	
Michael Morgan	2011
Tamara Leclerc, res	2011
Anne Buchholz	2011
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Maureen Davi, res	2010
David Jordan	2010
Dwight F. Horan	2011
Martha Morgan	2011

Prudence Brennan	2011
John Mickola	2012
Michelle Thomas	2012
Mary O’Friel	2012
Diane Lundin, res	2010

CONSTABLE

William A. Davis	2010
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TREE WARDEN

William A. Davis	2010
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Cedwyn Morgan	2010
Bruce Adams	2011
Nicholas A. Murray	2009

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Peter McMurray	2011
Stephanie B. Lammi	2010
April Tammone	2012

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Daniel Harju	2012
Alan Murray	2010
John Mark Tiilikkala	2011

PLANNING BOARD

Alan W. Pease	2012
Jean Lindquist	2013
James H. Hargraves	2014
Wayne A. Stacy	2010
Andrew Leonard	2011

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS
2009

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	Linda Sanders, res
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S ASST.	Jennifer Collins
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Barbara Faulkenham
TAX COLLECTOR'S CLERK TOWN HALL CLERICAL	Gail Farley
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	Nancy Haines
REGIONAL ASSESSOR	Harald Scheid
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSOR	Dona Sue LaRue, res.
ADA COORDINATOR	Anthony Ammendolia, res. Peter Niall
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	John Mickola Tom Cason William Duffy, Jr. Paula Bogue Paula Packard Kyrie Martin Heather Leonard Sue Chapman, alt. Charles Perna, alt. Nadine Callahan, alt.
ASHBY CULTURAL COUNCIL	Denise Foresman, res Amy Meunier Francis Steffian Sandra Schippers Tamara Leclerc Michelle Blake Dorothea Rourke Ann Marie LaBollita

COMMUNICATION COMMISSION	Thomas Moylan, citizen
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Tim Bauman, chair Robert Leary Roberta Flashman Cathy Kristofferson Michael Harrison, res
CONSTABLE-SPECIAL MUNICIPAL APPOINTED	Paul Lundin, Police Chief, res.
COUNCIL ON AGING	Gary Leonard, chair Rosemary Wayrynen Oliver Mutch Johanna Grutchfield Susan Suokko Lee Mikkola Linda Stacy Angie Godin, alt Nancy Catalini Patricia Wayrynen, alt. Jan Miller Kathryn Becker, outreach coor.
CMEMSC-FIRST RESPONDER REP	Scott Florio
CMEMSC-GOVERNMENT REP	Mary Krapf
DOG OFFICER / ANIMAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	Mary Letourneau
E-911 COORDINATORS	Elmer S. Fitzgerald, Jr. Alan Pease
EARTH REMOVAL BOARD	Daniel Meunier Cedwyn Morgan James Hargraves Tim Bauman Frederick Stacy

ELECTION OFFICERS

Waldemar Tiilikkala, res
Amy Meunier
Bertha Tiilikkala, res
Rachel Patnaude
Betty Tiilikkala
Rosemary Wayrynen
Wendy Baird
Marja LePoer
Patricia Beauregard

EMS DIRECTOR

William Seymour, Jr.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DIRECTOR

Michael Bussell

DEPUTY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

David Rainville

FIELD DRIVER

Mary Letourneau

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Lillian Whitney, chair
John Steffian
Melissa Coyle
Martha Svedberg
Joseph Casey, res
Suzanne Caron, res
Tom Dorward, res
Lisa Granquist Dorward, res

FIRE CHIEF

William Seymour, Jr.

FULL TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Scott Florio

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

William Seymour, Jr.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Elmer S. Fitzgerald, Jr.

HEALTH AGENT,

Nashoba Board of Health

Rick Metcalf

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

William A. Davis

HISTORICAL COMMISSION	Claire Hutchinson-Lavin Florence Bryan, res Sally Bauman David Boutwell
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	Claire Lavin Michael Reggio Paul Lieneck, chair Mark Haines Florence Bryan, res
INSPECTORS:	
ANIMAL	Mary Letourneau
BUILDING/ZONING OFFICER	Anthony Ammendolia, res. Richard Hanks Peter Niall
BUILDING INSP. ALTERNATE	Richard Hanks
ELECTRICAL	Paul Lessard Harry Parviainen, res
ASS'T ELECTRICAL	Stephen Dubois
PLUMBING & GAS	Richard Kapenas
PLUMBING & GAS ALTERNATES	Gary Williams
KEEPER OF THE TOWN CLOCK	Richard Foresman
LAND USE AGENT	Andrew Leonard
LEGAL COUNSELS	
TOWN COUNSEL	Kopelman & Paige
LAND USE COUNSEL	Kopelman & Paige
LABOR COUNSEL	Kopelman & Paige
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	Mary Murtland

MART ADVISORY BOARD	Mary Krapf
MONTACHUSETT JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	Mary Krapf
MONTACHUSETT METRO PLANNING ORG. (MRO)	Mary Krapf
MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	Alan Pease Wayne Stacy, alt.
MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL TECH SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Warren Landry
MOTH SUPERINTENDENT	Charles E. Perna
MUNICIPAL GROUNDSKEEPER	George Beauregard Stephanie Lammi William Davis
MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER	vacant
PEG BROADCAST TECHNICIANS	John Pankowsky Katherine Bogue
POLICE FIRE SIGNAL OPERATOR MANAGER	Marilyn Cronin
POLICE FIRE SIGNAL OPERATORS	Joyce Hopkins Priscilla Carter Kathy Bezanson Marilyn Cronin Anthony Montesion Glen Casey Cathy Whitney
POLICE CHIEF	Paul Lundin, res Edward Drew, Interim Police Chief

POLICE CHIEF SEARCH COMMITTEE	Steve McLatchy Tim Bauman Mary Krapf Sally Tracy, res Melissa Doig Janet Flinkstrom Chris Haynes Sarah Leonard Fred Alden David Money Anne Hayes
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	Lorraine Pease Carlton Mountain Donna Leonard Gail Farley Sarah Leonard, alt.
RIGHT-TO-KNOW-LAW COORDINATOR	William Seymour, Jr.
SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM	Oliver Mutch Joan Chandley Marja LePoer
SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR	John Pankowsky
SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT ATTENDANT	Frank McCarter
RECYCLING COORDINATOR	William Stanwood
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	Dr. Maureen Marshall
TELLERS	
Nancy Peeler	Deborah Pillsbury
Elaine Kielty	Shaun Kielty
Janet Flinkstrom	Pamela Peeler

VETERANS' AGENT	Theryn Blauser, Sr.
VETERANS' GRAVES AGENT	William Seymour, Sr., res Christopher Travers
BACKUP VETERANS' GRAVES AGENT	Lorraine Pease
WASTE OIL COORDINATOR	Elmer S. Fitzgerald, Jr.
WIITA CONSERVATION LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BLOOD HILL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)	Cedwyn Morgan Matthew Leonard Roberta Flashman Oliver Mutch Kenneth Brown Judith Judge
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Frederick Stacy, Chair David Martin James Stacy Garry Baer, alt.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	
ASHBY'S JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	Carleton J. Mountain

ASHBY POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2009 the Ashby Police Department responded to 3,542 incidents (including directed patrols). The Officers made 32 arrests, filed 37 additional criminal complaints and completed 1324 motor vehicle violation stops of which 971 resulted in citations. We conducted patrol services, investigations, licensing and crime prevention activities.

In 2009 the Ashby Police Department saw changes in staffing. Officer Brian Vautour was laid off July 1, 2009 due to a budgetary shortfall. This caused the police department to eliminate the midnight patrol shift and rely on the State Police to answer emergency calls in Ashby after midnight. Chief Paul Lundin resigned and returned with his family to New York. We wish him and his family well and thank him for three years of dedicated service to the Town of Ashby.

I was sworn in as the Interim Chief of Police on August 19, 2009 and will continue to serve in that capacity two days a week until a full time Chief is hired. I have received valuable assistance from all the staff of Officers and Police Fire Signal Operators during my time here. I received particular assistance from Officer Fred Alden with a myriad of administrative responsibilities as well as sharing his wealth of police department historical knowledge. Also PFSO Bezanson and Cronin assisted me with administrative duties as well which was much appreciated. This town is served well by all the dedicated public safety personnel who work here.

We received two grants for traffic enforcement and equipment purchases. The first was for \$6,800.00 to be used in 2008-2009 and the second was for \$7,500.00 to be used in 2009 -2010. With each award we are authorized to spend \$3,000.00 for equipment. With the first award we purchased stop sticks which are to be deployed in the event of a motor vehicle pursuit; this device immobilizes a fleeing car by puncturing its tires. Also we purchased pedestrian yield signs, sound meter and a portable flexible barricade. The second award will allow us to buy additional stop spike strips, barricades, motor vehicle lock-out kits and traffic safety signage. The department received another grant for \$2,500.00 to assist us in drug offense enforcement.

Most importantly we received notice in December that we were awarded a staffing grant in the amount of \$70,859, which will allow us to rehire Officer Vautour with a start date of January 10, 2010. This grant covers his salary and benefits for one year and his reinstatement will allow us to patrol the Town after midnight once again.

We continued to work with other communities and regional task forces to combat common problems such as drug trafficking, burglaries, theft, juvenile crime and domestic violence. We remain active in the Ayer District High Risk Domestic Violence Team.

The fleet of police vehicles has been depleted drastically by the loss of two cars and the need to replace them is great as one of the remaining four cars is nearly nine years old.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward J. Drew
Chief of Police

POLICE FIRE SIGNAL OPERATORS

The Dispatch (PFSO) Department experienced significant changes in 2008. Joyce Hopkins resigned as the Dispatch Manager in early July, but remains as a Full-Time Dispatcher. Marilyn Cronin was appointed as the Dispatch Manager in August. The Department is now staffed with three Full-Time and four Part-Time Dispatchers.

Two new Part-Time Dispatchers, Heidi Delorme and Anthony Montesion, began training in late August and were up and running in October, after attending a two-day E911 training certification program in Westboro and several weeks of on-the-job training. Heidi is a lifelong Ashby resident and Anthony lives and works in Fitchburg. Glenn Casey is from Leominster and he joined the team earlier in the year. We are fortunate and thankful to have them.

In early June, the Board of Selectmen began working on a wage increase for the Dispatchers and the increase was approved at the Town Meeting. On behalf of the Dispatchers, I would like to thank the Board, Town Administrator, Chief Lundin and the voters of Ashby for their efforts and approval in supporting this wage increase. It is greatly appreciated.

No one will forget the infamous "\$900 chair". After watching the Selectmen's meeting and hearing the need for a new chair, Resident Larry Awtry called his son in Chicago and Mr. Mason Awtry donated a very expensive "Aeron" 24/7 task chair to Dispatch. We cannot thank him enough for his generosity.

In December, the ice storm of all storms slammed through Ashby and surrounding towns like a tornado. It was a crippling storm, like no other seen in many years, if ever. No one wants to be reminded of the hardship it caused. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Residents of Ashby for their unrelenting determination to take care of others during this extremely difficult time. Working in Dispatch, we had the opportunity to see first hand how the community united during that storm and the never ending days after. There were so many incidents of people helping people, and neighbor helping neighbor. Some showed up with their chain saws in hand, others delivered food to the elderly or took them to the shelter, others helped set up generators, and others interrupted out of state utility workers, literally working outside on the lines, to the Townsend House Restaurant for a Christmas Dinner that the Dickhaut family of Ashby, cooked for them for free. It was amazing to see and experience. It cannot be stated enough, what a tremendous job the Public Safety Departments in town did, including Police, Fire, EMS, Highway, Emergency Management, Dispatch, and the Selectmen. An "Operations" center was manned at the Fire station and 24/7 at the Police station and Dispatch. The Operations center handled every type of call imaginable, from pumping water

from basements, wires on fire, Ambulance calls, a house fire, and literally hundreds of calls for service, emergency and non-emergency. Our 911 system went down and all 911 calls automatically transferred to the Town of Ashburnham. They are to be commended as well, for handling their own emergencies and some of our calls too. Thank you Ashburnham.

Some Resident's saw National Guard Troops on their doorsteps checking to see if they were okay or needed something in particular. If it wasn't one of the Troops, it was a Firefighter, Police Officer or a volunteer, literally trying to check on every home in town. Truly commendable.

Thank you to all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Cronin
PFSO Dispatch Manager

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ashby Firefighters responded to 143 calls for assistance during the 2009 calendar year. Motor Vehicle accidents continue to be the most responded to type of incident. There were twelve regular scheduled training sessions as well as several special sessions. Topics of training varied from several water pumping exercises, to fire attack, auto extrication, gas emergencies and electrical safety. Many of our members attended outside the department training as three members, Ashton Bosch, Scott Florio and Tim Seymour, have accomplished Firefighter 1+2 certification at the state level. Next year we are planning driver safety training with the hope of getting as many members CDL Licensed as possible. A grant from the town's insurance company will get this program under way in the spring.

We have completed the conversion to all 5" supply hose using the 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. We can now reach all buildings in town with one continuous lay of 5" hose to provide ample water for fire extinguishment. Also included in the grant were the adapters, appliances and smaller hand held hose lines.

This past year marked five year anniversaries for three members. Paul Rekos, 5 years, Randy Stacy, 10 years and Elmer (Chief) Fitzgerald a remarkable 45 years of service.

The Ashby Firefighters would like to remind all homeowners that Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors are required by law since 2006. If you need assistance with placement in your home please let us assist you. CO Detectors save lives just as Smoke Detectors do.

I would like to thank the Firefighters and EMT's for their continued support and professionalism, as well as all other town departments and committees.

Respectfully Submitted,
William T. Seymour Jr.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Ashby EMT's responded to 227 calls for assistance during the 2009 calendar year. We currently have 22 EMT's on staff with two students that have almost completed an EMT class. In February they will be ready for State examination which involves both a written and practical exam. Good luck to both.

The combination Fire and EMS type of department continues to show positive results. Both EMTs and firefighters work and train together and know what each other is capable of on the scene of an emergency. Monthly training sessions are held to for continuing education of all members.

The Ashby Fire Dept strongly promotes the use of "File of Life" folders, especially for senior citizens. These folders are usually placed on a refrigerator and contain vital information in the event a patient is unable relay the info themselves during an emergency situation.

I would like to thank the EMT's and Firefighters for their continued support as well as all other town departments and committees.

Respectfully submitted,
William T. Seymour Jr.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMT ROSTER

Chief/EMT	William Seymour Jr	EMT	Travis Rixford
Asst Chief	David Joseph	F.F./EMT	Timothy Seymour
Asst Chief/EMT	Paul Lasorsa	F.F.	Randy Stacy
Asst Chief	David Pillsbury	F.F.	Joshua Swenor
Captain	Michael Bussell	F.F./EMTP	Shawn Walker
Captain	William Davis	EMT	Donna Williams

Captain	Craig Irish	
Captain	James Joseph	<i>Auxiliary Members</i>
Captain	Peter McMurray	Jeffrey Atherton
Captain	David Rainville	William Baro
Captain/EMT	Kari Rantala	Maureen Cauvel
Chaplain/F.F.	Wayne Stacy	Allan Dawson
F.F.	Steven Beauregard	Patrick Dickhaut
EMT	Lesley Bergquist	Walter Hansen
EMT	Sarah Berlinger	Katie Kiluk
F.F.	Daniel Bigwood	Jeffrey Martin
F.F.	Christopher Borneman	Kevin McMurray
F.F./EMT	Ashton Bosch	Bryant Shepard
EMT	Linda Brooke	Donna Williams
F.F.	John Cauvel	Matthew Williams
EMT/Aux FF	Kimberly Cochlin	
EMT	Susan Cudmore	
F.F.	Elmer Fitzgerald	
EMT	Lisa Florio	
F.F./EMTP	Scott Florio	
EMT	Eileen Fredrickson	
F.F./EMT	Paul Fredrickson	
F.F./EMT	Christopher Haas	
F.F.	David Lammi	
F.F./EMT	Donald Lane	
F.F./EMT	Melinda Lemay	
F.F./EMT	Michelle Martens	
F.F.	James Martin	
EMT	Jean Nichols	
F.F.	Wayne Patnaude	
F.F.	Gerald Phelan	
F.F./EMTP	Paul Rekos	
F.F.	Adam Rivard	

ASHBY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This report covers work performed by the Ashby Highway Department between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.

