

**ANNUAL  
REPORTS**

**For the year  
2010**



**TOWN OF ASHBY  
MASSACHUSETTS**

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<b>Available Funds</b>	Free cash, reserves, and unexpected balances available for appropriation.
<b>Chapter 90</b>	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.
<b>Cherry Sheet</b>	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.
<b>Estimated Receipts</b>	Estimate of miscellaneous receipts based on previous year’s receipts deducted by the Assessors from gross amount to be raised by taxation.
<b>Free Cash</b>	Amount certified by the Department of Revenue determined by any excess revenue and unexpended appropriations of the prior year.
<b>Matching Funds</b>	Amount made available by special State and Federal acts to supplement local appropriations for specific types of projects.
<b>Provision for Abatements &amp; Exemptions (formerly OVERLAY)</b>	Amount raised by Assessors for purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements granted.
<b>Provision for Abatements &amp; Exemptions Surplus (formerly Overlay Surplus)</b>	Excess determined by the Assessors (exceeding tax balance for that year) which may be voted for extra-ordinary or unforeseen purposes.
<b>Reserve Fund</b>	Amount appropriated for unforeseen or emergency purposes, controlled exclusively by the Finance Committee.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In 2010 Ashby was able to maintain and improve in some areas due to the help of the North Middlesex School Committee cutting their budget which helped the town get through these tough economic times. So many thanks to our Representative Ken Brown and to the Committee for all the hours they put in.

The town was able to continue the third shift Police Officer with the help of a grant and the town funding the remainder of the year. Hopefully we can continue this in the future without the grant funding.

The town hired the Collins Research Group to help with an Organization Chart, update our Personnel Handbook and put in to place Personnel Review procedures. The Group, headed by Michael Ward, worked very hard and brought the town plans and information for the future. The Board wants to thank the Collins Center for their help which will benefit Ashby and will help other towns.

It has been over a year that Ashby has been without a Town Administrator. In 2011 we will be working to hire a new Town Administrator. During this year without an Administrator, the Board would like to thank everyone that works everyday to keep the town moving in the right direction. A special thank you to Jennifer Collins, that has kept the day to day flow of information to the Board members.

The Board of Selectmen wants to thank the Police Department, Fire Department and Highway Department who work together to protect the citizens of Ashby. Each Department works very hard every day while being understaffed. They still find time to apply for successful grants which benefit the town. They also support other groups in town and are able to do fundraising for special causes.

Another group in town that we wish to thank is the young men that have made the ranking of Eagle Scout. They have helped the town in many ways and we all should be grateful and very proud of the work they have done in the Town.

2011 will be another tough year for the budget, but with the help of everyone we will continue to offer the best services we can under these tough economic times.

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

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

During the fiscal year 2010, the Finance Committee has held regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday throughout the year, and has scheduled additional meetings on an as needed basis. Public notice with agenda items are posted on the

Town bulletin board and on the Town of Ashby web page at [www.ci.ashby.ma.us](http://www.ci.ashby.ma.us). We encourage and welcome the public at all of our meetings and welcome their input.

As was reported in the previous years Town Report the maintenance of the Town Buildings are in dire need of repair. This on going neglect of the our Municipal Buildings, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, is not acceptable, due to employee's health, safety, their working environment, plus the cost that we are incurring due the elements of deterioration. The Finance Committee has made recommendations to various committees, but it has never come to fruition. We will look to our public constituents to come forward to assist in making the necessary repairs with a plan that will be affordable to all taxpayers.

The Finance Committee is responsible for preparing the budget as voted and accepted in the Town Bylaws. Fiscal Year 2010 budget was presented by the Board of Selectmen not the Finance Committee and printed for the Special and Annual Town Meeting on May 1, 2010. We did our best and made amendments at the Annual Town Meeting, but all were defeated.

It was a pleasure to be a part of the team players that have a respect for our town needs. We thank Martha Svedberg, whom was not reinstated to the Finance Committee, John Steffian and Melissa Coyle whom resigned due to personal conflict. The Finance Committee has segregated terms of one, two or three years as noted on the green card presented to a new member by the Town Clerk when duly sworn in.

The newly appointed members for FY 2010 are: Suzanne Caron, Brian Foster, John Margosiak, Joe Armstrong-Champ, and Chris Haynes, plus reinstated members Lillian Whitney and Kevin Stetson.

Respectfully submitted,  
G. Lillian Whitney

## **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 Monday / Wednesday / Thursday 9:00 AM to 1 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 12 PM, and Wednesday Evenings 4-8 or by appointment. The board meets at 6:00 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](mailto:assess@ci.ashby.ma.us). Data on real property is available at [www.csc-ma.us/Ashby](http://www.csc-ma.us/Ashby).

Board and Staff  
 Oliver Mutch, *Chairman*  
 Doug Cudmore, *Member*  
 John Vogt, *Member*  
 Harald M. Scheid, *Regional Tax Assessor*  
 Linda Couture, *Associate Assessor*  
 Lois Raymond, *Administrative Assistant*

### Fiscal 2010 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	94.9410	303,045,953	13.64	4,133,546.80
Open Space	0.0000	-0-	13.64	-0-
Commercial	2.8025	8,945,276	13.64	122,013.56
Industrial	0.3157	1,007,700	13.64	13,745.03
Personal Prop	1.9408	6,194,976	13.64	84,499.47
TOTALS	100.0000	319,193,905	13.64	4,353,804.86

### Prior Valuation and Tax History

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>	<i>Total Valuation</i>	<i>Accounts</i>	<i>Tax Levy</i>
2010	13.64	319,193,905	1,826	4,353,805
2009	11.96	351,803,275	1,836	4,203,690
2008	11.53	350,386,764	1,831	4,039,959
2007	11.70	350,003,100	1,813	4,095,036
2006	10.64	338,987,900	1,769	3,606,831
2005	11.81	294,241,300	1,757	3,474,990
2004	13.49	253,655,200	1,759	3,419,272
2003	13.39	228,753,800	1,716	3,063,013

**Fiscal Year 2010 Abstract of Assessments**

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<i>Prop Class Code/Description</i>	<i>Accts</i>	<i>Class Valuation</i>	<i>Average Value</i>
012 - 043 Mixed Use Properties	26	21,909,961	842,691
101 Residential Single Family	1063	257,816,174	242,536
102 Residential Condominiums	0	-0-	
104 Residential Two Family	14	3,440,600	245,757
105 Residential Three Family	2	766,400	383,200
Miscellaneous Residential	14	2,245,600	160,400
111 - 125 Apartments	1	262,500	262,500
130 - 132, 106 Vacant Land	368	19,815,400	53,846
200 - 231 Open Space	0	-0-	
300 - 393 Commercial	21	4,724,100	224,957
400 - 442 Industrial	4	1,007,700	251,925
501 - 508 Personal Property	206	6,194,976	30,073
600-821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	107	1,010,494	9,444
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1826</b>	<b>319,193,905</b>	

**Assessors' Account for Exemptions and Abatements**

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<i>Description</i>	<i>FY2010</i>	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>FY2008</i>	<i>FY2007</i>
Assessors' Overlay	65,163.76	66,403.52	56,359.69	58,828.06
Charges to 6/30/11	37,540.14	39,275.77	37,504.20	52,885.73
Balance	27,623.62	27,127.75	18,855.49	5,942.33

**New Growth Revenue**

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<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>New Revenues</i>
2010	21,487
2009	49,051
2008	39,192
2007	61,399
2006	71,272
2005	127,888



## TREASURER

As of December 31, 2010 available cash was equal to \$295,238.41, and a total of \$1,991.74 was earned in interest from the general fund accounts.