Road Mileage Breakdown for the Town of Ashby:

Unaccepted .84, State 11.62, Local 53.21, Total 65.67.

Road Maintenance and Construction:

General cold patching was done on all town roads this year as many times as potholes made it necessary. Spring, midsummer and fall gravel road grading was done on most gravel roads.

Guard Rail Replacement:

Location: Jones Hill Road – 60 linear feet repaired, cost \$710.

General Brush Cutting:

General brush cutting was performed in various locations throughout town. No roadside mowing was performed this year.

Equipment:

A snowplow setup was purchased to equip the new one ton 4x6 dump truck purchased for the department last year (thru state funds). The plow cost the town \$5,475.00.

Personnel:

We currently have four full time employees down from six which is considered fully staffed.

Note: We need to restore two positions and look into adding another. With new housing and developments adding roads and vehicles to the town's infrastructure we need to expand road services not cut them back.

Winter Operations

All town snow removal equipment was repaired and prepared for service during the summer months. The town expended \$42,448.75 on plow contractors this year. We have also stockpiled 3,814.45 tons of winter sand in anticipation of storms this year.

Note: The types and numbers of storms may make it necessary to bring in more materials. Winter sand pile breaks down as follows:

<i>Materials</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Costs</i>
Sand	2,981.52 tons	\$39,475.32
Salt	832.93 tons	\$53,723.99
Total Stockpile	3,814.45 tons	\$93,199.31

Cross Culverts Replaced, Installed:

Elliot Road one replaced. (12" diameter)
 Mason Road one replaced (20" diameter)
 Jones Hill Road two replaced (60" diameter)
 Wheeler Road one replaced (18" diameter)

Bridge Repairs:

The Bernhardt Road bridge has been removed as directed by Mass DOT. The following costs were incurred during the process.

- A) removal of bridge super structure \$6,400
 - B) trap rock for bridge abutment stabilization \$885.87
 - C) temporary safety fencing \$33.90
 - D) permanent guardrail installation \$2,952
 - E) site study with consultant in regards to replacement options \$1,692
- The total cost for removal is \$11,963.77

Note: Mass DOT has agreed to help the Town of Ashby acquire a temporary replacement bridge in 2010. There is currently \$3,036.23 remaining in the bridge removal account. These funds will be used as part of that project.

Catch Basin and Dropped Inlet Structure Repairs, Replacements, New Installations:

Structure	Quantity	Location	Action
Catch Basin	1	Jewett Hill Road	Installed

New Side Drain Installations:

None

Drainage Maintenance:

All town drainage structures were cleaned. Total number of drainage structures are 369. Total cost for cleaning \$6,600.

Road Shimming:

- A section of Bernhardt Road was shimmed using 50 tons of hot top at a cost of \$2,900.
- A section of Davis Road was shimmed using 20 tons of cold mix at a cost of \$1,160.

Road Sealing:

No town funds were spent on pavement preservation this year.

State Funded Chapter 90 Projects:

There is a project in process for 2010 to reclaim and pave a section of Mason road (including some drainage improvements). The project is estimated at \$173,576.14

Town Resurfacing Projects:

None

General Information:

The Ashby Highway Department is now operating with fewer personnel and with less town funding for roadwork than was expended in 1987 (23 years ago). I cannot stress hard enough the fact that we need to replace personnel in the department! Lack of personnel affects us greatly year round for both snow removal and road repairs.

At this time, I extend my thanks to all local contractors who have assisted the town this year by loaning the Highway Department equipment which it does not possess. I thank all Town "Boards and Departments" for their cooperation throughout the year. I also thank the Highway Personnel, themselves for their year of service.

Respectfully,

William A. Davis

Highway Superintendent

DOG OFFICER/ANIMAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Another Busy Year! Wildlife issues were top of the list again this year, followed closely by “Stray” or “Dumped” cats and kittens. The shelters are overflowing with cats of all ages, Please get your pets Spayed/Neutered. Millions of pets are euthanized every year because of over breeding by Back Yard Breeders and Puppy Mills. There are programs out there to help with the cost, Contact me for a list of programs. Another option to a veterinarians office visit for routine vaccinations is the “Luv My Pet Clinics” at Petco in Leominster and Nashua at least twice a month, Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Rabies vaccines are under \$20.00 and no office visit. The clinics are for dogs and cats. Bring you current Rabies Certificate in order to get a 3 year certificate for the same price. Call your local store for the schedule.

As the economy gets tighter, more pets will be left without families and/or homes. If I can be of any assistance, or if you know someone who might need help with their animals please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary L. Letourneau

LAWS GOVERNING DOGS

The owner or keeper of a dog which is six months old or over shall annually, on or before the thirty-first day of December, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed for one year from the first of January following. If kept in any town, in the office of the Clerk thereof. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with the town's name and its registered number.

The owner or keeper of a dog may at any time have it licensed until the first day of January following; and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after January first which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog which becomes six months old after December thirty-first in any year shall, when it is six months old, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed, and collared as required in the preceding section.

Whoever is the owner or keeper of a dog six months of age or older shall cause such dog to be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian using a vaccine approved by the Board of Health.

Unvaccinated dogs acquired or brought into the Commonwealth shall be vaccinated within thirty days after acquisition or entry into the Commonwealth or upon reaching the age of six months, whichever comes later.

Vaccinated dogs shall be revaccinated periodically in accordance with rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Department of Health.

Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

PLANNING BOARD

During 2009 the Planning Board signed two plans showing two lots. This is the same as 2008. It is down from four plans showing three new lots in 2007 and 18 plans showing 27 lots in 2006.

The Board brought the Small-Scale Wind Energy Facilities bylaw before the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. The bylaw was approved. The Board also recommended and the Town approved not to extend the Rate of Development Bylaw.

The Board, working with the Montachusett Regional Planning Agency, initiated a feasibility study of public sewer in the center of town along Main Street. This initiative is intended to address the constraints of small lots along Main Street and to provide infrastructure to encourage business in the center.

The Board continued to work with the residents of Daley Drive to get the final details of the road resolved. We intend to bring acceptance of the road before the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

We have been working on an Agricultural Recreation zoning bylaw and expect to bring it before the Town Meeting in 2010. This bylaw would expand allowable commercial activities in parts of the Residential Agricultural District.

We have worked with the Land Use Agent to complete the update of the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Many thanks for all the work he has done.

Respectfully submitted,
James Hargraves, *Chairman*
Alan W. Pease, *Clerk*
Jean Lindquist
Wayne A. Stacy
Andrew Leonard

LAND USE AGENT

During 2009, the Land Use Agent role covered a variety of tasks including assisting the boards, preparation of the Open Space and Recreation Plan, bylaw writing, grant coordination, reporting to the State, review of tax title properties, mapping, and planning. I was given the following tasks by the Land Use Department in order of priority.

1. Advise and assist the Land Use Boards as appropriate or when requested by the Boards
2. Assist Boards with by-law writing and research
3. Update the Open Space Plan
4. Master Planning
5. Develop the Digital Database of Mapping and Resources for the Land Use Boards and the Citizens

I have advised and assisted the Boards on a variety of tasks including research for citizens on particular Land Use issues, preparing the Commonwealth Capital plan, preparing a report on the status of Ashby's subsidized housing including recommended techniques to improve Ashby's inventory, preparing and coordinating a Local Technical Assistance Grant from MRPC for the feasibility study of sewer service for the Town Center, and on-going communications with Boards and groups focused on protecting the future of Ashby. I have been editing and contributing to proposed bylaws including the Small Scale Wind Energy bylaw, which passed at the Annual Town Meeting, and Agriculture & Recreation Overlay District. The bylaws are focused on preserving Ashby's natural and cultural resources as well as creating opportunities for green technology.

The focus of work for 2009 was the preparation of the Open Space and Recreation Plan for the Town of Ashby. Two public meetings were held to discuss the Plan and drafts of the plan have been available on the Town's website for comment. A final draft is completed and ready for submission to the Commonwealth for approval. The Open Space and Recreation Plan is an important planning tool for open space protection, recreational resources, and grant opportunities. As a by-product of the preparation of the Plan, I was able to update the Town's digital database of mapping and resources for the Land Use Boards.

After three and a half years as the Ashby Land Use Agent, I have resigned from the position but hope the Town continues planning for its future. I appreciate the opportunity given to me by the Town of Ashby's citizens and look forward to continue to be an active member of the community.

Respectfully submitted:
Andrew T. Leonard, ASLA
Land Use Agent

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Ashby Conservation Commission is charged with the responsibility for administering the Wetlands Protection Act (Mass General Law Chapter 131, section 40) enacted in 1972 as described in HB Chapter 12 and the text printed in HB 18.34. This information is available to you on line at:

<http://www.state.ma.us/legis/laws/mgl/gl-131-toc.htm>

The underlying task of the Commission is to protect the natural resources of the community. The duties and responsibilities of the Commission are delineated under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Conservation Commission Act (HB chapter 18.9) which grants authority for the planning, acquiring, and managing of open space, and monitoring agricultural and conservation restrictions. The responsibility of administering the Rivers Protection Act (HB P18.25) also falls within the purview of the Commission.

Why is this mission of such great importance? Wetlands help clean drinking water supplies, prevent flooding and storm damage, and support a variety of wildlife. These public interests are protected by requiring a careful review of proposed work that may alter wetlands. The law protects not only wetlands, but other resource areas, such as land subject to flooding (100-year floodplains), the riverfront area and land under water bodies, waterways, salt ponds, and fish runs.

The Commission meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month constituting 24 meetings during the year.

Throughout the year 2009, numerous site visits were conducted by the Commission. It is our policy to usually include at least two members although many visits involved the full Commission. This represents over 100 "person-visits." These walks provided informational opportunities for the landowner with suggestions as to how best they protect important aspects of their property. Also, preconstruction visits were arranged with builders and project

managers, while other visits involved following up on complaints received from the citizenry.

The Commission has set up a “Tip Line” on the Ashby Website. This is designed to assist citizen who may have a concern regarding unauthorized activity being conducted within a wetland resource area. The Commission will investigate the complaint and, if determined to be valid, take the necessary action to resolve the problem.

The Commission decides on whether the formal review process is required through a request process that requires only a paragraph or so about what the applicant wants to do (Request for Determination of Applicability). Should the formal review process be required, the application (Notice of Intent) is followed by a hearing, which has its results issued in the permitting document-Order of Conditions - which spells out the conditions under which the project may move forward. The Commission may also issue Emergency Certificates, allowing work to proceed for a limited time under limited, special conditions, and Enforcement Orders (Cease and Desist). Forest Cutting Plans are also reviewed by the Commission.

The Commission is proud to maintain a cooperative working relationship with all boards, agencies, and officers within the town in addition to being active participants in numerous regional and state agencies. We are participating members of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, and the Nashua River Watershed Association.

All present members hold certification in Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners, while the Commission maintains membership in the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. Additionally, some commissioners have acquired the Advanced Certification status awarded by the Association.

The Commission has also sponsored clean-up day at the Morrison Conservation Property and co-sponsored a community visit to a maple sugar house.

For most of the past year, the Commission was pleased to have Michael Harrison as participating member. We extend our appreciation and best wishes to Mike as he returns to military service.

Ashby's five Commission members serve three-year terms and are as follows:

Robert Leary - Vice Chair
 Roberta Flashman – Secretary
 Cathy Kristofferson - Treasurer
 Tim Bauman - Chair
 Presently there is one vacant seat



CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission is responsible for the care and management of all public burial grounds in the town. The commission meets periodically throughout the year to discuss and plan cemetery operations. When the need arises for a meeting, time and date are posted at town hall.

At the start of last year the cemeteries were faced with the clean-up from the December 11th 2008 ice storm. Most of the debris from the storm still remained in the cemeteries. So, beginning in March Ashby's emergency management director Mike Bussell, attended two commission meetings and helped organize a volunteer day. The goal being to get as much clean-up done, in one day, as we could. On April 18th the spirit of community that got us through the ice storm four months earlier was still going strong, as a group of about two dozen people came out to the fire station to lend a hand. With local contractors and businesses providing trucks and equipment, and the girl scouts getting everyone a little food. This group worked like only "Ashbians" could, cleaning nearly every fallen tree, branch and twig from all three cemeteries and accomplishing easily two weeks worth of work in about seven hours.

To everyone who came out to help that day, the Cemetery Commission cannot thank you enough for your incredible efforts.

This coming season, in addition to regular grounds work, we hope to continue roadway improvements in Glenwood cemetery, re-roof the equipment shed, and repair and repaint fences at West cemetery. Also, trees damaged severely by the last two winters may need to be pruned, removed and or replaced. Assessments are on-going.

Cemetery maintenance will be operating on an again reduced budget this coming year (\$10,010.04, down from \$11,596.68 in FY09) which will most likely impact the hours of labor we can expend.

Again, thanks to all the people of Ashby and everyone who visits the cemeteries for your interest and involvement. It is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Harju
Mark Tiilikkala
Alan Murray

TREE WARDEN

This report covers the work overseen by the Ashby Tree Warden between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.

Hazardous trees removed:

Ten trees posing potential hazards to motor vehicle traffic and private property damage have been removed from various locations around town. The trees were taken down by a private contractor properly equipped to do so and were disposed of by the highway department. This allowed tree funds to be used exclusively for taking down the trees and not for disposal.

This year's quote for tree work was \$750 per day which only allows us to perform approximately 1.5 days worth of work when budgeted at \$1,213.64. When you figure that Ashby has 108 miles of roadside trees the amount funded is insufficient.

Due to a scheduling conflict last year we were able to extend the amount of work to 3 days this year. This occurred because we had funding carried over from the last budget to complete the third day. I do not foresee this happening again. Total spent this year on hazardous trees \$2,250.

Note: The quote for tree work was based on one aerial bucket truck, one brush chipper and two personnel.

Equipment:

None purchased this year.

Sincerely,
William A. Davis, *Tree Warden*

NASHOBA ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF HEALTH

Nashoba Associated Boards of Health continues to serve the local Board of Health in meeting the challenges of environmental and public health needs in Ashby. In 2009 particular efforts were made to respond to continued demands in the Environmental Division while adjusting to changes in the Nursing Division created by national trends in health care. In addition to the day to day public health work Nashoba provides Ashby with the following services.

- Maintaining Nashoba's internet web site to provide information for the public. (See nashoba.org)

- Through our involvement in the Bioterrorism Regional Coalition we are keeping the Ashby Board of Health up-to date on matters of emergency preparedness planning. We are currently working on the Town's Emergency Dispensing Site Plan.
- Nashoba assisted the Board with the H1N1 pandemic by coordinating and administering the H1N1 flu vaccine for the resident of the district with the assistance and support of your school district.
- Response to health related impacts of beavers through coordination with the local Board of Health in the issuance of the necessary permits.
- Response to state mandated changes in regulations requiring more frequent beach sampling through sample collection, submittal for analysis, and follow-up when results were obtained.
- Providing stepped-up enforcement of public health laws through the use of the Housing Court system.

We look forward to continuing our work with Ashby's Board of Health. Included in highlights of 2009 are the following:

- Through membership in the Association, Ashby benefited from the services of the Nashoba staff including: Registered Sanitarians, Certified Health Officers, Registered Nurses, Registered Physical & Occupational Therapists, Licensed Social Workers, Nutritionists, Certified Home Health Aides, and Registered Dental Hygienists.
- Reviewed 20 Title 5 state mandated private Septic System Inspections for Ashby Board of Health. Received, reviewed, and filed these state mandated (but unfunded) Title 5 inspections. Corresponded with inspectors regarding deficiencies; referred deficient inspections to Ashby Board of Health for enforcement action.

By the Ashby Board of Health's continued participation in the Association you can shape your future local public health programs and share in the benefits of quality service at a reason-able cost!

Environmental Health Department

Environmental Information Responses Ashby Office (days) 104

The Nashoba sanitarian is available for the public twice a week at the Ashby Board of Health Office. *(This does not reflect the daily calls handled by the secretarial Staff at the Nashoba office in Ayer.)*

Food Service Licenses & Inspections 6

Nashoba annually mails out and receives application from both restaurants and retail food businesses. Licenses are renewed for existing facilities. Plans are submitted and reviewed prior to initial licensing. All licensees are inspected at a minimum twice a year. Where deficiencies are found, a re-inspection is scheduled to insure compliance. When a complaint from the public is received an inspection is also conducted. During this inspection health factors of food handlers is also investigated, and where appropriate medical consultation and laboratory testing may be required.

Beach/Camp Inspections 10

Camps are inspected at least annually at opening for compliance with State Sanitary Code, Chapter IV, 105CMR430.00. Public swimming beaches are sampled for water quality every week during the summer and more often if a problem is suspected.

Housing & Nuisance Investigations 16

Nashoba, as agent for the Ashby Board of Health, inspects dwellings for conformance with State Sanitary Code, 105 CMR 410.00, issues orders for correction, and re-inspect for compliance. Similarly, complaints from residents concerning unsanitary conditions or pollution events are investigated.

Septic System Test Applications 15

Applications from residents proposing to build or upgrade a septic system are accepted, a file created, and testing dates are coordinated with the applicants engineer.

Septic System Lot Tests 112

Nashoba sanitarian witnesses soil evaluations, deep hole tests, and, usually on a separate date, percolation tests conducted by the applicant's engineer which serve as the basis of the design of the septic system.

Septic System Plan Applications	9
Detailed plans created by engineers hired by residents proposing to build or upgrade a septic system are received, filed, and routed to the Nashoba sanitarian for review.	
Septic System Plan Reviews	15
Engineered plans are reviewed according to state code, Title 5, and local Board of Health regulations and review forms are created and sent to engineer for revision. Subsequent re-submittals by the engineer are also reviewed.	
Septic System Permit Applications (new lots)	7
Septic System Permit Applications (upgrades)	5
Applicants' approved plan submittals and Board of Health requirements are incorporated into a permit to construct the septic system.	
Septic System Inspections	17
Nashoba Sanitarian is called to construction sites at various phases of construction to witness & verify that system is built according to plans.	
Septic System Consultations	36
During all phases of application, design, and construction the Nashoba Sanitarian is called upon for legal details and interpretation.	
Well Permits	7
Water Quality/Well Consultations	39
Private wells are regulated solely by local Board of Health regulations. The Nashoba Sanitarian assist the BOH by reviewing well plans, securing well water samples, and interpreting water quality test results.	
Rabies Clinics - Animals Immunized	0
Nashoba arranges for local clinics with cooperating veterinarians, arranging for dates and location, placing ads in local newspapers, and sending home flyers through local schools. In addition, since the recent raccoon rabies epizootic Nashoba has arranged for delivery of over 500 animal specimens to the State lab in Boston for analysis and has counseled possible exposure victims to seek medical assistance.	

Nashoba Nursing Service & Hospice

Home Health

Nursing Visits **272**

Nashoba's Certified Home Health Registered Nurses visits provide skilled services to patients in their home under physician's orders. These services include assessment of physical, psychological, and nutritional needs. Skills include teaching/supervision of medications, wound care, ostomy care, IV therapy on a 24 hour basis, catheter care, case management and referral to other services as needed.

Home Health Aide Visits **69**

Nashoba's Certified Home Care Aides provide assistance with daily activities of daily living including bathing dressing, exercises and meal preparation.

Rehabilitative Therapy Visit **178**

Nashoba Therapists provide skilled physical, occupational, speech, and dietary therapeutic interventions through assessment, treatment and education. Their integration of client, caregiver, and medical outcomes aims at attaining maximum functional dependence.

Medical Social Service Visits **6**

Nashoba Social Workers provide short-term assistance to patients at home for counseling and referral to community resources.

Clinics

Local Well Adult, Support Groups, & Other Clinic Visits **315**

Visits include well adult clinics, and immunization, cholesterol exercise, mental health and bereavement clinics.

Number of patients that attended Flu Clinics held in Ashby	168
Number of H1N1 flu vaccination given	54
Number of patients whom received Flu Shots that live in Ashby	131
Number of patients whom received Pneumovax Vaccine	9
Number of patients whom attended Well Adult Clinics from Ashby	78

Communicable Disease

Communicable Disease Reporting & Control

Nashoba’s Nursing Service & Environmental Health Department work together to meet the local Board of Health’s responsibilities under the law to do the following:

- Investigate and control the spread of communicable diseases within Ashby (MGL Chap111, Sec 6, 7, and 92-116). Nashoba works with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) in this area.
- Receive and process reports from physicians concerning cases of diseases “dangerous to the public health” as defined by MDPH (MGL Chap111, Sec6)
- Notify MDPH Division of Epidemiology and Immunization within 24 hours of receiving notice of any case “dangerous to the public health”.
- Receive reports and undertake follow-up as necessary regarding certain food borne and waterborne diseases and diseases being monitored by the MDPH.
- Receives reports, investigates and conducts follow-up on all incidences involving positive rabies results.

Number of Communicable Disease cases Investigated	10
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Communicable Disease Number of Cases

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|------------------------|---|
| • Borellia Burgdorferi | 4 |
| • Hepatitis | 3 |
| • Pertusiss | 1 |
| • Tuberculosis | 2 |

Health Promotion

Nursing visits	2
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Dental Health Department

Examination, Cleaning & Fluoride - Grades K, 2 & 4

Nashoba's Registered Dental Hygienists, operating out of the school nurse's office and records, provide these services to those children whose parents have given written consent.

Students Eligible	115
Students Participating	75
Referred to Dentist	24

Instruction - Grades K, 1 & 5

Nashoba's Registered Dental Hygienists also provide classroom instruction of cleaning and maintaining health teeth to all children in these grades.

Number of Programs	5
Students Participating	90

ASHBY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health consists of Bruce Adams, Nick Murray and Cedwyn Morgan. The Board of Health meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8:00 pm on the first floor of the Town Hall. Our agent from the Nashoba Board of Health is Rick Metcalf.

2009 saw an increase in permitting activity associated with septic systems when compared to 2008, but the level of activity was still lower than earlier in the decade. The Board took enforcement activities against several homeowners for failing to perform mandated Title V upgrades.

The Board participated in emergency planning and flu clinic planning activities with a state-hired consultant and other town officials. Board members completed FEMA Incident Command System ICS 100 and ICS 200 training.

The Board passed minor changes to waste hauler regulations, reduced the annual waste hauler fee, and initiated enforcement against non-compliant firms. Several orders were issued to property owners to remove solid waste piles from the properties.

The Board has continued to oversee groundwater and landfill gas monitoring and mowing at the closed landfill (current transfer station). No anomalies were noted in the groundwater and landfill gas results. Board members Bruce Adams

and Nick Murray provided labor and equipment at no charge to the Town to replace the well cover on the well at the landfill.

The Board worked with other town officials and local contractors to develop a plan for upgrading the town hall septic system.

Respectfully submitted,
Cedwyn Morgan, *Member*

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Building Department has issued two less permits than last year, but has done more inspections this year. I also would like to thank the whole town for working so well with me and a special thanks to the town clerk's office for all their hard work.

The following is a summary of the Building Departments 2009 activities.

PERMITS

New homes	2
Garages	2
Barns & Sheds	5
Remodel, repair & additions	45
Wood & Pellet stoves	16
Pools	3
Total Permits	73
Total Permit Fee Revenue	\$15,432.50

Respectively Submitted,
Peter Niall
Building Commissioner

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

The Electrical Department noticed an increase in permits for 2009. The majority of permits are in the areas of remodeling and additions.

Number of permits for 2009 were	79
Revenue generated	\$2705.00

Number of inspections	125
Inspections for Town	2
Inspections for Power Company	30
Inspections for Fire Department	2

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the department heads and town officials for their help and assistance during this year. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Lessard
Inspector of Wires

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Number of permits for the year 2009	57
Plumbing permits	28
Gas permits	29
Number of inspections- approximately	85
Total revenue generated	\$3050.00

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Kapenas
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

COUNCIL ON AGING

Our Mission Statement:

The purpose of the Ashby Council on Aging is to assist in the health and general welfare of the town's senior citizens through various services. The Ashby COA provides outreach visits and assessments, meals, health screening, respite care, recreational and fitness programs, telephone assurance, friendly visits, help with yard clean-up, rides to medical appointments, inter-age activities, plus information and referral for Ashby seniors and caregivers.

Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator for the Council on Aging is Kathryn Becker. Kathryn's duties include visiting and assessing the needs and interests of elders,

making appropriate referrals to meet those needs, providing advocacy for elders and developing volunteer programs to provide elder support. Information is available on housing, legal issues, health, safety and financial matters. Please call the office at (978) 386-2424 ext. 27.

The COA Supports:

- Nashoba Nursing Services (800) 698-3307 provides Health Clinics at the American Legion Hall
- Montachusett Home Care Corporation (800) 734-7312 provides plans of care that enable elders to live at home
- SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) (800) 410-5288 provides free health insurance information, assistance and counseling to Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers
- Senior Lunches are available at the Ashby Elementary School for \$1.25 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Rosemary Wayrynen at (978) 386-7732 before 9 a.m.
- Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels Monday through Friday during the school year. Contact Angie Godin at (978) 386-6800 before 9 a.m.
- MART Shuttle Service is available Mon., Wed., Thurs. for medical appointments and shopping. Call Jennifer Collins (978) 386-2501 ext. 11 by 2:30 p.m. the day before travel.
- File of Life magnets are free for all seniors in town and available at the COA office.

Highlights of 2009 include:

- Service Incentive Grant from Executive Office of Elder Affairs supplemented 5 hours per week of Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator for creation of new volunteer programs. Chore program was created to aid seniors with yard clean up after Dec. 2008 ice storm.
- Needs/interests survey was mailed out to help guide Council in determining future goals
- Developed an Emergency Call registration to identify elders who are most vulnerable during power outages.
- Newsletter mailing increased to quarterly

The Council offers its sincere thanks to the American Legion Post #361 for the generous use of their hall.

The Council on Aging meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:15 p.m. in the COA office on the 3rd floor of the Lyman Building. Meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Leonard, *Chairperson*

Linda Stacy, *Vice Chairperson*

Nancy Catalini, *Secretary*

Oliver Mutch, *Treasurer*

Rosemary Wayrynen

Kathryn Becker, *Outreach Coordinator*

Lee Mikkola

Johanna Grutchfield

Angie Godin, *alternate*

Patricia Wayrynen, *alternate*

Jan Miller, *alternate*

ASHBY CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Ashby Cultural Council is a committee of at least 5 members appointed by the Board of Selectman to serve three-year terms. The primary responsibility of the Council is to disburse funds received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for the Arts whose purpose is, “to support public programs that promote access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in communities across the Commonwealth.”

The members met on November 5, 2009 for preliminary discussions and voting on grant applications. The members met again on December 19, 2009 to revote on all applications when the Local Council was made aware of additional unencumbered monies were available. The members of the Ashby Cultural Council include Chairperson, Denise Foresman; Secretary, Ann-Marie Labollita; Treasurer, Sandra Schippers; Publicist, Frances Steffian, Education Liaison, Michelle Blake; Member at Large, Dorothea Rourke, Amy Meunier. Joanne Boudreau continues to remain active with the Council as an ex officio. Denise Foresman has officially resigned from the Ashby Cultural Council on December 30, 2009. The members will convene in the near future to select or reinstate officers of the Ashby Cultural Council.

The Massachusetts Culture Council granted the allotment of \$4,000 for the year 2010. The Ashby Cultural Council had \$1,225 of unencumbered MCC monies available. The Council members agreed on allocating a total of \$5,225 toward the approved applicants. Twenty-four grant applications were received

and requested funding of \$11,275. Fifteen were approved and voted to receive full or partial funding.

The approved requests and amounts to be disbursed for 2010 are:

1. Joanne Boudreau	Art Forum 3	\$ 400
2. Buck Expeditions	Explorer, Ship Builder	\$ 500
3. Ellen Clegg	Beat Stress Together in Rhythm	\$ 250
4. Bill Duffy	Marketing of Laurel Ridge Farm Store	\$ 360
5. Richard Hamelin	Pied Potter Hamelin's Magical Wheel	\$ 100
6. Hawthorne Brook School	A Knight's Tale	\$ 200
7. Hawthorne Brook School	Animal Adventures	\$ 220
8. Ruth Harcovitz	Performance Singer for Seniors	\$ 575
9. Hawthorne Brook School	Myth Masters	\$ 300
10. Gary Jackson	Contempanissance-flute/guitar	\$ 500
11. Scott Jameson	Contact: The Magic of Communication	\$ 500
12. Dawn Kelley	Music is Love	\$ 200
13. Jay Mankita	The lean Green Cleanup Machine	\$ 400
14. Kim Newcombe	Harmony Hill Farm	\$ 360
15. Frances Steffian	Destination Ashby: Local Food, Farms and Artisans	\$ 360
TOTAL =		\$5,225

Respectfully Submitted by
Denise Foresman, *Chairperson*

ASHBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mission Statement: It is the mission of The Ashby Free Public Library to provide free and equal access to meet the informational, education, and cultural needs of the community in order to support lifelong learning.

The Library continues to develop and grow as the cultural center of the town. Library hours have been maintained at 24 per week with the exception of the summer months, when it is closed on Saturdays. Teen volunteers continue to work at the library in the "Laptop Scholarship Program" program run by Dwight Horan and Dave Jordan. Teens volunteer 70 hours over a 7 month peri-

od to earn a refurbished laptop. The program is so popular that there are nearly two student volunteers for every available volunteer position.

The Trustees distributed scholarships totaling \$12,750 to 33 student applicants, from the various scholarship funds. The funds were augmented this year by a generous donation from the Ashby Masonic Lodge.

Eagle Scout Nick Anderson rebuilt the steps at the front of the building, repainted the lampposts, and painted the lines in the disabled parking lot.

Trustees remain committed to maintaining certification of the library, which means meeting the budget requirements of the MBLC. With continued certification, the library is eligible for grants and programs offered through MBLC, and the library remains a member of the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing (C/WMARS) system, allowing reciprocal arrangements with surrounding libraries.

Three long-term board members retired from the board this year: Anne Reggio, Sally Bauman and Maureen Davi. The Trustees thank them for their years of dedicated service. Two new Trustees were elected in April: Mary O’Friel and Michelle Thomas. Diane Lundin was a member and Treasurer for a short time before she moved away.

As always, the Trustees would like to thank the many volunteers who give tirelessly so many hours of their time to help keep the library functioning so well, especially Bob Wilt, Doug Leab and the Friends. The Trustees also thank the staff: Director Mary Murtland and assistants Jeanie Lindquist and Angela Lopez for their continued professionalism, diligence and effort.