The sum of \$49,748.30 was collected in tax title receipts and foreclosure redemptions.

The following trust fund balances as of December 31, 2010 are:

John Forbes Memorial Clock Fund	\$ 1,267.06
School Funds	
Jesse Foster	\$ 1,052.77
Samuel P. Gates	\$ 21,018.15
Sumner Taylor	\$ 2,779.28
Cemetery Funds	
Sale of Lots	\$ 24,643.16
Perpetual Care	\$ 88,760.50
Rosanna Robbins	\$ 90,380.45
Open Space Acquisition Fund	\$ 18,831.73
Stabilization Fund	\$468,444.34
Police-Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 482.49
Library Trust Funds	\$311,314.06
Memorial Trusts	\$ 10,905.82

The Town currently has no long-term borrowing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate E. Stacy, *Treasurer*

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR

Our UPGRADED UNIBANK online lets you schedule future payment dates, receive automated bill notifications, recall payment history and much more! Visit [www.ci.ashby.ma.us](http://www.ci.ashby.ma.us) to create a personal account and enjoy these new features. Unibank payments deposit directly into the town bank account, and you select which account moves into my payment import file. It is less ideal with bill payer checks: these funds release to 3rd party processing centers, are mailed from out-of-state, and I must reprint coupons for posting (a challenge if the bill# is missing or wrong). Unibank works for BOTH of us – give it a try!

The state legislature has approved E-BILLING as a voluntary option to receive property tax bills. Sign-up links at [www.kelleyryan.com](http://www.kelleyryan.com) let you go green with excise as soon as an amendment is signed. Our Deputy Collector has the RMV data for matching and e-billing will be free. Taxpayers choosing e-billing are linked to pay these bills online using Unibank. Implementing property tax e-billing would require a switch from in-house print/stuff/ mailing to an outside firm, with fees for printing and e-billing. I want to learn the timing & cost for in-house software upgrades before considering property tax e-billing options.

Finally, some towns switch to mailing property tax bills only twice per year to cut costs, with coupons for two quarters inside each envelope. The savings is not so clear cut: the more involved folding/stuffing would likely require the use of an outside print firm, with a net savings of .53cents/parcel/year (or \$1500). Taxpayer inconvenience, the risk of missed payments, and reprinting lost tax bills are offsetting considerations and costs. For now, there will be no changes, and I will continue mailing your property tax bills four (4) times per year.

### **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, you may call me at 978-386-2427 ext13, visit during my walk-in hours, or arrange an appointment. To further taxpayer service in my absence, the Town Clerk staff is bonded to accept tax payments and provide stamped receipts

### **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. Unpaid real estate bills are eventually recorded as tax title and transfer to the Treasurer. Ignoring an Excise bill eventually prohibits vehicle registration and license renewal at the registry. 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 to request an abatement application.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Ann Scheid

**Unpaid Real Estate tax recorded as TAX TITLE as of December 31st. Unpaid taxes, interest and fees transfer to the Treasurer's books for further collection.**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Added to Existing (#)</i>	<i>New Accts (#)</i>	<i>Total Transfer</i>	<i>Rate</i>
2004	25,401 (41)	9,828 (10)	35,230	1.04%
2005- multiple years taken per acct		20,689 (4)	20,689	n/a
2005	11,921 (16)	18,892 (12)	30,813	.89%
2006	18,026 (17)	4,055 (2)	22,081	.62%
2007	5,905 (9)	17,322 (13)	23,227	.57%
2008- lien	86,615 (1)		86,615	n/a
2008	6,416 (7)	22,620 (10)	29,035	.72%
2009	1,422 (1)	28,793 (13)	30,215	.72%
2010	18,550 (6)	7,257 (4)	25,807	.60%
2010 – held for deed research		4,109 (3)	pending	.01%

**OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES as of December 31st.**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Personal Property</i>		<i>Motor Vehicle Excise</i>	
2000-2003	13		2,944	
2004	40		1,376	
2005	65		1,293	
2006	59		1,194	
2007	99		2,777	
2008	227		2,594	
2009	459		3,559	
2010	634	0.8%	10,670	3.2%

**COMMITMENT COMPARISONS as of December 31st.**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>		<i>Personal Property</i>		<i>Motor Vehicle</i>	
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	332,827	-3,481
FY2011	4,381,324	+112,019	123,277	+38,778	report Dec. 2011	

Town of Ashby  
 FY2010 Expense Report (All Entries)- General Fund  
 July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

EXPENSE CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
<b>ENCUMBERED</b>							
T. Clerk Encumbered	015161-900		1,849	1,849	1,849	0	100%
Highway Road Maint Encumb	015422-901		1,000	1,000	1,000	0	100%
Highway Machiner Encumb	015422-902		585	585	585	0	100%
Tree Warden Encumb	015425-900		750	750	750	0	100%
Library Building Maint Encumb	015610-900		2,280	2,280	2,280	0	100%
<b>TOTAL ENCUMBERED</b>		-	6,464	6,464	6,464	0	100%

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Town Clerical Staff Wages	015122-505	31,885	2,400	34,285	34,118	167	100%
Admin & Operations Expense	015122-520	6,600	8,500	15,100	7,352	7,748	49%
Town Administrator Salary	015123-500	52,195	(17,600)	34,595	28,898	5,698	84%
Unpaid Bills	015125-520	-	141	141	141	0	100%
Finance Committee Expense	015131-520	100	324	424	424	0	100%
Reserve Fund	015132-520	51,300	(29,380)	21,920	0	21,920	0%
Town Accountant Salary	015135-500	27,555	0	27,555	27,555	0	100%
Town Accountant Expense	015135-520	3,251	0	3,251	2,831	420	87%
Audit of Records	015135-530	16,500	0	16,500	16,500	0	100%
Professional Assessor	015141-002	16,705	0	16,705	16,300	405	98%
Assessor Clerical Wages	015141-505	15,809	0	15,809	13,933	1,876	88%