Martha Morgan
Secretary

Current Trustees are: John Mickola, Chair; Martha Morgan, Secretary; Prudence Brennan, Treasurer; Dwight Horan, Dave Jordan, Mary O’Friel and Michelle Thomas.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The Library has had a busy and productive year. Total circulation has increased 23% from last year. Our continued membership as part of the consortium C/WMARS has provided Ashby with access to a much larger variety of materials. *Continued membership is contingent on the AFPL remaining certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners by meeting established hours and budget requirements.*

We now receive 4 deliveries a week of Inter Library Loans from CMRLS (Central Massachusetts Regional Library System). Use of this system has resulted in an increase in both the number of materials being delivered to the library for Ashby patrons to borrow and the number of items sent out from our library to other CMRLS libraries.

CMRLS awarded the Library a \$1000 Collection Development Grant to be used to purchase books on CD for our patrons.

The Library now has a new book drop at the Main Street entrance and our “old” book drop at the Children’s Library entrance has been refurbished by a student volunteer. The Library also has new people counters at both entrances of the library. They provide the town and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with a more accurate count of the number of people using the facility each day.

Ongoing support by the Senior Tax Work-off program, the Laptop Scholarship Program, and Adult Volunteers has continued to benefit the library. The Friends of the Library has sponsored several popular children’s programs, provided prizes for the summer reading program and purchased museum passes.

We continue to supply the community with an adult reading group, the pre-school craft and story hour, a children’s and teen’s summer reading program, and a knitting club. During the summer of 2009, 105 young people signed up for the Summer Reading Program, ‘Starship Adventure’.

The library also serves as a venue for a variety of community programs. The Library hosted a teen CPR program last summer that was sponsored by the Ashby Free Public Library Fund. The Nashoba Board of Health continues to provide a monthly Wellness Clinic and has also provided Flu Vaccination Clinics. Community groups that are using the library’s facilities include Ashby Scout troops, Ashby Cultural Council, Ashby Playground Committee, Ashby Food Coop, Crossroads for Kids and Friends of the Wapack. The library has provided space for ongoing displays by local artists in the Carole H. Steele Art Gallery.

We would like to thank the Friends of the Library, the AFPL Board of Trustees, the AFPL Fund and the numerous other volunteers who have contributed time, energy, knowledge, and resources to the Library this year.

Circulation statistics for 2009:

Adult and Young Adult Books –6506, Juvenile Books-6178, Audio books – 564
DVDs and Videos –5891, Magazines-169, Museum Passes- 73

Interlibrary Loans sent to other libraries FY 2009 – 2461 (increased 33% from FY 2008)

Interlibrary Loans received from other libraries FY 2009 – 2594 (increased 35% from FY 2008)

Total circulation – 19,381 items

Mary E. Murtland
Library Director

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Parks Department wants to report that the town should be very proud and thankful to a group of Boy Scouts that have and are working to complete their requirements for their Eagle Scout Award with Scout Master John Varney.

The young gentleman planned and organized the cleaning and landscaping of the John Fitch monument on Richardson and South Road, the painting and repair of the bandstand at Allen Field and the painting and repair of the carriage shed at Allen Field. These are just some examples of the work the Scouts have done over the years for the town.

Parks department wants to thank Ryan Capone, Dylan Baer and Corey Beals and all the Boys Scouts for their dedication to scouting and to their town.

Many thanks to Ashby Little League for replacing the backstop on the minor league baseball field, for replacing some of the fence that needed work and for the dugouts on the major league baseball field.

To Alan Murray and Sons many thanks for supplying the rubbish removal at Allen Field for all the events.

The Town was able to continue the summer concerts, starting with the annual Bonfire at Allen Field, with the help of the Ashby Fire Department. We would also like to thank those who decorated for the Holidays and kept the Christmas spirit alive here in Ashby.

After the Ice Storm 08, the common had branches and debris spread throughout. As a volunteer project David Masse, and his crew raked and hauled all the debris away. Many thanks to David and his team of volunteers.

Once again Stephanie Lammi kept the common mowed and trimmed and has extended her skills to the town hall and areas around the town hall.

The Parks Department would like to thank all of those who donated time to keep the parks clean and to the Highway Department for their help when it's needed.

Submitted by,
Peter McMurray
Stephanie Lammi
April Tammone

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The 2008-09 school year was filled with many varied accomplishments. Some of the more significant include the establishment of more cost effective and educationally appropriate special needs classrooms in the district. Developing such opportunities for our students enabled the district to better address student needs. Ending the long travel for students who were, prior to the establishment of specialized educational program, transported to out of district programs often more than an hour drive away has allowed students access to quality education programs within their own community. At the high school, we expanded and strengthened pre-engineering, robotics, digital design, and on-line educational programs. Additionally, in an effort to better meet the needs of students, the high school was reorganized around an upper and lower house model. This model has proven successful in helping students adjust to the transition between middle school and high school and high school and college and/or the world of work. Clearly, 9th graders need different support systems than do 12th graders who must prepare to leave the security of their local high school. Our goal is constant...preparing students for success in a global society. While our work at the high school was significant, elementary and middle school teachers and administrators continued their efforts to strengthen elementary education programs via the implementation of a comprehensive, standards based curriculum.

All of our efforts to improve the quality of instruction and to expand educational opportunities for students were dwarfed by the impact of the deepest economic recession in 75 years. While the school year began quietly, by December 2008 it was obvious that the communities would not be able to sustain the educational delivery patterns we had enjoyed in the past. Working with town officials, parents, teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders, the school committee approved a plan to consolidate schools. K-2 grade students from the Peter Fitzpatrick School and 3-5 grade students from Squannacook Elementary School were reassigned to other school buildings within the district. The district preschool program was centralized and moved to the vacated Squannacook Elementary School Building. While the consolidation enabled the district to reduce force and decrease building operational costs, these school closures were difficult for both the school and town communities. The idea of closing schools was clearly difficult to contemplate never mind accept. However, the actual move of dozens of teachers and tons of classroom supplies was even more difficult. The summer of 2009 was filled with incredible activity. Members of the plant and facilities and technology departments, teachers, students, parents and

administrators all worked to ensure that “new” classrooms were ready for students on the first day of the 2009-10 school year.

Sadly, cost savings from school consolidation did not close the budget gap, but a magnanimous offer from members of employee groups did. The district received more than \$650K in salary concessions. The district also caused quite a stir when it entered into an agreement to share the services of its superintendent with another school district. Dollars saved from this plan allowed the district to hire back three more teachers who had been “pink-slipped.” The collective efforts of all within the school community enabled the district to keep educational programs vital to the future success of our students. The unselfish way in which all addressed the financial crisis is testament to the integrity and resolve of both the school district and the communities that it serves.

Finally, those of us who work and learn within the North Middlesex Regional School District are grateful to the citizens of Ashby, Pepperell and Townsend for the continued support. The future is uncertain, but our collective commitment to our children is not.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen M. Marshall
Superintendent of Schools

ASHBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I am pleased to be submitting my fifth annual town report to the citizens of Ashby.

The school has a total of 225 students in Kindergarten to grade 5, with 116 males and 109 females. School enrollment has dipped less than 1% over the past year, minus our preschool population. We continue to take school choice from neighboring schools if numbers allow in each particular grade level. We have students joining us this year from Ashburnham, Fitchburg, Gardner, Lunenburg, Winchendon and Worcester.

The number of students enrolled in each AES grade level on October 1, 2009 is as follows:

- Full Day Kindergarte = 44 students (two teachers)
- Grade 1 = 37 students (two teachers)
- Grade 2 = 23 students (one teacher)
- Grade 3 = 32 students (one teacher)
- Grade 4 = 45 students (two teachers)
- Grade 5 = 44 students (two teachers)

The mission of Ashby Elementary School is to provide students with the highest quality educational opportunities in a safe and secure environment. We strive to foster individual academic success and social growth through a partnership with students, staff, families and the community. The vision of our school is to promote a safe learning environment where all students can learn and succeed, each in their own way. Our school fosters a love of learning by promoting high expectations for each student. We provide a standards-based curriculum that supports all learning styles, which evolve through ongoing assessments. Our school believes that respect and communication are the building blocks of a well-balanced community. A respect for diversity and self will help us achieve academic excellence. Our core values include: respect, responsibility, integrity, caring, citizenship, and communication. For the past two years we have adopted a code of conduct, which is good discipline based on our core values stemming from respect. Respect for authority, peers, self and for rules.

Ashby Elementary School Council members (Mrs. Jessica Johnson, Mrs. Annica Scott, Mrs. Tiffany Call, Mrs. Kimberly Clark, Mrs. Kerrin Tammik, Ms. Karen Peredina, Ms. Christine Grimshaw, Mrs. Paula Roberts and myself) meet monthly to develop the school's Improvement Plan which continually looks at the following ten areas: Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, Accountability, Technology, Human Resources, Communication/Partnerships, Resource Acquisition and Management, Plant and Facilities, Image, District and School Climate, and Student Services.

Ashby Elementary School has an active Parent Teacher Cooperative (PTC) group, which provides the students with a variety of cultural and curriculum based assembly programs. We have also formed a Playground Committee which is raising funds through various venues to replace our 20 year old wooden play structure. There are numerous opportunities for parent and community involvement at the school. We especially enjoy having senior volunteers work off their tax dollars by assisting in the schools. The Ashby Senior Citizen Tax Write-Off Program allows seniors who meet financial requirements, to work within various departments around the town to lower their taxes. We thank the town for this opportunity to bring the old and young together. The district Parent Out-Reach Coordinator, Mrs. Nancy Amante, continues to provide resources to the parents and community.

A Student Council, which is made-up of fourth and fifth graders, provides opportunities to visit and share experiences with other schools within the district. In addition, we continue traditions such as the fifth grade yearbook, the fifth grade wall of fame, Dr. Seuss' Book Give Away, a food drive, spirit week, Alex's Lemonade Stand/ Car Wash, Community Reading Day, Field Day, and Fitness Day.

We provide many activity choices after the regular school day ends. Mrs. Barnhart directs the After-School Enrichment Program offering classes for the students to partake in on a five week rotational basis. Mrs. Johnson, a retired AES Teacher, provides advanced group guitar lessons, and Mrs. Hencke continues to offer band to fourth and fifth graders, which perform at holiday and spring concerts. The Parents of Music also offer AES students private lessons after school hours. During the winter, we provide extra assistance in reading/English Language Arts and math to those students who failed MCAS. Mr. Wolfendale, Mr. Roy, and Mrs. Zajac offers a summer intramural sports camp and Mrs. Casson, along with Mrs. Barnhart, who provides an arts/crafts camp. Our BACK (Before and After Care for Kids) Program is run by Mrs. Tiffany Call and is open from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM to assist with Ashby's need for child care for students before and after the normal operation of school.

The results from 2009 MCAS are as follows: Grade 3 Reading (Advanced 14%, Proficient 52%, Needs Improvement 30% and Warning 5%), Grade 3 Math (Advanced 16%, Proficient 48%, Needs Improvement 25% and Warning 11%) Grade 4 English Language Arts (Advanced 7%, Proficient 51%, Needs Improvement 33% and Warning 9%) and Grade 4 Mathematics (Advanced 12%, Proficient 35%, Needs Improvement 49% and Warning 5%), Grade 5 English Language Arts (Advanced 27%, Proficient 53%, Needs Improvement 16% and Warning 4%), Grade 5 Math (Advanced 41%, Proficient 29%, Needs Improvement 22% and Warning 8%), Grade 5 Science (Advanced 39%, Proficient 43%, Needs Improvement 16% and Warning 2%). Kudos to our fifth grade class who ranked 37 out of 897 schools in the Commonwealth in the area of science!

Grade two students participated in fall and spring testing (GRADE), which allows the staff to build upon our strengths, as well as close the gap on our weaknesses. We utilize Test Wiz, Success Maker and QRI to build upon each child's strengths and helps diminish weaknesses. We are fortunate to have one Title I Teacher who lays the necessary foundation for students to become fluent readers in grade K, 1, 2, and 4.

The student body and faculty appreciate the support of the town which continues to provide the necessary resources that allow us to develop educationally sound programs for all students that attend Ashby Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Anne Cromwell-Gapp, M.Ed.
AES Principal

HAWTHORNE BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

During the 2009/10 school year we are finally done with the ‘oh’ decade, starting on the next one—preparing for those ‘teen-years’, and Hawthorne Brook Middle School is now officially ‘thirty-something’. Regardless of any numerology or perceived trends of the times, we remain committed to preparing our students for success in the 21st Century.

A major change this year is the inclusion of the Townsend 5th grade into our middle school. It is a little crowded but they have fit right in and have been a positive addition to our culture. Student success is our first priority and is evident in our commitment to teaming. The 5th and 6th graders are both organized into two teams. Each team of teachers shares the same group of students and follows a common schedule. This shared schedule provides the teachers with the flexibility to modify and adjust student schedules to best meet the needs of each group. This year we reconfigured our resources and restructured our 7th and 8th grades into three mixed grade teams. Although students stay within grade levels for classes, the mixed teams afford opportunities for students to work with and get to know students in other grades. This configuration also benefits students and teachers by providing the opportunity to work together for two years creating stronger momentum within the curriculum and supporting deeper understanding of student learning.

Teachers work closely to coordinate team building, interdisciplinary activities, assignments, and tests. The curriculum is aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, but the staff reviews and revises it to meet the wide range of needs and styles within the classroom. Ultimately, the team model allows us to create a strong web of support to enhance student success.

The primary focus of Hawthorne Brook Middle School is academics and we strive to provide a vigorous academic program for all students. In addition to the core classes of math, English, science, social studies and foreign language (grades 7 and 8), all students receive instruction in art, music, health and physical education. Our 5th and 6th grade students also have a computer skills class. Students have the opportunity to receive instruction and participate in band or chorus. Our library media program is fully integrated into the curriculum via collaborative classroom projects. Students are enthusiastically using the newly updated library database which utilizes web based search skills and even shows the top ten books being taken out at HBMS along with new arrivals as they are entered in the system.

There is also a wide range of extra curricular activities in which students can participate. Extra curricular activities provide students additional opportunities to develop many of the essential skills necessary to grow and mature in our soci-

ety. Students can be involved in interscholastic sports, theatrical productions, intramurals and a variety of other clubs and activities throughout the year.

This year we have focused our efforts on developing 21st Century Learning Skills and embedding them within our curriculum throughout the school. The importance of both technology and communication skills are stressed along with the strong foundation of academic content knowledge. Interactive white boards have been installed for use on every team. In addition to our two computer labs, two new mobile carts, each with 25 laptop computers, have been well utilized throughout the building. Students are actively engaged in collaborative learning in every classroom, providing them opportunities to work effectively in groups as well as on their own and process new information with their peers on a daily basis.

We are grateful to the PTO for their support and for providing funding for items and programs that otherwise would not be possible. In addition to the fundraising efforts and donations, parents have stepped forward and offered their time and talents whenever needed.

Communication with parents and the community is an essential component of a successful middle school. We can be reached via email at HBadmIn@nmiddlesex.mec.edu or through our website that can be accessed through the district page at <http://nmiddlesex.mec.edu>

Sincerely,
Stephen Coughlan, *Principal*

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

It is with great pride that I provide this update about North Middlesex Regional High School, a student centered learning community that is committed to excellence. Our mission is to insure that each individual is challenged and supported to develop, pursue and accomplish goals in an environment of empathy and mutual respect. We are committed to empowering personal growth and thinking beyond our geographic borders.

In June of 2009, North Middlesex Regional High School graduated a class of 272 students. We are proud of both their academic accomplishments and their contributions to our school and community. A survey of this graduating class shows that 87% continued on to post secondary education, 7% went directly into the work force and 3% joined the armed services. This past fall, North Middlesex Regional High School welcomed 279 freshmen, to bring our current enrollment to 1181 students in grades 9 – 12.

Our primary goal at NM is to provide curriculum and instruction that is student centered, aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, and develops 21st century skills that our students need to be successful in their future. We are proud of our current 11th grade students who participated in the MCAS last year and scored higher than the state average in all subtests. We are pleased with our advanced placement scores, which continue to be above national averages. We would like to recognize our twenty-six advanced placement scholars, as well as our seventy-seven John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients for outstanding MCAS achievement. We remain committed to improving instructional practices to increase student achievement.

Beyond the classroom, NM students excel. Our wind symphony group earned the right to perform at Symphony Hall in Boston last spring, after earning a gold medal in the state MICCA competition. We would also like to recognize our marching band and choral group for earning awards and recognition at state MICCA competitions. Our athletic program continues to compete at a high level in the Midland-Wachusett League, with several athletes and teams qualifying for tournament play. The number of after school clubs and organizations continues to expand each year, bringing our current total to thirty-four. These programs provide students with different interests and abilities the opportunity to become involved in our school community.

NM students are socially aware and are committed to improving the community beyond the school. We are very proud of our Relay for Life event, which raised over \$90,000.00 last year, and was the fifth most successful student organized relay in the country! Our Adopt a Family coin drive to support local families around the holidays was very successful, and our New Orleans community service learning group will again travel to help those still affected by Hurricane Katrina. NM students know the importance of building a strong community both in and out of school. We are extremely proud of our students for both organizing and sponsoring these events.

We are pleased to work closely with our school council to help build partnerships with families and community organizations. We encourage open communication with parents and invite you to visit our website at <http://nmiddlesex.mec.edu> and click on the link to NMRHS.

Sincerely,
Michael Flanagan, *Principal*

SQUANNACOOK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

As principal of the newly formed Squannacook Early Childhood Center I am honored to present my first annual report to the citizens of Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend.

Squannacook Early Childhood Center serves 120 students ages 3, 4, and 5. Our class ratios vary from 8 - 12 students. Currently, there are 7 integrated morning classes, 5 integrated afternoon classes and 1 Substantially Separate Preschool class which is full day. The integrated preschool educates special needs students along side typically developing students. The class ratios are significant in providing an excellent learning environment for all students. The faculty and staff of Squannacook Early Childhood Center is a strong, cohesive group that works together to provide a safe and challenging environment for all students. The teachers and paraprofessionals have been incorporated from three different towns and bring a unique teaching style for students benefit.

The district curriculum correlates with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. These frameworks are based on recommendations from the Early Childhood Advisory Council to the Massachusetts Board of Education. Teachers utilize a variety of instructional strategies to teach various skills. This year we are continuing with the Scott-Foresman reading series, in order to prepare our students for entrance into kindergarten programs. Our newly opened gross motor room gives students an opportunity to exercise during the winter months. Utilizing a grant from the Amanda Dwight Entertainment Fund, students will participate in a performance of "Music Programs for Children" by Rick Goldin.

Communications is important and to this end we have a monthly newsletter, bulletin boards, lobby, and route 13 signs. Connect-Ed, a district wide program, is also used for communication. Many of our students arrive and dismiss with parents which offers a daily opportunity for communication between parents and teachers.

Our staff consists of teachers who previously worked in the towns of Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend. All teachers are highly qualified with degrees in Early Childhood Education as well as Special Education. One of the strengths of this program is having a variety of therapists centrally located. The program includes speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and behavior specialists. Having all therapists centrally located makes it easier to access their information which fills students' needs.

The newly formed Squannacook Early Childhood Center has established a new Parent Teacher Organization. Our officers consist of: President – Rachel Loprinze, Vice President – Karen Cerone, Secretary – Karen Cusick, and

Treasurer – Nicole Waite. The meetings take place monthly at Squannacook Early Childhood Center. The first fundraiser, which took place in the fall, was a success. The next fundraiser will take place this spring. We are forming a committee to continue to use and maintain the beautiful Squannacook Elementary School Gardens.

The support and assistance of Dr. Maureen Marshall, Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Linda Rakiey, Chairperson for Special Education, are greatly appreciated. The students and staff of Squannacook Early Childhood Center recognize and appreciate the support of the Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend communities in providing the necessary resources that allow us to develop an educationally sound program for integrated preschool students.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Morassi
Principal

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. The Committee consists of twenty-two members – four from Fitchburg, represented by LeRoy Cark, Mark Louney, Robert Campbell and Brian Walker, two from Gardner, represented by Helen Lepkowski and Alice Anderson and one from each of the communities of Ashburnham – represented by Diane Swenson, Ashby – represented by Warren Landry, Athol – represented by Toni L. Phillips, Barre – represented by John Scott, Harvard – represented by Sue Tokay, Holden – represented by James Cournoyer, Hubbardston – represented by Jacqueline B. Kaminski, Lunenburg – represented by Barbara Reynolds, Petersham – represented by Ed Simms, Phillipston – represented by Eric Olson, Princeton – represented by John Mollica, Royalston – represented by Mary Barclay, Sterling – represented by Dr. Kenneth I.H. Williams, Templeton – represented by James M. Gilbert, Westminster – represented by Jeff Schutt and Winchendon – represented by Burton E. Gould, Jr.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Numerous challenges were faced during the development of the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget, including significant cuts to Chapter 70 state aid and trans-

portation aid, along with the continually rising costs of healthcare and an aging infrastructure and the need to update and modernize our technology and vocational/technical offerings.

Considerable effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration and staff to develop a cost-effective budget. The final fiscal year 2009-2010 Educational Plan totaled \$22,104,281.

The District was audited in August 2009 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath & Company from Greenfield, MA and an “excellent” report is anticipated.

STUDENT BODY

Monty Tech’s October 1, 2009 enrollment included 1,355 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district as follows: Ashburnham (46), Ashby (39), Athol (130), Barre (39), Fitchburg (391), Gardner (166), Harvard (4), Holden (47), Hubbardston (50), Lunenburg (64), Petersham (7), Phillipston (15), Princeton (17), Royalston (18), Sterling (50), Templeton (89), Westminster (54), and Winchendon (114).

The Guidance Department/Admissions Department received 784 applications for admission in September 2009. Of these, 706 were for the available ninth grade openings. Due to the retention rate of our upper classes, we were only able to admit 22 students to the tenth and eleventh grades.

Monty Tech continued to offer a variety of opportunities for students, parents and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October, 1,620 district eighth graders participated in our Tour Days. Students toured many of our twenty vocational/technical areas and learned about the challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night offered interested students the opportunity to return at night, with their family members, to explore the facilities and talk with staff members. Career Awareness Night, as well as last spring’s Open House, were attended by an estimated 1,000 individuals per event, comprised of students, parents, and community members from throughout the district.

The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) continued to attract large numbers of seventh and eighth grade students during the 2008-2009 school year. Due to the high enrollment, a third five-week session was implemented. Participants had opportunities to attend hands-on after school sessions in a variety of vocational/technical areas. A satisfaction survey rated this program 4.8 out of 5. The 2008-2009 enrollment is the highest ever at 748 seventh and eighth graders. The survey also indicates that 719/748 students surveyed intend to, or have applied to Monty Tech.

In June of 2009, the class of 2009 graduated 293 seniors. These graduates received diplomas and technical certificates. Approximately 95% of the graduates planned to continue their education at the post-secondary level or employment, while another 5% planned to enter military service.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$31,850 in scholarships to members of the Class of 2009. In addition, they awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. Once again, local (Business Education Enrichment Foundation) and state organizations, as well generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of generous donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates themselves are grateful for this support.

The Articulation Agreements with local colleges continued to play an important role in helping our graduates enter college through credits earned at Monty Tech. Approximately 65% of our graduates entered a two or four year college. This number has continued to grow over the years.

ACHIEVEMENT

Based on tenth grade MCAS scores, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to see an improvement during the 2008-2009 school year in student achievement in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. In the spring of 2009, Monty Tech's passing rate on the mathematics portion of the test climbed from 98% to 99% while the percentage of students scoring in the proficient and advance categories in math went from 79% to 77%. The school's passing rate on the English portion of the test was 100% in 2008 and 99% in 2009, while the students scoring in proficient and advanced categories in English went from 73% to 80%.

The following data represents the percentage of students who met the competency score in English/Language Arts and Mathematics at the time of graduation:

	English Language Arts	Mathematics
Class of 2009	100%	100%
Class of 2008	100%	100%
Class of 2007	100%	100%
Class of 2006	100%	98.3%
Class of 2005	100%	98.6%
Class of 2004	100%	94.8%

FACULTY AND STAFF

In the 2008-2009 fiscal year, Monty Tech was affected by the slowing economy. Our Chapter 70 aid was reduced by 10%, as were all schools in the Commonwealth. As a result of this, our staff was reduced by 22 positions, which included 6 retirements, 1 resignation and 15 layoffs. We did hire or transfer additional staff to cover a few of these positions.

The current staff includes 55 vocational teachers, 4 vocational teaching assistants, 45 academic teachers, 4 guidance counselors, 1 school psychologist, 1 speech and language therapist and 1 media specialist.

SKILLS USA

Skills USA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. Through our association with Skills USA, our students develop job skills, teamwork, leadership and professional skills.

Skills USA Massachusetts has the second largest membership in the nation boasting 19,300 student and 800 professional members. The state has 42 secondary schools and 1 post secondary school, 34 of which are total participation Skills USA Chapters.

The 2008-2009 school year was an extraordinary one for our chapter of Skills USA. Due to the growing membership in the state chapters, it became necessary to restructure the state from five districts to six. Monty Tech's chapter found the new structuring both challenging and refreshing. Our chapter was able to deliver productive, rewarding and educational experience for all our students. Serving as co-advisors were First Sergeant Paul Jornet, JROTC Instructor, Kim Curry, Cosmetology Instructor and James Hachey, Admissions Specialist

Highlights of the year included:

- A total of 42 medals were captured at the District Competition held in March at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School.
- Fifty-two students made up of medal winners and district qualifiers earned the opportunity to compete at the State Leadership & Skills Conference held in April at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School. Monty Tech finished the competition with 21 medals and 5 students earning the right to compete at the National Leadership & Skills Conference, which was held in Kansas City, Missouri during June.
- Of the five students competing at nationals, three earned medals. Michelle Gosselin won gold in Action Skills, Jessica Lopez won silver in

Pin Design and John Perkins won silver in Power Equipment Technology. Ben O'Conner, Culinary Arts and Paul Leslie, Carpentry, finished in the top half of their competitions.

- Monty Tech's Skills USA chapter was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Lowes, Inc. for the restoration of Moran Park in Fitchburg. In June, the chapter performed 250 man hours of work removing overgrown trees and brush and then our Masonry Program poured a concrete slab for the construction of a storage shed. The final stage of the project, which is building a shed and installing a fence around the playground, will be completed in early November 2009.

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

A total of eight Monty Tech females successfully completed the 2008-2009 session (the seventh year of the program) of the North Central Massachusetts Women in Technology Program, also known as Project WATCH (Women Achieving Technical Career Heights).

The students included five from Office Technology, two from Drafting Technology-CAD, and one from Graphic Communications. Two additional students started the program, but dropped out due to co-op positions. One student, who emigrated from Vietnam seven years ago, spent three years in the program. The experience was invaluable in helping her acclimate to her new country, as well as aiding her in improving her English. She did so well that she was accepted at three excellent colleges and universities. She is now studying business administration at Fitchburg State College.

Through the program, qualified students from four area high schools – Monty Tech, Gardner High School, Leominster's Center for Technical Education and Narragansett Regional High School – have the opportunity to spend two days a month exploring career opportunities in high-tech fields, such as Engineering, Information Technology and Marketing, at Tyco Safety Products Company and SimplexGrinnell, two Fortune 500 companies located off Route 2 in Westminster.

The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce, serving as fiscal agent for the program, provides transportation to the industry site through a private-sector grant.

Under the mentorship of company engineers, IT specialists and other professionals, participating students have the opportunity to experience firsthand life in corporate America. They are exposed to careers in high-tech fields working on "real world" projects, acquiring skills in teamwork, problem-solving and critical thinking.

Project presentations were held at the end of the year to showcase the student's work for company executives, school personnel and families and friends.

CURRICULUM

In addition to the house building projects, the vocational/technical programs continue to provide communities in the Monty Tech District with a range of services as a component of the curricula. The projects listed below are a sampling of services accepted during the 2008-2009 school year.

Auto Body/Collision Repair

Gardner – Athletic Department – pole vault stop

Sterling Police Department – push bar for cruiser

Winchendon Highway Department – repair rust and refinish vehicles

Automotive Technology

Fitchburg Boys & Girls Clubs – repaired bus

Cabinetmaking

Hubbardston – made signs for town

Barre Library – bookcases

Templeton – Narragansett School District – made a rolling cabinet

Cosmetology

Gardner High Rise – senior citizen services

Gardner – Father/Daughter Dance services

Gardner – Dunn's Park – community service – clean up

Culinary Arts

Taste of Wachusett

Taste of North Central

Dental Assisting

Lunenburg & Winchendon – CHIP Program

Ashburnham Health Fair

Westminster Elementary Schools – Dental Education

Drafting Technology

Banners for Gardner Air Jet Rally

Westminster Conservation Trust – made signs and posters

Athol – press booth

Barre Library plans

Hubbardston – CNC files for signs

Early Childhood Education

Fitchburg Community Partnership – Math/Literacy Fair

Electrical

Winchendon Housing Authority Garage

Westminster – wiring for holiday tree

Engineering Technology

Gardner – fixed PA system for Monument Park Bandstand

Graphic Communications

Templeton School Handbook

Templeton Development Center Big Ticket

Winchendon Pop Warner Yearbook

Westminster VFW Menus

Fitchburg High School Football Program

Gardner CAD stationary

Baldwinville PTO Tickets

Ashburnham-Westminster Raffle Tickets

NEADS Postcard

Habitat for Humanity stationary

Winchendon AHIMSA Animal Rescue

Gardner Middle School Yearbooks

Westminster's 250th Flyer

North Central Charter School Prom Tickets

Lunenburg Annual Report

Fitchburg Yearbook

Westminster Placemat

Ashburnham Boy Scouts

Gardner High School Illumination Book

Health Occupations

Annual Blood Drives

Shop Angel Christmas Charity Collection

Industrial Technology

Barre Bandstand – repaired railings

Gardner Municipal Golf Course – rain shelters

Westminster – cannon wheels

Fitchburg – plaques

Phillipston – library ramp

Information Technology

Gardner – Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center Web Design

Machine Technology

Fitchburg Police Department – key chains

Masonry

Winchendon Elementary School – formed and poured sidewalks

Winchendon Housing Authority – chimney

Fitchburg – Moran Park – formed and poured pad for shed

SPECIAL SERVICES

During the 2008-2009 school year, the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special education services to over two hundred students.

The federal special education law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), was reauthorized in December of 2004 and came fully into effect on July 1, 2005. In August 2006, the U.S. Department of Education released new Regulations for Part B of IDEA, which went into effect on October 13, 2006. The 2004 Amendment to IDEA expanded upon the 1997 reauthorization and includes new requirements. The reauthorized act continues to emphasize the role of parents and expands opportunities for parents, general educators and special educators to work together in partnerships that support student learning and the success of students in adult life.

The Student Support Services Department at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School provides support to all students. We have full time nursing staff that administers medications, performs state mandated health screening exams, and provides, when necessary, health information to the TEAM for a student's IEP meeting. We employ a full time school social worker that is able to participate in TEAM meetings and assist students who have needs concerning finances, family issues, homelessness, maternity, health issues and proper food and clothing. Our students have access to the services of a full time adjustment counselor and part time school psychologist. Both of these individuals are available for scheduled counseling sessions and mental health emergency treatment, as well as crisis intervention. We do have on staff a full time psychologist whose role it is to evaluate all students referred for an initial evaluation or who require a three-year re-evaluation. In addition, we have a full time speech pathologist that is available to service students with disabilities, assess these students and consult the teachers within the building.