**Town of Ashby**  
**FY2010 Expense Report (All Entries)- General Fund**  
**July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010**

<b>EXPENSE CATEGORY</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>ORIGINAL BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET REVISIONS</b>	<b>REVISED BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL EXPENDED</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>% Exp</b>
Assessor Expense	015141-520	963	225	1,188	1,162	25	98%
Assessors Map Maintenance	015141-535	500	0	500	500	0	100%
Senior Work Off Program	015141-538	-	0	0	0	0	0%
Cama Expense	015142-545	1,800	0	1,800	1,800	0	100%
Treasurer Salary	015145-500	22,769	0	22,769	22,769	0	100%
Treasurer Expense	015145-520	4,428	1,365	5,793	4,350	1,443	75%
Tax Title Expense	015145-540	9,800	(1,497)	8,303	3,421	4,882	41%
Collector Salary	015146-500	29,044	0	29,044	29,044	0	100%
Assist. Collector Wages	015146-505	-	0	0	0	0	0%
Collector Expense	015146-520	14,578	0	14,578	9,652	4,926	66%
Collector Software	015146-545	4,976	0	4,976	4,976	0	100%
Legal Counsel Services	015151-520	37,000	0	37,000	27,444	9,556	74%
Technology & Systems	015151-520	1,500	7,430	8,930	8,653	277	97%
Town Clerk Salary	015161-500	27,296	0	27,296	27,296	0	100%
Asst. Town Clerk Wages	015161-505	6,644	0	6,644	4,045	2,600	61%
Town Clerk Expense	015161-520	2,705	0	2,705	1,371	1,334	51%
Elect Off. & Regist. Stipend	015162-510	4,811	0	4,811	4,372	439	91%
Election & Regist. Expense	015162-558	4,800	(2,500)	2,300	1,723	577	75%
Town Clerk Dog Lic. Expense	015161-550	332	0	332	312	20	94%
Public Records Preservation	015161-004	2,000	2,500	4,500	1,226	3,274	27%
Town Reports	015163-520	4,200	(641)	3,559	3,084	474	87%

Town of Ashby									
FY2010 Expense Report (All Entries)- General Fund									
July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010									
EXPENSE CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp		
Conservation Commission	015171-520	1,214	0	1,214	1,200	13	99%		
Planning Board Expense	015175-520	516	0	516	509	7	99%		
Zoning Board Expense	015176-520	334	176	510	510	0	100%		
Mont Plan Comm Assessment	015176-560	799	0	799	799	0	100%		
Land Use Agent	015177-000	9,406	0	9,406	5,435	3,971	58%		
T. Office Expense	015192-595	12,714	1,466	14,180	14,130	51	100%		
T. Office Custodian	015192-565	1,250	0	1,250	1,250	0	100%		
T. Office Fuel and Electric	015192-590	28,000	0	28,000	24,543	3,457	88%		
Care of Town Clock	015193-520	500	0	500	500	0	100%		
Municipal Grounds Wages	015198-505	2,000	1,300	3,300	3,271	29	99%		
Municipal Building Repair	015198-520	2,000	0	2,000	796	1,204	40%		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		<b>460,777</b>	<b>(25,791)</b>	<b>434,986</b>	<b>358,194</b>	<b>76,792</b>	<b>82%</b>		
<b>PROTECT PERSONS &amp; PROP</b>									
Police Chief Salary	015210-500	70,980	(3,206)	67,774	59,781	7,993	88%		
Police Wages	015210-505	302,972	0	302,972	293,419	9,553	97%		
Police Expense	015210-520	49,152	14,128	63,280	60,458	2,823	96%		
Police Station Fuel/Electric	015210-590	11,557	0	11,557	9,669	1,888	84%		
Police Station Bldg Maint	015210-595	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	100%		
Fire Chief Salary	015220-500	50,392	0	50,392	50,392	0	100%		

Town of Ashby  
 FY2010 Expense Report (All Entries)- General Fund  
 July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

EXPENSE CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
Firefighters' Wages	015220-505	8,878	3,905	12,783	12,783	0	100%
Firefighter EMT Wages	015220-507	36,000	0	36,000	35,997	3	100%
Firefighters' Stipend	015220-510	-	0	0	0	0	0%
Firefighter/EMT Overtime Wages	015220-515	4,373	0	4,373	3,465	908	79%
Fire Dept. Expenses	015220-520	19,407	2,507	21,914	21,914	0	100%
Fire Station Fuel	015220-590	2,350	(1,473)	877	877	0	100%
Fire Equipment Replacement	015220-610	-	0	0	0	0	0%
Waste Oil Coordinator Stip	015221-510	2,000		2,000	2,000	0	100%
Waste Oil Expense	015221-520	300		300	300	0	100%
EMT Wages	015232-505	11,245	220	11,465	11,465	0	100%
EMT Stipend	015232-510	-	0	0	0	0	0%
EMT Expense	015232-520	7,307	1,200	8,507	8,507	0	100%
EMS ALS Charges & Fees	015232-615	13,828	12,385	26,213	26,213	0	100%
Emergency Management Exp	015235-520	364	0	364	364	0	100%
E-911 Expenses	015238-520	76	0	76	74	2	97%
Hazardous Waste Coord. Stipend	015240-510	323	0	323	0	323	0%
Bldg/Zoning Insp Salary	015241-500	9,821	0	9,821	9,821	0	100%
Bldg/Zoning Insp Expense	015241-520	908	0	908	33	875	4%
Plumbing/Gas Insp Salary	015243-500	5,808	0	5,808	5,808	0	100%
Plumbing/Gas Insp Expense	015243-520	115	0	115	0	115	0%
Electrical Insp Salary	015245-500	5,808	0	5,808	4,500	1,308	77%