The Special Education Program at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School district is reviewed annually in May, in accordance with regulatory requirements. The results of this evaluation are used to improve the special education procedures and programs at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District. The Parent Advisory Council participates in this review and evaluation.

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District adheres to federal and state laws regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable student information.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

The Monty Tech Athletic Program was again very successful in the 2008-2009 school year. Our numbers keep increasing every year. We had sixteen teams compete in the fall of 2008, eleven in the winter of 2008-2009 and nine last spring.

Last fall, the Varsity Football Team, under first year coach Matt Sallila, did not win a game, but played with a lot of heart and enthusiasm, improving every week and giving their all during practice and games. They finished the year with 35 players (9 seniors) and worked very hard in the off-season to get ready for 2009. The Freshman Football Team was 1 – 6 and had 33 players complete the year. The Varsity Boys Soccer Team finished at 4 – 9 – 5 and played hard throughout the year. The JV Boys Soccer Team was 9 – 5. The Golf Team was 5 – 6 – 1 and missed the District Tournament by one match. We had three JV Golf Tournaments at The Red Farm Golf Course in Upton and played five other matches in an attempt to improve our program. The Field Hockey Team was 2 – 16. The Monty Tech faculty held the annual Teacher vs. Student Field Hockey Game to raise money for a scholarship for a deserving Monty Tech female athlete. It was very successful. The Boys Cross Country Team was 6 – 8 and the Girls Cross Country Team was 3 – 3. The Girls Volleyball Team had an 8 – 12 record. The JV Girls Volleyball Team was 5 – 12 and the Freshmen Girls Team was 4 – 11, as they continue to improve. The Varsity Girls Soccer Team was 7 – 7 – 4, qualifying them for the District Tournament where they lost to Blackstone Valley Tech in the first round. The JV Girls Soccer Team finished at 7 – 7, with most of the girls moving up this fall. Our girls program looks very promising. The varsity cheerleaders participated in the CAL Championships held at Westford Academy in October.

The Girls Varsity Basketball Team missed the District Tournament for the first time in many years, as they finished at 9 – 11. They finished the year with four straight victories to show promise for next year. The JV Girls were 9 – 8 and the Freshmen Girls were 8 – 6, as they prepared to move up to the JV Program this year. The Varsity Boys Basketball Team finished at 4 – 16. The JV Boys Basketball Team was 6 – 13 and played with a lot of desire and pride. The Freshmen Boys were 6 – 9 and showed vast improvement over the year. The Wrestling Team was 3 – 11 in dual meets and participated in many tournaments. Bobby Monks, a senior from Athol, became the first wrestler to win over 100 career matches, as he finished with 116. We ran a co-op team with Fitchburg High School and Oakmont. Monty Tech was the host school. The Co-op Ice Hockey Team did very well again, as they participated in the District Tournament, losing in the Semi-Finals. The JV Ice Hockey Team played very

well, as the younger players look to improve their skills. We participated in a co-op Swim Team with Leominster and had seven girls complete the season. We are looking forward to this venture again this year.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball Team again gave Monty Tech a lot to be proud of, as they won the Central Mass. Division III Tournament for the second time in five years. They won the Colonial Athletic League Championship for the twentieth time in twenty-four years and finished second in the State Vocational Tournament. They beat Turners Falls in the state semi-finals to advance to the state championship game at Worcester State. They played a strong game, but fell to St. Mary's of Lynn, 8 – 5. They finished the year at 24 – 3 and Coach Reid picked up his 500th career win and stands at 516 victories for Monty Tech. The JV Softball Team was 4 – 9 – 1. The Freshmen Softball Team was 2 – 6. The Boys Volleyball Team was 3 – 16. The Varsity Baseball Team finished at 4 – 16. The JV Baseball Team was 7 – 6, and the Freshmen Baseball Team was 2 – 9. The Boys Track & Field Team was 6 – 6, while the Girls Track & Field Team was 7 – 5.

The Outstanding male and female athletes for 2008 – 2009 were:

Male: Robert Cruz

Female: Ivette Tejada

TECHNOLOGY

Monty Tech is very fortunate to have the support of a School Committee and an administrative team that is committed to meeting the technology needs of our students and staff. Monty Tech's computer inventory includes workstations using both Windows and Macintosh operating systems. Wireless access points are available in several areas of the school.

Many of our vocational programs rely heavily on computerized applications. Our academic departments have also integrated technology into the educational experience of our students through the use of interactive whiteboards. Monty Tech's students are well prepared to enter the workforce, military or college with exposure to computer software and hardware that they will encounter once leaving the school.

Monty Tech's Electrical Department has made improvements to the infrastructure of the building by adding electrical circuits in the Technology Office Server Room. They also began replacing old network wiring in the original academic wing of the building.

Data continues to be an important tool for administrative decisions. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Data Warehouse is being utilized to analyze MCAS scores and related data.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds assist in providing many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2009, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$2,121,608. Programs funded by these grants include: Improving Teacher Quality, Enhanced Education Through Technology, Special Education Allocation and Program Improvement, Title I, Drug Free Schools, Occupational Education – Vocational Skills, Emergency Recovery, Safe Schools and Summer Academic Support. (NOTE: The Emergency Recovery Program grant for \$1,293,561 was a result of federal stimulus funding and the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund [SFSF], offsetting the reduction in state aid for Chapter 70.)

In addition to state and federal grant sources, Monty Tech was also the recipient of private grant awards totaling \$23,190. Monty Tech received \$10,490 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a reimbursement for ice storm expenses. The New England Dairy Council awarded Monty Tech a grant for \$2,700 for refrigeration equipment, and Lowe's awarded the Monty Tech Skills USA Program with a \$10,000 grant to support community service and outreach efforts. Total grant awards for fiscal year 2009 was \$2,144,798.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee and administration are extremely proud of the staff and students of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District and their accomplishments. The school continues to work with the business community, local educational institutions, higher education and its vocational technical counterparts to develop common sense plans and responses to the educational challenges we all face.

Monty Tech's School Committee, administration and staff look forward to continued growth and we are committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for workforce development within our District, and to that end, respectfully invites and encourages the continued support of town officials, parents and citizens in each of it's member communities.

TOWN OF ASHBY Special Town Meeting

Middlesex, ss:

To: Constable of the Town of Ashby in said County:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Elementary School Auditorium in said Ashby, Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to act on the following article:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow the sum of \$265,300 for the purpose of paying for architectural, engineering and related services to complete the design, initial project management, geotechnical engineering and construction bid documents for a new police station provided that the amount authorized to be borrowed shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to exempt from Proposition 2_, so called, the amount required to satisfy the obligations, including principal and interest under the bonds, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: *This article is designed to put the Town in the best possible position with a “shovel-ready” project to access federal stimulus money for the police station and communications center. It will also give the Town specific accurate costs for the entire project. The time requirements, in order to qualify for stimulus funds, necessitated having a single-article Special Town Meeting at this time in order to have documentation available at the time stimulus funds will be awarded. This is the essential first step toward addressing the critical need for a new police station and communications center.*

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy in at least three (3) public places in said Ashby fourteen (14) days at least before

holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 24th day of February, 2009.

Geoffrey Woollacott
Chair

Peter McMurray
Procurement

Dan Meunier
Clerk

ASHBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By virtue of this precept, I have posted three (3) attested copies of the foregoing warrant in three (3) public places in said Ashby at least fourteen days before the time of said Special Town Meeting.

Date: 2/25/2009

William Davis, CONSTABLE OF ASHBY

RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING March 14, 2009

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 8:45 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Peter Rourke called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. The warrant showed it had been properly served.

The motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the warrant, and so voted.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$265,300 to pay costs of architectural, engineering, and related services to complete the design, initial project management, geotechni-

cal engineering and construction bid documents for a new police station and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, provided, however, that said borrowing authority shall be contingent upon the voters' approval of a Proposition 2_ so-called debt exclusion ballot question, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Motion made and seconded to vote by secret ballot.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Passage of this article requires a 2/3 vote.

VOTE ON MOTION: YES- 84 NO-93 DEFEATED

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 11:24 AM , and so voted.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 27, 2009

Middlesex, ss:

To: Constable of the Town of Ashby:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Ashby Elementary School Auditorium in said Ashby, Monday, the twenty-seventh day of April, next at 12 Noon, to give their votes on one ballot for the following officers:

SELECTMAN, Three Years
ASSESSOR, Three Years

- COLLECTOR, Three Years
- BOARD OF HEALTH, Three Years
- BOARD OF HEALTH, Two Years
- PLANNING BOARD, Five Years
- CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Three Years
- PARK COMMISSIONER, Three Years
- PARK COMMISSIONER, Two Years
- TREE WARDEN, Two Years
- 3 LIBRARY TRUSTEES, Three Years
- LIBRARY TRUSTEE, One Year

The polls will be open at 12:00 PM and shall close at 7:30 PM.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy in three (3) public places in said Ashby at least seven days before holding of said election.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of election aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 1st day of April, 2009.

Geoffrey Woollacott
Chair

Peter McMurray

Dan Meunier

ASHBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By virtue of this precept, I have posted three (3) attested copies of the foregoing warrant in three (3) public places in said Ashby at least fourteen days before the time of said Special Town Meeting.

Date: 4/9/2009

William Davis, CONSTABLE OF ASHBY

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION APRIL 27, 2009

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 27, 2009 by Constable William Davis.

Election officers on duty and duly sworn in were as follows: Bertha Tiilikkala, Betty Tiilikkala, Wendy Baird, Rosemary Wayrynen, Rachel Patnaude, Amy Meunier and Waldemar Tiilikkala.

The polls opened at 12:00 PM.

The following is a list of candidates and the votes and blanks each received as they appeared on the official ballot.

	VOTES
SELECTMAN, Three years	
Joseph W. Casey	72
All others	9
Blanks	5
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>86</i>
ASSESSOR, Three years	
Oliver H. Mutch	74
Blanks	12
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>86</i>
COLLECTOR, Three years	
Beth Ann Scheid	72
All others	1
Blanks	13
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>86</i>
BOARD OF HEALTH, Three years	
Nicholas A. Murray	80
Blanks	6
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>86</i>

BOARD OF HEALTH, Two years

Bruce Adams	76
Blanks	10
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	86

PLANNING BOARD, Five years

James Hargraves	72
Blanks	14
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	86

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Three years

Daniel Harju	79
Blanks	7
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	86

PARK COMMISSIONER, Three years

April R. Tammone	71
Blanks	15
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	86

PARK COMMISSIONER, Two years- write in

Peter McMurray	6
All others	2
Blanks	78
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	86

LIBRARY TRUSTEES, Three years

John P. Mickola	69
Mary O’Friel	61
Michelle Thomas	58
All others	1
Blanks	69
<i>Total votes cast</i>	258
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	86

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, One year

Diane Lundin	69
Blanks	17
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	86

TREE WARDEN, Two years- write in	
John Dillon	7
Chuck Perna	5
Bill Davis	4
All others	4
Blanks	66
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	86

The polls closed at 7:30 PM.

Tellers on duty and duly sworn in were as follows: Nancy Peeler, Pamela Peeler and Deborah Pillsbury.

At the close of the polls the ballot box read 86 voters had cast a ballot: the checker' tally sheet read 86 voters had cast a ballot.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

TOWN OF ASHBY Special Town Meeting

Middlesex, ss:

To: Constable of the Town of Ashby in said County:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Elementary School Auditorium in said Ashby, Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to act on the following articles:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,865 from the Legal Expenses account to the Prior Year Bills account for the purpose of paying for a prior year Library bill, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article pays a bill dated before July 1, 2008.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000 from the Legal Counsel Expenses account to the Fire Department Expenses account for the purpose of paying fire department expenses, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Brief Explanation: This article transfers funds into a previously under funded account.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$400 from the Tax Title account to the Treasurer Expenses account for the purpose of paying treasurer expenses, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Brief Explanation: This article transfers funds into a previously under funded account.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,200 from the Tax Title account to the Town Office Expenses account for the purpose of paying town office expenses, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Brief Explanation: This article transfers funds into a previously under funded account.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$46,262 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Extraordinary and Unforeseen Expenditures (formerly known as Overlay Surplus) to be used as an other financing source in the general fund for FY09, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Brief Explanation: This article offsets the revenue shortfall resulting from a decrease of \$46,262 in the FY09 state aid.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Public Safety Facility Feasibility Study account the sum of \$9,827.47, the sum of \$4,900.86 from the Insurance account and the sum of \$410.54 from the Legal Services account to the Winter Operations Deficit for the

purpose of paying down the Winter Operations deficit, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article helps to cover the unusually high winter operations costs of FY09.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$32,860.51 to an Ice Storm Expenses account for the purpose of paying ice storm expenses, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: The costs of the December 11, 2008 ice storm exceed the amount of anticipated reimbursements. The amount in this article is an estimate of part of what the Town will need to provide.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy in at least three (3) public places in said Ashby fourteen (14) days at least before holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of April, 2009.

Geoffrey Woollacott
Chair

Peter McMurray
Procurement

Dan Meunier
Clerk

ASHBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By virtue of this precept, I have posted three (3) attested copies of the foregoing warrant in three (3) public places in said Ashby at least fourteen days before the time of said Special Town Meeting.

Date: 4/16/2009

William Davis, CONSTABLE OF ASHBY

RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 2, 2009

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 9:15 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Peter Rourke called the meeting to order at 9:36AM. The warrant showed it had been properly served.

The motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the warrant, and so voted.

The rules of the meeting were read.

The motion was made and seconded to allow the moderator to declare a two-thirds vote, and so voted.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$2,865 from the Legal Expenses account to the Prior Year Bills account for the purpose of paying for a prior year Library bill.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 2. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$6,000 from the Legal Counsel Expenses account to the Fire Department Expenses account for the purpose of paying fire department expenses.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 3. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$400 from the Tax Title account to the Treasurer Expenses account for the purpose of paying treasurer expenses.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 4. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$2,200 from the Tax Title account to the Town Office Expenses account for the purpose of paying town office expenses.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 5. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$46,262 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Extraordinary and Unforeseen Expenditures (formerly known as Overlay Surplus) to be used as an other financing source in the general fund for FY09.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 6. The motion was made and seconded to transfer from the Public Safety Facility Feasibility Study account the sum of \$9,827.47, the sum of \$4,900.86 from the Insurance account and the sum of \$410.54 from the Legal Services account to the Winter Operations Deficit for the purpose of paying down the Winter Operations deficit.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 7. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$32,860.51 to an Ice Storm Expenses account for the purpose of paying ice storm expenses.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 9:49 AM, and so voted.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

TOWN OF ASHBY
Annual Town Meeting

Middlesex, ss:

To: Constable of the Town of Ashby in said County:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Elementary School Auditorium in said Ashby, Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to act on the following articles:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to elect all other town officers not required to be on the official ballot.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article allows the voters at Town Meeting to elect officials to open elected positions that are not filled at the time of the Town Meeting. This typically consists of a Field Driver, but could be any other open position.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to hear the reports of the various town officials and committees.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: In response to this motion, the Town Moderator usually asks if the Town Meeting will vote to dispense with the reading of all the annual reports that are written and included in the Town Annual Report.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds as necessary in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with Chapter 44, Sections 23 to 27 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article allows the Town Treasurer to take out short term loans throughout the fiscal year if necessary to address cash flow timing issues.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following sums in trust; the income therefrom to be expended for the perpetual care of lots as follows:

Glenwood Cemetery

Amount	Name	Ave.	Lot	Section
\$200.00	A.Gadway & L.Senechal	B-Rear	29	Lyman
\$200.00	Susan Mahan	D	2A	Lyman
\$400.00	Althea & Howard Sumner	C	31	Lyman
\$400.00	Judith & Mark Sumner	C	32	Lyman
\$400.00	Russ & Maryruth Ryan	B-Rear	30	Lyman
\$200.00	Elaine Tucker	E	2	Lyman
\$200.00	E. Lahtinen & C.Starzmman	D	3A	Lyman
\$200.00	Glen D. Tommasaso	D	4A	Lyman
\$200.00	Colin Bourn	E	3	Lyman
\$400.00	Judy & John Mikkola	E	30	Lyman
\$400.00	Lauri & Pirkko Lassila	E	4	Lyman
\$400.00	Elwin & Virginia Shepherd	D	5A	Lyman

, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: The Cemetery Commissioners are responsible to report all monies collected from the sale of lots for perpetual care during the year so that the voters at Town Meeting can formally accept the funds for the Town.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$173,252 known as Chapter 90 to be used by the Highway Department in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article asks the voters to formally accept the state funding granted to the Town for road work.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money necessary to defray charges and expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year, FY2010, beginning July 1, 2009 and ending

June 30, 2010, with each item considered to be a separate appropriation as set forth below, and to fix the salaries of all elected officials, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article refers the voters to the detailed Town budget included in this Warrant that has been proposed by the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen after careful deliberation.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$21,079.06 to be expended by the Solid Waste Department to defray the operational expenses and other necessary charges of the Recycling Center and Transfer Station for the ensuing fiscal year, FY2010, beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, or take any action thereon.

Description	FY10 Amount
Revenues:	
Loan Balance/Retained Earnings	\$ 2,319.00
Interest Income	\$ 536.42
Trash Disposal Fees Collected	\$ 10,014.27
Recyclable Fees Collected	\$ 4,304.57
Recyclable Sales	\$ 3,904.80
Hauler Permit Fees	\$ 0.00
Total Revenues:	\$ 21,079.06
Expenses:	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,800.00
General Operating Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
Trash Trucking Services	\$ 2,400.00
Trash Disposal Expenses	\$ 6,830.06
Recycling Expenses	\$ 4,230.00
Emergency Reserve	\$ 2,319.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 21,079.06

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article is the proposed annual budget of the Recycling Center and Transfer Station (RCTS) for FY10.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$3,720 to a Fire Department Grant Matching account for the purpose of matching an Assistance to Firefighters grant, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Brief Explanation: The Fire Department receives grants each year that requires the Town to appropriate a percentage of its funds to match those from the grantor.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$4,500 to the Technology and Systems account for the purpose of purchasing and installing a computer server for the local area network and related software, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Brief Explanation: The current ad hoc mail server for the town offices is inadequate to function as an application and file server as well. It has become unreliable and impedes business transactions on a regular basis.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$23,587.85 to the Unemployment Compensation account for the purpose paying unemployment benefits, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Brief Explanation: As of this time the budget can not cover two people currently in the employ of the Town. In the event that there must be a lay off the Town is required to pay for their unemployment.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the renewal of the Cemetery Burial and Foundations Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E_, to receive monies collected for burials, said funds to be expended to pay for said burials to be performed, for grave foundations and for general cemetery maintenance and improvements; with expenditures not to exceed \$10,000, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Brief Explanation: This motion asks the voters to renew their authority to the Cemetery Commissioners to maintain a revolving account for the specific purpose of maintaining the cemeteries.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a Library Books Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E, to receive monies collected for book late fees and replacement fees, said funds to be expended to pay for book and media repairs, replacements, supplies and expenses; with expenditures not to exceed \$2,400, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This motion asks the voters to renew their authority to the Library Trustees to maintain a revolving account for the specific purpose of maintaining library books and media.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the parcel of land located on Wheeler Road as described in Assessors Map 5, Parcel 34, Lot 9 and identified in the instrument recorded at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 18604 on Page 001 from the Town Treasurer for tax title purposes to the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: All transfers of custody and control of town property from town treasurers, boards and commissions must be voted at Town Meeting. This article asks if the voters would authorize the Conservation Commission to hold this particular parcel for use as conservation land.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the parcel of land located on Foster Road as described in Assessors Map 5, Parcel 45, Lot 0 and identified in the instrument recorded at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 24540 on Page 574 from the Town Treasurer for tax title purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for purposes of sale, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: Again, all transfers of custody and control of town property from town treasurers, boards or commissions must be voted at Town Meeting. This article asks if the voters would authorize the Board of Selectmen to hold this particular parcel.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept certain provisions of Chapter 32B of the Massachusetts General Laws, authorizing the Town to provide a plan of contributory group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance for certain persons in the service of the Town and dependents, and, shall the Town be allowed to pay a subsidiary or additional rate over the minimum specified fifty percent toward a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article is a housekeeping article that allows the Town to provide group health insurance to its employees and establish its own subsidiary rate.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept certain provisions of Chapter 152, Section 69 of the Massachusetts General Laws, authorizing the Town to provide a plan to provide workers compensation coverage on all elected and appointed officers, with the exception of the Selectmen, or to take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article allows the Town to cover any possible mishap of a nonpaid (volunteer) worker while in service to the Town.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws, Article II, Section 5 by deleting the words “a copy of the Town Report” and by adding a sentence that states: “A copy of the Town Report will be available on the Town Website, the Library and the Town Clerk’s Office”, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This change will allow the Town to save the expense of printing and binding the Annual Town Report and the expense of mailing one to every household, yet using technology to make it available to anyone who wishes to read it.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to extend the period of Section 4.8 Rate of Development of the Zoning By-Law for five years from the date of this Town Meeting, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: ___ Approved Disapproved ___ No Action

Brief Explanation: This continuation keeps the rate of development by-law in force.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by inserting the following section in Article X:

Section 6. TRENCH SAFETY. Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 82A, the Town hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the regulations of the Division of Public Safety as promulgated under 520 CMR 14.00 as same may be from time to time amended. The Building Inspector shall serve as the permitting authority and may promulgate additional regulations for the administration of this section consistent with such state enactments. The Building Inspector shall promulgate a reasonable fee to defray the cost of issuance and administration of said permit.

Section 6.1 If the Building Inspector is notified of an unattended trench during a time when the permit holder is unavailable and the Building Inspector deems a condition at a trench site to be a threat to public safety, he may order that area around the trench be made safe for the general public and may further order the immediate shutdown of the site until such time as the condition has been corrected. The permit holder shall be assessed and be responsible to the Town for any cost incurred while making the area around the trench safe for the general public.

Section 6.2 Whenever a permit holder is making multiple trenches over the course of a single project, the Town may choose to issue a blanket permit allowing the permit holder to add to the list of trench locations as the permit holder becomes aware that a trench is required. The permit holder shall advise the Building Inspector

in writing of the addition of each new trench, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: ✓ Approved ___ Disapproved ___ No Action

Brief Explanation: This article will create a Town by-law in order to have the ability to recover expenses related to the recently enacted trench safety law.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by inserting the following section:

Section 4.12 Small Wind Energy Systems

4.12.1 Purpose

The purpose of this By-law is to provide criteria which will help the Town of Ashby evaluate a small wind project. The criteria will be utilized by building inspectors charged with issuing building permits for Small Wind Energy Facilities (SWEF). Any proposed non-conforming small wind energy systems will be addressed through a special permit process under the review of the special permit granting authority.

4.12.1.1 Applicability

This section applies to small wind systems no greater than 60 kilowatts of rated nameplate capacity proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section.

4.12.2 Definitions

Height: The height of a wind turbine measured from natural grade to the tip of the rotor blade at its highest point, or blade-tip height.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production equipment. This output is typically specified by the manufacturer with a “nameplate” on the equipment.

Small Wind Energy System: All equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity. This includes, but is not limited to, storage, electrical collection and supply equipment, transformers, service and access roads, and one or more wind turbines, which has a rated nameplate capacity of 60 kW or less.

Wind turbine: A device that converts kinetic wind energy into rotational energy that drives an electrical generator. A wind turbine typically consists of a tower, nacelle body, and a rotor with two or more blades.

4.12.3 General Requirements

4.12.3.1 Special Permit Granting Authority

No wind facility less than 60 kilowatts of rated nameplate capacity shall be erected, constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The construction of a SWEF shall be permitted in the all zoning districts subject to the issuance of a Special Permit, and provided that the use complies with all requirements set forth in sections 4.12.3, 4, 5 and 6. All such SWEF shall be constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes any adverse visual, safety, and environmental impacts. No special permit shall be granted unless the ZBA finds in writing that:

- (1) the specific site is an appropriate location for such use;
- (2) the use is not expected to adversely affect the neighborhood;
- (3) there is not expected to be any serious hazard to pedestrians or vehicles from the use;
- (4) no nuisance is expected to be created by the use; and
- (5) adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the use.

Such permits may also impose reasonable conditions, safeguards and limitations on time and use and may require the applicant to implement all reasonable measures to mitigate unforeseen adverse impacts of the SWEF, should they occur.

Wind monitoring or meteorological towers shall be permitted in all zoning districts subject to issuance of a building permit for a temporary structure.

4.12.3.2 Compliance with Laws, Bylaws and Regulations

The construction and operation of all such proposed SWEFs shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construc-

tion, environmental, electrical, communications, and FAA aviation requirements.

4.12.4 General Siting Standards

4.12.4.1 Setbacks

Wind turbines shall be set back a distance equal to the total height of the wind turbine from all inhabited structures, overhead utility lines, public road or right of way and at least twenty five (25) feet from property boundaries.

4.12.4.1.1 Setback Waiver

The building inspector may reduce the minimum setback distance if written permission is granted by the entity with care and control over the affected asset.

4.12.5 Design Standards

4.12.5.1 Appearance, Color and Finish

The wind generator and tower shall remain painted or finished the non-reflective color or finish that was originally applied by the manufacturer, unless approved in the building permit.

4.12.5.2 Lighting

Wind turbines shall be lighted only if required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Lighting of other parts of the SWEF, such as appurtenant structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties.

4.12.5.3 Signage and Advertising

Signs and advertising shall be restricted to reasonable identification of the manufacturer or operator of the small wind energy facility and shall defer to the requirements of the Town of Ashby sign regulations.

4.12.6 Safety, Aesthetic and Environmental Standards

4.12.6.1 Unauthorized Access

Wind turbines or other structures part of a SWEF shall be designed to prevent unauthorized access. For instance, the tower shall be designed and installed so as to not provide step bolts or a ladder readily accessible to the public for a minimum height of 8 feet above the ground.

4.12.6.2 Noise

The SWEF and associated equipment shall conform to the provisions of the Department of Environmental Protection's, Division of Air Quality Noise Regulations (310 CMR 7.10), unless the Department and the Permit Granting Authority agree that those provisions shall not be applicable.

4.12.6.3 Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts

Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the SWEF and is otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws.

4.12.7 Monitoring and Maintenance

4.12.7.1 System Conditions

The applicant shall maintain the SWEF in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and security measures.

4.12.8 Abandonment or Decommissioning

4.12.8.1 Removal Requirements

Any SWEF which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned shall be removed. When the SWEF is scheduled to be decommissioned, the owner shall notify the Board of Selectmen and the ZBA by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. The owner/operator shall physically remove the SWEF no more than 90 days after the date of discontinued operations. This period may be extended at the request of the operator and at the discretion of the ZBA. "Physically Remove" shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Removal of all wind turbines, structures, shelters, machinery, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site;
- (2) Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local and state waste disposal regulations; and
- (3) Restoration of the location of the SWEF to its natural condition, except the ZBA may allow the owner to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

4.12.8.2 Abandonment

Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning, the SWEF shall be considered abandoned when the facility fails to operate for more than 180 days without the written consent of the ZBA.

4.12.9 Term of Special Permit

A special permit issued for any SWEF shall be valid for 25 years, unless the Special Permit is extended or renewed upon a finding of satisfactory operation of the facility. Request for renewal must be submitted at least 180 days prior to expiration of the Special Permit. Upon the expiration of the Special Permit or any renewal thereof, the SWEF shall be removed by the owner in accordance with Section 4.11.8.1.

4.12.10 Application Process

The ZBA shall adopt rules and regulations relative to application procedures and requirements for SWEF Special Permits, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This Zoning By-Law change would permit use of wind turbines up to 60kw in all districts. Currently the Town allows wind turbines larger than 60kw in an overlay district.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173,269.68 which appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a so-called Proposition two and one-half override vote, under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), or any other enabling authority, and, if said ballot vote passes, to amend the FY2010 operating budget under Article 6 of the May 2, 2009 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the Police

Department Wages account in the amount of \$48,900.96, the Highway Department Wages account in the amount by \$58,338.72, the Employee Benefits account in the amount of \$27,374.64, the FICA account in the amount of \$1,554.98, the Land Use Agent Services account in the amount of \$6,094.28, the Firefighter Stipends account in the amount of \$5,673.24, the EMT Stipends account in the amount of \$3,151.80, the EMS Expenses account in the amount of \$2,592.87, the Band Concerts account in the amount of \$3,902.30, the Police Expenses account in the amount of \$2,614.32, the Fire Department Expenses account in the amount of \$2,614.32, the Town Hall Expenses account in the amount of \$2,000.00, the Library Building Fuel account in the amount of \$2,900.25, the Highway Gas and Diesel account in the amount of \$2,778.50 and the Highway Barn Fuel account in the amount of \$2,778.50 for the purpose of restoring budget cuts to level fund back to FY2008 service levels, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article is required to restore the FY08 level of Town services by continuing to provide midnight shift police officer coverage; two highway workers to make road repairs, the Land Use Agent services, Firefighter and EMT stipends to help defray their certification and training expenses, restore the partial Summer Band Concerts and address increases in the price of heating and fuel oils and gasoline. This would add .49 cents to the tax rate per thousand, or \$129.70 per year to the average household (or .36 cents per day).

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Brief Explanation: This article allows the Town Meeting to gather and total any monies that were available and not appropriated at previous articles and direct that sum to the Stabilization Fund.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy in at least three (3) public places in said Ashby seven (7) days at least before holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of April, 2009.

Geoffrey Woollacott
Chair

Peter McMurray
Procurement

Dan Meunier
Clerk

ASHBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By virtue of this precept, I have posted three (3) attested copies of the foregoing warrant in three (3) public places in said Ashby at least seven days before the time of said Annual Town Meeting.

Date: 4/16/2009

William Davis, CONSTABLE OF ASHBY

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 2, 2009

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 9:15 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Peter Rourke called the meeting to order at 9:50 AM.

The moderator states that rules of the meeting are to be the same as the Special Town Meeting.

The motion was made and seconded to allow the moderator to declare a two-thirds vote, and so voted.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. The motion was made and seconded to elect all other town officers not required to be on the official ballot.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 2. The motion was made and seconded to hear the reports of the various town officials and committees.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 3. The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Treasurer to borrow funds as necessary in anticipation of revenue, in accordance with Chapter 44, Sections 23 to 27 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following sums in trust; the income therefrom to be expended for the perpetual care of lots as follows:

Glenwood Cemetery

Amount	Name	Ave.	Lot	Section
\$200.00	A.Gadway & L.Senechal	B-Rear	29	Lyman
\$200.00	Susan Mahan	D	2A	Lyman
\$400.00	Althea & Howard Sumner	C	31	Lyman
\$400.00	Judith & Mark Sumner	C	32	Lyman
\$400.00	Russ & Maryruth Ryan	B-Rear	30	Lyman
\$200.00	Elaine Tucker	E	2	Lyman
\$200.00	E. Lahtinen & C.Starzmam	D	3A	Lyman
\$200.00	Glen D. Tommasaso	D	4A	Lyman
\$200.00	Colin Bourn	E	3	Lyman
\$400.00	Judy & John Mikkola	E	30	Lyman
\$400.00	Lauri & Pirkko Lassila	E	4	Lyman
\$400.00	Elwin & Virginia Shepherd	D	5A	Lyman

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 5. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$173,252 known as Chapter 90 to be used by the Highway Department in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 6. The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sums of money necessary to defray charges and expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year, FY2010, beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, with each item considered to be a separate appropriation as set forth below, and to fix the salaries of all elected officials.