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EXPENSE CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp		
Electrical Insp Expense	015245-520	200	0	200	0	200	0%		
Insp of Animals Salary	015515-510	400	0	400	400	0	100%		
Insp of Animals Expense	015515-820	-	0	0	0	0	0%		
Dog Off/Animal Ent Salary	015292-500	10,139	0	10,139	10,139	0	100%		
Dog Off/Animal Ent Expense	015292-505	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	0	100%		
Dispatch Director Salary	015299-500	1,545	0	1,545	0	1,545	0%		
Dispatcher Wages	015299-505	138,488	0	138,488	138,488	0	100%		
Dispatcher Expenses	015299-520	1,955	0	1,955	1,570	385	80%		
<b>TOTAL PROTECT PERS &amp; PROP</b>		<b>769,191</b>	<b>29,666</b>	<b>798,857</b>	<b>770,936</b>	<b>27,921</b>	<b>97%</b>		
<b>EDUCATION</b>									
Reg Voc Tech School Expense	015300-560	320,564	0	320,564	317,744	2,820	99%		
NMRSD Reg School/Assessment	015305-560	2,352,758	0	2,352,758	2,352,758	0	100%		
NMRSD Reg. School Transportation	015305-705	244,711	0	244,711	244,711	0	100%		
NMRSD Debt Service	015305-710	26,380	0	26,380	26,380	0	100%		
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>2,944,413</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,944,413</b>	<b>2,941,593</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>100%</b>		
<b>PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES</b>									
Highway Super. Wages	015422-500	45,376	0	45,376	44,612	764	98%		
Highway Department Wages	015422-505	105,566	0	105,566	104,936	630	99%		
Highway Regular Overtime	015422-515	525	816	1,342	1,115	227	83%		



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EXPENSE CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
Highway Department Expense	015422-520	7,247	1,264	8,511	8,178	333	96%
Highway Barn Fuel	015422-590	9,500	44	9,544	9,544	0	100%
Highway Road Maintenance	015422-620	40,000	7,500	47,500	47,091	409	99%
Highway Machinery Expense	015422-625	30,000	(44)	29,956	29,281	674	98%
Highway Gas & Diesel	015422-630	25,250	(7,900)	17,350	16,127	1,223	93%
Hwy Winter Operation Overtime	015423-515	17,078	0	17,078	13,941	3,137	82%
Highway Winter Expense	015423-520	71,000	0	71,000	143,732	(72,732)	202%
Street Lights	015424-520	700	0	700	687	13	98%
Tree Warden Expenses	015425-520	1,214		1,214	1,214	0	100%
Cemetery Wages	015491-505	8,010	925	8,935	8,652	283	97%
Cemetery Maintenance	015491-520	2,000	(500)	1,500	1,360	140	91%
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FAC.</b>		<b>363,466</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>365,571</b>	<b>430,471</b>	<b>(64,899)</b>	<b>118%</b>

**HUMAN SERVICES**

Board of Health Expense	015510-520	910	0	910	65	846	7%
Nashoba Board of Health Assess	015523-560	5,692	0	5,692	5,636	56	99%
Landfill Operations	015510-650	7,000	0	7,000	5,732	1,268	82%
Town Nurse Assessment	015510-560	4,425	0	4,425	4,381	44	99%
Council on Aging Expense	015541-520	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	100%
Veterans Agent Salary	015543-500	1,616	0	1,616	1,616	0	100%
Veterans Agent Expense	015543-505	-	0	0	0	0	0%

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FY2010 Expense Report (All Entries)- General Fund							
July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010							
EXPENSE CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
Memorial Day	015543-655	1,225	1,406	2,631	2,631	0	100%
Veterans Benefit Expense	015543-660	150	0	150	0	150	0%
<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>		<b>22,018</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>23,424</b>	<b>21,060</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>							
Librarian Salary	015610-500	16,598	0	16,598	16,173	425	97%
Library Assist. Wages	015610-505	14,976	0	14,976	14,976	0	100%
Library Expenses	015610-520	1,700	0	1,700	1,674	26	98%
Library Custodial Services	015610-565	-	0	0	0	0	0%
Library Heating Fuel	015610-590	7,000	(515)	6,485	6,485	0	100%
Library Building Maintenance	015610-595	8,746	1,792	10,538	10,538	0	100%
Library Books	015610-665	12,300		12,300	12,296	4	100%
Band Concerts	015630-520	3,098	0	3,098	3,098	0	100%
July 3rd Band Expense	015632-520	1,200	0	1,200	1,200	0	100%
Allen Field Expense	015650-520	925	0	925	876	49	95%
Town Common Expense	015651-520	800	0	800	742	58	93%
Agricultural Commission Exp	015653-520	-	0	0	0	0	0%
Historical Comm. Expense	015691-520	216	172	388	388	0	100%
<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND REC</b>		<b>67,559</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>69,008</b>	<b>68,445</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>99%</b>

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EXPENSE CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>							
Temporary Loan Interest	015752-520	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0%
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>		1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	99%
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL Expense</b>							
RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	015810-560	2,540	0	2,540	3,700	(1,160)	0%
Air Pollution Assessment	015811-560	759	0	759	759	0	0%
Mont RTA Assessment	015812-560	3,591	0	3,591	3,591	0	0%
MBTA Trans Assessment	015813-560	15,160	0	15,160	15,160	0	0%
<b>TOTAL INTERGOV EXP</b>		22,050	0	22,050	23,210	(1,160)	100%
<b>MISCELLANEOUS Expense</b>							
Middlesex Retirement System	015911-520	154,126	0	154,126	147,977	6,149	96%
Retirement Contrib. To State	015912-560	249	0	249	249	0	100%
Unemployment Compensation	015913-520	2,922	23,588	26,510	19,854	6,656	75%
Employee Benefit Expense	015914-520	253,410	0	253,410	227,433	25,977	90%
Workers Comp. Insurance	015915-520	12,389	0	12,389	5,292	7,097	43%
Insurance-Liab, Prop & Caus, Fire Police	015916-520	73,755	(1,406)	72,349	61,157	11,192	85%
FICA	015919-520	20,449	0	20,449	17,871	2,577	87%

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EXPENSE CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	% Exp
Transfer to Stabilization	015985-520	4,000	0	4,000	4,000	0	100%
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXP.</b>		521,299	22,182	543,481	483,833	59,648	89%
<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>							
<b>FY10</b>							
Art 4 - Fire Exp Overhaul Pump 2	015220-750		8,000	8,000	0	8,000	0%
Art 5- Fire Exp - Fire Truck Maint	015220-751		2,555	2,555	0	2,555	0%
Art 8- ATM Fire Assist to Fire Grant Match	015220-525		3,720	3,720	3,720	0	100%
Art 6- EMS Exp Ambulance Maint	015232-752		1,800	1,800	1,054	746	59%
Art 7 - EMS Exp - EMT Class	015232-753		2,300	2,300	0	2,300	0%
Art 8 - Highway Exp - Furnace 1	015422-754		4,950	4,950	0	4,950	0%
Art 9 - Highway Exp - Furnace 2	015422-755		4,700	4,700	0	4,700	0%
<b>Prior Year articles</b>							
Art 16-STM FY09 - Police Radio System	014210-686		20,115	20,115	19,463	652	97%
Art 7- STM Ice Storm Expenses	015235-570		32,861	32,861	32,861	0	100%
Art 13 - FY08 Highway Maint Bridge	015422-900		15,000	15,000	12,714	2,286	85%
Art 8- Old Engine House Repair	015691-900		3,657	3,657	0	3,657	0%
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>		-	99,658	99,658	69,812	29,846	70%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>							
		5,171,772	137,140	5,308,912	5,174,018	134,894	97%

**Town of Ashby**  
**Statement of Revenue, Budget vs Actual**  
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	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BALANCE Over/(Under) Budget</b>
<b>TAXES</b>			
Personal Property Taxes	84,499.47	83,853.80	(645.67)
Real Estate Taxes	4,269,305.39	4,212,431.24	(56,874.15)
Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	24,151.41	24,151.41
Motor Vehicle Excise	310,000.00	322,345.90	12,345.90
In Lieu of Taxes	3,800.00	3,973.46	173.46
Supplemental Real Estate Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,667,604.86</b>	<b>4,646,755.81</b>	<b>(20,849.05)</b>
<b>INTEREST</b>			
Interest on Property Tax	12,500.00	14,180.04	1,680.04
Interest on Tax Liens	2,000.00	2,017.29	17.29
Interest on Motor Vehicle	2,000.00	2,269.08	269.08
<b>Subtotal Tax Charges and Interest</b>	<b>16,500.00</b>	<b>18,466.41</b>	<b>1,966.41</b>
<b>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>			
Alcoholic Licenses	1,550.00	820.00	(730.00)
Common Victualer	240.00	150.00	(90.00)
Used Car License (II)	300.00	300.00	0.00
Junk Licenses (III)	60.00	60.00	0.00
Dog License Fees	2,000.00	2,507.00	507.00
Business Certificates	150.00	370.00	220.00

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Building Permits	16,197.00	5,397.00
Plumbing Permits	3,835.00	35.00
Electrical Permits	2,905.00	705.00
Nashoba Board of Health	1,568.00	718.00
<b>Subtotal License and Permits</b>	<b>21,950.00</b>	<b>6,044.00</b>

**FEES**

<i>Selectmen</i>		
Misc. Receipts Selectman	0.00	35.00
Contract Fee - Comm Tower	13,800.00	13,065.10
Pole Petition Fee	0.00	0.00
Cable TV Fees	360.00	365.00
Assessors		5.00
Assessors Misc. Other Receipt	225.00	130.36
<i>Town Clerk</i>		
Town Clerk Misc. Receipts	800.00	883.59
Substance Citation	0.00	800.00
Zoning By-Laws	70.00	125.00
Street Listings	120.00	134.00
<i>Planning Board</i>		
Planning Board A.N.R Fees	0.00	860.00
Planning Board Site Plan Review	0.00	0.00
<i>Board of Appeals</i>		
Hearings	0.00	375.00
Zoning Variances	0.00	125.00
		(734.90)
		0.00
		5.00
		(94.64)
		83.59
		800.00
		55.00
		14.00
		860.00
		0.00
		375.00
		125.00

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<i>Treasurer</i>				
Treasurer Misc.	225.00	50.00		(175.00)
<i>Tax Collector</i>				
Tax Collector Misc.	500.00	724.37		224.37
<i>Police Department</i>				
Police F I D Cards	1,535.00	650.00		(885.00)
Police Accident Reports	100.00	278.00		178.00
Police Admin. Surcharge	300.00	422.00		122.00
Police Misc. Receipts	80.00	113.00		33.00
<i>Fire Department</i>				
Smoke Detectors	600.00	925.00		325.00
Fire Reports	0.00	0.00		0.00
Fuel Storage	0.00	50.00		50.00
Tank Removal Permits	0.00	25.00		25.00
Oil & Wood Burner Permits	460.00	175.00		(285.00)
LPG - Propane Permits	250.00	687.00		437.00
Blasting Permits	0.00	0.00		0.00
Tank Truck Cargo/Transit	100.00	25.00		(75.00)
Tank Installation	0.00	25.00		25.00
Open Air Fires	4,000.00	5,625.00		1,625.00
Fire Misc. Receipts	25.00	5.00		(20.00)
<b>Subtotal Fees:</b>	<b>23,550.00</b>	<b>26,677.42</b>		<b>1,555.00</b>

**CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

Ambulance	60,000.00	76,032.00		16,032.00
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<b>OTHER DEPARTMENTAL</b>				
Compost Bin Sales	0.00	188.16	188.16	
Agricultural Commission Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>188.16</b>	<b>188.16</b>	
<b>FINES AND FORFEITS</b>				
CMVI Fines	13,000.00	12,215.00	(785.00)	
Dog License Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Court Fines	2,000.00	1,805.00	(195.00)	
<b>Subtotal Fines and Forfeits</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>14,020.00</b>	<b>(980.00)</b>	
<b>STATE &amp; FEDERAL RECEIPTS</b>				
Reg. Motor Veh. Fees	1,800.00	2,800.00	1,000.00	
St. Rec. State Owned Land	79,799.00	79,799.00	0.00	
St. Rec Abate for Surviving Spouse	17,622.00	6,526.00	(11,096.00)	
St. Rec Abate for Elderly	0.00	0.00	0.00	
St. Rec State Lottery	385,788.00	385,788.00	0.00	
<b>Subtotal State and Federal</b>	<b>485,009.00</b>	<b>474,913.00</b>	<b>(12,056.00)</b>	
<b>REFUNDS &amp; MISC. RECEIPTS</b>				
Earnings of Investments	4,500.00	1,757.98	(2,742.02)	
Miscellaneous Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Insurance Recoveries	0.00	0.00	0.00	



<b>Town of Ashby</b>			
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<b>July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010</b>			
Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00	1,590.00	1,590.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>3,347.98</b>	<b>(1,152.02)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
Transfer from Special Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Capital Project	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Agency	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Released Abatement	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 5,294,113.86</b>	<b>\$ 5,289,112.78</b>	<b>\$ (5,001.08)</b>

Town of Ashby  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
 July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