\$ 534,607.38 for General Government

\$ 770,006.11 for Protection of Persons and Property

\$ 2,944,413.35 for Education

\$ 362,574.66 for Public Works & Facilities

\$ 22,017.94 for Human Services

\$ 67,558.70 for Culture & Recreation

\$ 448,544.19 for General Government Expenses

For a total sum of \$ 5,149,722.33 for the FY2010 operating budget.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 7. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$21,079.06 to be expended by the Solid Waste Department to defray the operational expenses and other necessary charges of the Recycling Center and Transfer Station for the ensuing fiscal year, FY2010, beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

Description	FY10 Amount
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Revenues:

Loan Balance/Retained Earnings	\$ 2,319.00
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Interest Income	\$ 536.42
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Trash Disposal Fees Collected	\$ 10,014.27
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Recyclable Fees Collected	\$ 4,304.57
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Recyclable Sales	\$ 3,904.80
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Hauler Permit Fees	\$ 0.00
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Total Revenues:	\$ 21,079.06
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Expenses:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,800.00
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General Operating Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
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Trash Trucking Services	\$ 2,400.00
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Trash Disposal Expenses	\$ 6,830.06
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Recycling Expenses	\$ 4,230.00
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Emergency Reserve	\$ 2,319.00
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Total Expenses:	\$ 21,079.06
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VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 13. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the parcel of land located on Wheeler Road as described in Assessors Map 5, Parcel 34, Lot 9 and identified in the instrument recorded at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 18604 on Page 001 from the Town Treasurer for tax title purposes to the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 14. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the parcel of land located on Foster Road as described in Assessors Map 5, Parcel 45, Lot 0 and identified in the instrument recorded at the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 24540 on Page 574 from the Town Treasurer for tax title purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for purposes of sale.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 15. The motion was made and seconded to accept certain provisions of Chapter 32B of the Massachusetts General Laws, authorizing the Town to provide a plan of contributory group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance for certain persons in the service of the Town and dependents, and, shall the Town be allowed to pay a subsidiary or additional rate over the minimum specified fifty percent toward a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 16. The motion was made and seconded to accept certain provisions of Chapter 152, Section 69 of the Massachusetts General Laws, authorizing the Town to provide a plan to provide workers compensation

coverage on all elected and appointed officers, with the exception of the Selectmen.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 17. The motion was made and seconded to amend the Town By-Laws, Article II, Section 5 by deleting the words “a copy of the Town Report” and by adding a sentence that states: “A copy of the Town Report will be available on the Town Website, the Library and the Town Clerk’s Office”.

The motion was made and seconded to amend Article 17 the last sentence to read “Copies of the Town Report will be available at the Town Clerk’s office, the Library and on the Town web site.”

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: PASSED

VOTE ON AMMENDED ARTICLE: PASSED

Article 18. The motion was made and seconded to extend the period of Section 4.8 Rate of Development of the Zoning By-Law for five years from the date of this Town Meeting.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 19. The motion was made and seconded to amend the Town By-Laws by inserting the following section in Article X:

Section 6. TRENCH SAFETY. Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 82A, the Town hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the regulations of the Division of Public Safety as promulgated under 520 CMR 14.00 as same may be from time to time amended. The Building Inspector shall serve as the permitting authority and may promulgate additional regulations for the administration of this section consistent with such state enactments. The Building Inspector shall promulgate a reasonable fee to defray the cost of issuance and administration of said permit.

Section 6.1 If the Building Inspector is notified of an unattended trench during a time when the permit holder is unavailable and the

Building Inspector deems a condition at a trench site to be a threat to public safety, he may order that area around the trench be made safe for the general public and may further order the immediate shutdown of the site until such time as the condition has been corrected. The permit holder shall be assessed and be responsible to the Town for any cost incurred while making the area around the trench safe for the general public.

Section 6.2 Whenever a permit holder is making multiple trenches over the course of a single project, the Town may choose to issue a blanket permit allowing the permit holder to add to the list of trench locations as the permit holder becomes aware that a trench is required. The permit holder shall advise the Building Inspector in writing of the addition of each new trench.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 20. The motion was made and seconded to amend the Zoning By-Law as printed in the warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 21. The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173,269.68 which appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a so-called Proposition two and one-half override vote, under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), or any other enabling authority, and, if said ballot vote passes, to amend the FY2010 operating budget under Article 6 of the May 2, 2009 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the Police Department Wages account in the amount of \$48,900.96, the Highway Department Wages account in the amount by \$58,338.72, the Employee Benefits account in the amount of \$27,374.64, the FICA account in the amount of \$1,554.98, the Land Use Agent Services account in the amount of \$6,094.28, the Firefighter Stipends account in the amount of \$5,673.24, the EMT Stipends account in the amount of \$3,151.80, the EMS Expenses account in the amount of \$2,592.87, the Band Concerts account in the amount of \$3,902.30, the Police Expenses account in the amount of \$2,614.32, the Fire Department Expenses account in the amount of \$2,614.32, the Town Hall Expenses account in the

amount of \$2,000.00, the Library Building Fuel account in the amount of \$2,900.25, the Highway Gas and Diesel account in the amount of \$2,778.50 and the Highway Barn Fuel account in the amount of \$2,778.50 for the purpose of restoring budget cuts to level fund back to FY2008 service levels.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 22. The motion was made and seconded to postpone Article 22 indefinitely.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 11:26 AM, and so voted.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

**TOWN OF ASHBY
SPECIAL ELECTION
June 16, 2009**

Middlesex, ss:

To: Constable of the Town of Ashby in said County:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Ashby Elementary School Auditorium in said Ashby, Tuesday, the 16th day of June next, at 12:00 noon, to give in their votes on one ballot for the following question:

**LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE
QUESTION 1.**

“Shall the Town of Ashby be allowed to assess an additional \$ 173,269.68 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of restoring budget cuts to level fund back to FY2008 service levels for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009?”

YES _____

NO _____

The polls will be open at 12:00 noon and shall close at 7:30 PM.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy in three (3) public places in said Ashby at least seven days before holding of said election.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of election aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 4th day of May, 2009.

Peter McMurray
Chair

Dan Meunier

Joseph Casey

ASHBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By virtue of this precept, I have posted three (3) copies of the foregoing warrant in three (3) public places in said Ashby seven days at least before time of said Special Town Election.

Date: 5/6/2009

William Davis, CONSTABLE OF ASHBY

**TOWN OF ASHBY
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
JUNE 16, 2009**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk at by Constable William Davis on Tuesday, June 16, 2008 at 7:30 AM.

Election officers on duty and duly sworn in were as follows: Rachel Patnaude, Betty Tiilikkala, Wendy Baird, Rosemary Wayrynen, Amy Meunier, Marja LePoer and Patricia Beauregard.

The polls opened at 12:00 noon.

The following is the question and the votes and blanks it received as it appeared on the official ballot.

**LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE
QUESTION 1.**

“Shall the Town of Ashby be allowed to assess an additional \$ 173,269.68 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of restoring budget cuts to level fund back to FY2008 service levels for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009?”

YES	131
NO	250
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	381

The polls closed at 7:30 PM.

Tellers on duty and duly sworn in were as follows: Nancy Peeler, Elaine Kielty, Pamela Peeler and Shaun Kielty.

At the close of the polls the ballot box read 381 voters had cast a ballot; the checkers' tally sheets read 381 voters had cast a ballot.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

TOWN OF ASHBY
Special Town Meeting
Middlesex, ss:

To: Constable of the Town of Ashby in said County:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ashby, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Elementary School Auditorium in said Ashby, Monday, November 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following articles:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$47.58 from the Town Report account to the Prior Year Bills account for the purpose of paying a prior year Cemetery bill, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$75.00 from the Town Report account to the Prior Year Bills account for the purpose of paying a prior year Police Department Expenses bill, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$18.76 from the Town Report account to the Prior Year Bills account for the purpose of paying a prior year EMS bill, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,199 from Free Cash for the purpose of paying the FY10 budget shortfall as a result of the reduction in State Aid, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$54,340.82 from Free Cash for the purpose of paying the FY09 deficit created by the unreimbursed costs of the December 11, 2008 ice storm, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$750 from the Collector Expenses account to the Assistant Collector Wages account for the purpose of paying assistant collector wages, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Treasurer's borrowing in anticipation of State Aid for an amount not to exceed \$495,000 that has been approved by the Department of Revenue Emergency Board, for the purpose of paying bills and payroll, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to rescind its May 5, 2007 Annual Town Meeting vote on Article 24 allocating the sum of \$142,025.40 from the Stabilization Fund to pay for the Town's portion of a Small Town Road Assistance grant pursuant to 720 CMR 11:00 contingent on receipt of said grant, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Town Report account to the Highway Regular Overtime account for the purpose of paying Highway overtime wages, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,930 from Free Cash to the Technology and Systems account for the purpose of paying for computer equipment and services, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,900 from Free Cash to the Highway Wages account for the purpose of paying highway wages, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 143, Section 3Z allowing a part-time building inspector to perform construction work in the town in which he is inspector, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action: Approved Disapproved No Action

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy in at least three (3) public places in said Ashby fourteen (14) days at least before holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 10th day of November, 2009.

Peter McMurray
Chair

Dan Meunier
Procurement

Joseph Casey
Clerk

ASHBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By virtue of this precept, I have posted three (3) attested copies of the foregoing warrant in three (3) public places in said Ashby at least fourteen days before the time of said Special Town Meeting.

Date: 11/16/2009

William Davis, CONSTABLE OF ASHBY

RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING November 30, 2009

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 6:50 PM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Peter Rourke called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. The warrant showed it had been properly served.

The motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the warrant, and so voted.

The rules of the meeting were read.

The motion was made and seconded to allow the moderator to declare a two-thirds vote, and so voted.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

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VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 2. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$75.00 from the Town Report account to the Prior Year Bills account for the purpose of paying a prior year Police Department Expenses bill.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 3. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$18.76 from the Town Report account to the Prior Year Bills account for the purpose of paying a prior year EMS bill.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 4. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$50,199 from Free Cash for the purpose of paying the FY10 budget shortfall as a result of the reduction in State Aid.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 5. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$54,340.82 from Free Cash for the purpose of paying the FY09 deficit created by the unreimbursed costs of the December 11, 2008 ice storm.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 6. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$750 from the Collector Expenses account to the Assistant Collector Wages account for the purpose of paying assistant collector wages.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 7. The motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's borrowing in anticipation of State Aid for an amount not to exceed \$495,000 that has been approved by the Department of Revenue Emergency Board for the purpose of paying bills and payroll.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 8. The motion was made and seconded to rescind its May 5, 2007 Annual Town Meeting vote on Article 24 allocating the sum of \$142,025.40 from the Stabilization Fund to pay for the Town's portion of a Small Town Road Assistance grant pursuant to 720 CMR 11:00 contingent on receipt of said grant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 9. The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Town Report account to the Highway Regular Overtime account for the purpose of paying Highway overtime wages.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 10. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$2,930 from Free Cash to the Technology and Systems account for the purpose of paying for computer equipment and services.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Article 11. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$5,900 from Free Cash to the Highway Wages account for the purpose of paying highway wages.

VOTE: DEFEATED

Article 12. The motion was made and seconded to accept Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 143, Section 3Z allowing a part-time building inspector to perform construction work in the town in which he is inspector.

VOTE: PASSED

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:58 PM , and so voted.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

MIDDLESEX, SS:

To: Constable of the Town of Ashby

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Special State Primaries to vote at the Ashby Elementary School Auditorium on TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following office:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 28th day of October, 2009.

Peter McMurray
Chair

Dan Meunier
Procurement

Joseph Casey
Clerk

ASHBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By virtue of this precept, I have posted three (3) attested copies of the foregoing warrant in three (3) public places in said Ashby at least seven days before the time of the Special State Primary.

Date: 11/3/2009

William Davis, CONSTABLE OF ASHBY

RESULTS OF SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY December 8, 2009

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 6:30 A.M.

Election Officers on duty and duly sworn were as follows: Patricia Beauregard, Betty Tiilikkala,, Wendy Baird, Rosemary Wayrynen, Rachel Patnaude, Marja LePoer and Amy Meunier.

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m.

The following is a list of candidates as they appeared on the official ballots and also the votes each received, and the total blanks:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	VOTES
Michael E. Capuano	59
Martha Coakley	172
Alan A. Khazei	30
Stephen G. Pagliuca	34
All others	0
Blanks	1
Total ballots cast	296

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	VOTES
Scott P. Brown	142
Jack E. Robinson	14
All others	0
Blanks	0
Total ballots cast	156

LIBERTARIAN PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT

NO BALLOTS CAST

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Tellers on duty and duly sworn were as follows: Nancy Peeler, Deborah Pillsbury, Janet Flinkstrom, Pamela Peeler, Elaine Kielty and Shaun Kielty.

At the close of the polls the ballot box read 452 voters had cast a ballot; the checkers' lists tallied 296 Democrats and 156 Republicans had cast ballots, for a total of 452 voters.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

MIDDLESEX, SS:

To: Constable of the Town of Ashby

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in State Elections to vote at the Ashby Elementary School Auditorium on TUESDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following office:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of December, 2009.

Peter McMurray
Chair

Dan Meunier
Procurement

Joseph Casey
Clerk

ASHBY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By virtue of this precept, I have posted three (3) attested copies of the foregoing warrant in three (3) public places in said Ashby seven days at least before time of said State Election.

Date: _____

William Davis, CONSTABLE OF ASHBY

BALLOT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 26, 2010

MODERATOR, Three Years Nancy E. Chew 775 Piper Rd.	VOTE FOR ONE
SELECTMAN, Three Years Peter McMurray 1392 West State Rd.	VOTE FOR ONE <i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>
TOWN CLERK, Three Years Lorraine Pease 328 Richardson Rd.	VOTE FOR ONE <i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>
TREASURER, Three Years Kate Stacy 75 Frost Rd.	VOTE FOR ONE <i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>
ASSESSOR, Three Years	VOTE FOR ONE
ASSESSOR, One Year	VOTE FOR ONE
NORTH MIDDLESEX SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Three years Kenneth P. Brown 47 Mayo Rd.	VOTE FOR ONE
CONSTABLE, Three Years William A. Davis 202 Nourse Rd.	VOTE FOR ONE <i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>
BOARD OF HEALTH, Three Years Cedwyn Morgan 593 Erickson Rd.	VOTE FOR ONE <i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>
PLANNING BOARD, Five Years Wayne A. Stacy 66 Bennett Rd.	VOTE FOR ONE <i>Candidate for Re-Election</i>

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Three Years

VOTE FOR ONE

PARK COMMISSIONER, Three Years

VOTE FOR ONE

Stephanie B. Lammi
676 West Rd.

Candidate for Re-Election

LIBRARY TRUSTEES, Three Years

VOTE FOR THREE

David A. Jordan
370 Frost Rd.

Candidate for Re-Election

Douglas Leab
611 Piper Rd.

Anne P. Manney
260 New Ipswich Rd.

TREE WARDEN, One year

VOTE FOR ONE