REVENUE CATEGORY	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	PAYROLL	EXPENDED	TRANSFER IN/OUT	ENDING BALANCE
<b>STATE GRANTS</b>						
Extended Polling Hours	20	1,010	879	-	-	151
Extended Polling - Senate Race	-	2,515	-	-	-	2,515
Police Community Policing FY07	3,911	-	-	2,689	-	1,222
Police Community Policing FY09	3,558	-	3,475	83	-	(0)
Police GHSB - Traffic Safety Grant	2,998	5,984	3,008	3,085	-	2,889
SETB EOPS - Training Grant	1,125	-	-	-	-	1,125
E-911 Incentive Grant	-	-	-	1,861	-	(1,861)
Dispatch - EOPS E-911 Training Grant	256	-	-	418	-	(162)
State - Emergency Management Grant	2,500	-	-	2,500	-	-
State Aid to Libraries	3,643	2,737	770	2,507	-	3,104
Arts Lottery Council - Cultural Council Grant	3,247	4,022	-	4,199	-	3,070
Council on Aging Grant	-	3,500	2,650	850	-	-
Council on Aging - Service Incentive Grant	-	1,925	1,710	215	-	-
Septic Title V Grant	8,578	2,782	-	-	-	11,360
<b>TOTAL STATE GRANTS</b>	<b>29,837</b>	<b>24,475</b>	<b>12,491</b>	<b>18,407</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,413</b>
<b>FEDERAL GRANTS</b>						
FEMA/ MEMA Ice Storm / Debris Removal Project	-	446,844	30,840	416,004	-	-
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	-	70,680	-	70,680	-	-
CDBG CDFII - Rehab Grant	-	406,164	-	330,019	-	76,145
ARRA Police Staffing Grant	-	-	23,233	10,487	-	(33,720)
PHER II H1N1 Flu Clinic	-	5,059	-	-	-	5,059
State - Public Health Emerg Response Grnt	-	1,968	-	1,045	-	923
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL GRANTS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>930,714</b>	<b>54,073</b>	<b>828,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,406</b>

Town of Ashby  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
 July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

REVENUE CATEGORY	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	PAYROLL	EXPENDED	TRANSFER IN/OUT	ENDING BALANCE
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>						
Police Dept Donation	8	-	-	-	-	8
NESPIN Grant 2010	-	2,500	-	2,500	-	-
Fire Dept Donations	125	-	-	125	-	-
Fire - Donations Electronic Equipment	2,000	-	-	2,000	-	-
Allen Field Donations	585	-	-	-	-	585
Allen Field Playground Donations	499	-	-	270	-	229
Dog/Kennel Donations	375	-	-	4	-	371
Landfill Operations/Monitor	13,806	-	-	-	-	13,806
Town Common Tree Donations	125	-	-	-	-	125
Garden Club Donations	572	-	-	-	-	572
Hist Commission - Old Fire House Donations	3,814	86	-	-	-	3,900
Insurance Receipts Payable	4,901	-	-	-	-	4,901
Conservation Wetland Act	17,875	2,860	-	46	-	20,690
PEG Access Fund - Capital	12,197	-	-	353	-	11,844
PEG Access Fund - Operating	45,272	21,421	1,627	-	-	65,066
Cemetery Revolving Burial Fund	6,317	7,850	4,500	1,299	-	8,367
Community Foundation Defribulator Grant	-	7,000	-	6,580	-	420
Library - Book Fine Revolving Fund	58	1,815	-	1,908	-	(35)
Library - CMRLS - DVD Grant	-	1,000	-	959	-	41
<b>TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>108,529</b>	<b>44,533</b>	<b>6,127</b>	<b>16,044</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,890</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>138,365</b>	<b>999,722</b>	<b>72,691</b>	<b>862,686</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>202,710</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS</b>						
Library Expansion	8,236	-	-	1,467	-	6,768
Landfill Closure	30,276	-	-	-	-	30,276
Chapter 90 Highway Project	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>38,511</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,044</b>

Town of Ashby

Ashby Recycling and Transfer Station Enterprise Fund

FY2010 Statement of Revenue & Expenses

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDED	BALANCE	
<b>Expense</b>						
Salary and Wages	\$ 3,800	\$ -	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,636	\$ 164	96%
General Operating Exp	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,421	\$ 79	95%
Trash Disposal Exp	\$ 6,830	\$ 875	\$ 7,705	\$ 7,685	\$ 20	100%
Trucking Services	\$ 2,400	\$ (250)	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,100	\$ 50	98%
Recycling Exp	\$ 4,230	\$ 1,630	\$ 5,860	\$ 5,860	\$ -	100%
Emergency Reserve Fund	\$ 2,319	\$ (2,255)	\$ 64	\$ -	\$ -	0%
<b>Total Expenses RCTS</b>	<b>\$ 21,079</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 21,079</b>	<b>\$ 20,702</b>	<b>\$ 377</b>	<b>2%</b>

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET REVISIONS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUAL RECEIPTS	BALANCE	
<b>Revenue</b>						
Recyclable Fees	\$ 4,305	\$ -	\$ 4,305	\$ 7,163	\$ 2,858	166%
Hauler Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250	0%
Trash Disposal Fees	\$ 10,014	\$ -	\$ 10,014	\$ 16,831	\$ 6,817	168%
Recyclable Sales	\$ 3,905	\$ -	\$ 3,905	\$ 2,074	\$ (1,830)	53%
Interest Earned	\$ 536	\$ -	\$ 536	\$ 188	\$ (349)	35%
<b>Total RCTS Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 18,760</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 18,760</b>	<b>\$ 28,506</b>	<b>\$ 9,746</b>	<b>152%</b>
<b>Other Sources</b>						
Retained Earnings	\$ 2,319	\$ -	\$ 2,319	\$ -	\$ 2,319	
<b>Total All Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$ 21,079</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 21,079</b>	<b>\$ 28,506</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>0%</b>

**Town of Ashby**  
**Ashby Free Public Library Trust Funds**  
**July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010**

	7/1/09 BALANCE	CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDED	INTEREST	TRANSFER	6/30/10 BALANCE
<b>Non - Expendable Library Trust Funds</b>						
Library Group Trust	2,752.92	-	-	15.32	-	2,768.24
Alonzo Carr Trust	5,474.22	-	-	14.87	-	5,489.09
Dr. Haskell Trust Fund	2,753.31	-	-	7.77	-	2,761.08
Freida Lyman Library	5,473.33	-	-	14.56	-	5,487.89
Freida Lyman Scholarship	32,493.34	-	-	61.96	-	32,555.30
Ruth Brooks Trust Fund	188,547.68	-	-	358.66	-	188,906.34
Ashby Alumni Trust	8,496.69	-	-	69.37	-	8,566.06
AAW Locke Trust	5,484.07	-	-	10.55	-	5,494.62
Edward & Barbara Lyman Trust	5,503.52	-	-	13.63	-	5,517.15
Todd Wright Memorial Fund	14,155.05	1,750.00	-	28.47	-	15,933.52
Grace E. & Everett W. Coats Fund	-	18,823.19	-	-	-	18,823.19
<b>Total Non Exp. Trust Funds</b>	<b>\$ 271,134.13</b>	<b>\$ 20,573.19</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 595.16</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 292,302.48</b>

	7/1/09 BALANCE	CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDED	INTEREST	TRANSFER	6/30/10 BALANCE
<b>Library Expendable Trust Funds</b>						
Library Group Trust	5,377.44	-	149.54	137.85	-	5,365.75
Alonzo Carr Trust	2,417.63	-	145.15	133.80	-	2,406.28
Dr. Haskell Trust Fund	1,375.88	-	75.96	70.03	-	1,369.95
Freida Lyman Library	2,253.67	-	142.12	131.01	-	2,242.56
Freida Lyman Scholarship	399.93	-	610.54	557.65	-	347.04
Ruth Brooks Trust Fund	1,855.60	-	3,544.87	3,227.94	-	1,538.67
Ashby Alumni Trust	164.78	-	175.12	147.33	-	136.99
AAW Locke Trust	122.96	-	104.70	95.07	-	113.33
Edward & Barbara Lyman Trust	1,733.23	-	131.52	122.71	-	1,724.42
Todd Wright Memorial Fund	140.06	-	266.45	256.25	-	129.86
Francis Marston Scholarship	504.04	150.60	37.04	11.08	-	628.68
Francis Marston General	2,308.40	75.30	20.07	44.45	-	2,408.08
Grace E. & Everett W. Coats Fund	-	-	-	1,762.84	-	1,762.84
<b>Total Expendable Trust Funds</b>	<b>\$ 18,653.62</b>	<b>\$ 225.90</b>	<b>\$ 5,403.08</b>	<b>\$ 6,698.01</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20,174.45</b>

**Town of Ashby**  
**Ashby Free Public Library Trust Funds**  
**July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010**

	7/1/09 BALANCE	CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDED	INTEREST	TRANSFER	6/30/10 BALANCE
<b>Expendable Memorial Funds</b>						
Barbara Lyman Memorial	4,148.53	-	86.51	78.09	-	4,140.11
Edward Connor Memorial	1,663.05	-	33.98	31.30	-	1,660.37
General Library Memorial	1,304.60	1,300.00	1,120.69	50.68	-	1,534.59
<b>Total Memorial Funds</b>	<b>\$ 7,116.18</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,241.18</b>	<b>\$ 160.07</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,335.07</b>
<b>Total Expendable Trust Funds</b>	<b>\$ 25,769.80</b>	<b>\$ 1,525.90</b>	<b>\$ 6,644.26</b>	<b>\$ 6,858.08</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,509.52</b>
<b>Total Trust Funds in Custody of Library Trustees</b>	<b>\$ 296,903.93</b>	<b>\$ 22,099.09</b>	<b>\$ 6,644.26</b>	<b>\$ 7,453.24</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 319,812.00</b>
<b>Funds Held in Custody by Banknorth</b>						
Bank North Marston Francis Scholarship	26,542.03	-	-	1,160.35	-	27,702.38
Bank North Marston Francis General	13,271.05	-	-	580.17	-	13,851.22
<b>Total Funds Held Banknorth</b>	<b>\$ 39,813.08</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,740.52</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 41,553.60</b>

Town of Ashby  
Trust Funds - Statement of Activity  
July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Expendable Trust Funds in Custody of Treasurer Account	7/1/09 BALANCE	CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDED	INTEREST	TRANSFER	6/30/10 BALANCE
Summer Taylor School Fund	75.66			51.33		126.99
Jesse Foster School Fund	27.17			19.44		46.61
Samuel P Gates School Fund	506.87			388.14		895.01
Roxanna Robbins Chapel Fund	88,181.87			1,669.04		89,850.91
Stabilization Fund	311,367.99	4,000.00		8,306.29	142,025.40 (142,025.40)	465,699.68
Stabilization - FB Reserve for Expenditure STRAP	142,025.40		6,375.12	1,674.80		1,488.13
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	6,188.45			352.08		21,339.18
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	17,807.10	3,180.00		347.76		18,721.39
Open Space Land Aquis Trust Fund	18,373.63			23.40		259.64
John Forbes Memorial Clock Fund	236.24			-		1,888.52
Federal Forfeiture Police	-	1,888.52		-		818.65
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	470.80	678.00	339.00	8.85		
<b>Total Expendable Trust Funds</b>	<b>\$ 585,261.18</b>	<b>\$ 9,746.52</b>	<b>\$ 6,714.12</b>	<b>\$ 12,841.13</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 601,134.71</b>
<b>Non-Expendable Trust funds in Custody of Treasurer</b>						
Cemetery Perpetual Care Principal	82,354.50			-		84,474.50
Summer Taylor School Fund Principal	2,636.00	2,120.00		-		2,636.00
Jesse Foster School Fund	1,000.00			-		1,000.00
Samuel P Gates School Fund	20,000.00			-		20,000.00
John Forbes Memorial Clock Fund	1,000.00			-		1,000.00
<b>Total Non-Expendable Trust Funds</b>	<b>\$ 106,990.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,120.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 109,110.50</b>
<b>Total Trust Funds in Custody of Treasurer</b>	<b>\$ 692,251.68</b>	<b>\$ 11,866.52</b>	<b>\$ 6,714.12</b>	<b>\$ 12,841.13</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 710,245.21</b>

**Town of Ashby  
Agency Funds  
July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010**

	7/1/09 BALANCE	RECEIPTS	INTEREST	EXPENDED TRANSFERRED	6/30/10 BALANCE
<b>BID DEPOSIT</b>					
ZBA Escrow SBA II	4,077.85	-	-	-	4,077.85
PLANNING BRD - Bayberry II	311.27	-	0.35	-	311.62
	<b>\$ 4,389.12</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0.35</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,389.47</b>
<b>OTHER AGENCY</b>					
Due to Commonwealth - Firearms	212.50	2,125.00	-	987.50	1,350.00
Due to Commonwealth - Fish & Game	-	1,966.00	-	1,966.00	-
Due to Commonwealth - Sales Tax	11.90	11.84	-	16.32	7.42
Due to Assist Town Clerk	101.30	317.40	-	273.65	145.05
Due to Town Clerk	-	317.40	-	285.30	32.10
Due to Tax Collector	5,170.00	12,250.01	-	11,131.90	6,288.11
Due to Deputy Collector	(305.00)	9,192.00	-	8,276.10	610.90
Police Special Detail	(3,014.68)	8,148.00	-	6,942.00	(1,808.68)
Fire/EMS Special Detail	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Vendor	30.00	0.00	-	0.00	30.00
Abandoned Property (tailings)	2,966.03	30.35	-	-	2,966.38
	<b>\$ 5,162.05</b>	<b>\$ 34,358.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 29,878.77</b>	<b>\$ 9,641.28</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,551.17</b>	<b>\$ 34,358.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.35</b>	<b>\$ 29,878.77</b>	<b>\$ 14,030.75</b>



**TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT****2010 DOG LICENSES ISSUED**

		EACH	TOTAL
44	MALES/ FEMALES	\$10.00	\$ 440.00
317	SPAYED/ NEUTERED	6.00	1902.00
6	KENNEL \$25.00	25.00	150.00
4	KENNEL \$50.00	50.00	200.00
4	KENNEL \$75.00	75.00	300.00
		TOTAL	\$2992.00

**2010 FISHING & HUNTING LICENSED ISSUED**

3	RESIDENT FISHING MINOR	\$ 11.50	\$ 34.50
16	RESIDENT FISHING	27.50	440.00
4	RESIDENT FISHING (65-69)	16.25	65.00
1	NON-RESIDENT FISHING	37.50	37.50
10	RESIDENT CITIZEN HUNTING	27.50	275.00
2	NON-RESIDENT HUNTING, LG	99.50	199.00
1	HUNTING – MINOR	11.50	11.50
12	RESIDENT SPORTING	45.00	540.00
7	RESIDENT SPORTING (65-69)	25.00	175.00
12	ARCHERY STAMP	5.10	61.20
30	PRIMITIVE FIREARMS STAMP	5.10	153.00
2	WATERFOWL STAMP	5.00	10.00
		TOTAL	\$2001.70
	MISCELLANEOUS		\$1793.12

## PAYMENTS TO:

TOWN TREASURER	\$7182.82
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	\$1739.10

## REGISTRARS REPORT

The Town Clerk's office was open Tuesday, April 6th from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to register new voters Annual Town Election held Monday, April 26, 2010.

A registration session was held on Wednesday, April 21st from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to register new voters for the Annual Town Meeting held May 1, 2010.

Wednesday, August 25th, 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 State Primary held September 14, 2010.

The Town Clerk's office was open Wednesday, October 13th from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM to register new voters for the State Election held November 4th.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS 2010

	TERM
MODERATOR	
Nancy E. Chew	2013
TOWN CLERK	
Lorraine Pease	2013
SELECTMEN	
Peter McMurray	2013
Daniel Meunier	2011
Joseph Casey	2012
ASSESSORS	
Oliver H. Mutch	2012
A. Douglas Cudmore	2011
John Vogt	2011
TREASURER	
Kate Stacy	2013
COLLECTOR	
Beth Ann Scheid	2012

NORTH MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Kenneth Brown 2013

NORTH MIDDLESEX SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE AT-LARGE

Michael Morgan 2011

Tamara Leclerc, res 2011

Anne Buchholz 2011

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dwight F. Horan 2011

David Jordan 2013

Martha Morgan 2011

Prudence Brennan 2011

John Mickola 2012

Michelle Thomas 2012

Mary O’Friel 2012

Douglas Leab 2013

Anne P. Manney 2013

CONSTABLE

William A. Davis 2013

TREE WARDEN

William A. Davis 2011

BOARD OF HEALTH

Cedwyn Morgan 2013

Nicholas A. Murray, res 2009

Bruce Adams, res 2011

Scott Leclerc 2011

Scott Carpenter 2011

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Peter McMurray 2011

Stephanie B. Lammi 2013

April Alden, res 2012

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Daniel Harju 2012

John Mark Tiilikkala 2011

PLANNING BOARD

Alan W. Pease	2012
Jean Lindquist	2013
James H. Hargraves	2014
Wayne A. Stacy	2015
Andrew Leonard	2011

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS  
2010**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	Vacant
ASSISTANT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN	Jennifer Collins
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Barbara Faulkenham
TAX COLLECTOR'S CLERK	Barbara Faulkenham
TOWN HALL CLERICAL	Gail Farley, res.
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	Nancy Haines
ACCOUNTING CLERK	Jessica Johnson
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. TO POLICE DEPT.	Jessica Johnson
REGIONAL ASSESSOR	Harald Scheid
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSOR	Lois Raymond
ADA COORDINATOR	Peter Niall
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION	John Mickola Tom Cason William Duffy, Jr. Paula Bogue Paula Packard Kyrie Martin, res Heather Leonard Sue Chapman, alt.

	Charles Perna, alt. Nadine Callahan, alt.
ASHBY CULTURAL COUNCIL	Ann Marie LaBollita Kathryn Becker, chair Francis Steffian Sandra Schippers Katherine Stanwood Michelle Blake Faith Anttila Joanne Boudreau Dorothea Rourke, res Tamara Leclerc, res Amy Meunier, res
COMMUNICATION COMMISSION	Thomas Moylan, citizen
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Tim Bauman, chair Robert Leary Roberta Flashman Cathy Kristofferson Michael Harrison, res
CONSTABLE-SPECIAL MUNICIPAL APPOINTED	Vacant
COUNCIL ON AGING	Gary Leonard, chair Rosemary Wayrynen Oliver Mutch Johanna Grutchfield Nancy Catalini. Lee Mikkola Linda Stacy Jan Miller, alt Nancy Catalini Patricia Wayrynen, alt. Kathryn Becker, outreach coor Elsie Frederickson,alt Angie Godin, res,

CMEMSC-FIRST RESPONDER REP	Scott Florio
CMEMSC-GOVERNMENT REP	Mary Krapf
DISPATCH MANAGER	Marilyn Cronin
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	Betty Tiilikkala Amy Meunier Wendy Baird Rachel Patnaude Linda Stacy Rosemary Wayrynen Kevin Sierra Marja LePoer
EMS DIRECTOR	William Seymour, Jr.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	Michael Bussell
DEPUTY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	David Rainville
FIELD DRIVER	Mary Letourneau
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Lillian Whitney Suzanne Caron Kevin Stetson Brian Foster Christian Haynes John Margosiak

	Joseph Armstrong-Champ Martha Svedberg, res. Melissa Coyle, 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	David Boutwell, chair Sally Bauman Claire Hutchinson-Lavin Jamie Coyle
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	Paul Lieneck, chair Michael Reggio Claire Hutchinson-Lavin Mark Haines David Boutwell
INSPECTORS:	
ANIMAL	Mary Letourneau
BUILDING/ZONING OFFICER	Peter Niall
BUILDING INSP. ALTERNATE	Richard Hanks
ELECTRICAL	Paul Lessard
ASST ELECTRICAL	Stephen Dubois
PLUMBING & GAS	Richard Kapenas

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PLUMBING & GAS ALTERNATES	Gary Williams
KEEPER OF THE TOWN CLOCK	Richard Foresman
LAND USE AGENT	Christopher Ryan
LEGAL COUNSELS	
TOWN COUNSEL	Kopelman & Paige
LAND USE COUNSEL	Kopelman & Paige
LABOR COUNSEL	Kopelman & Paige
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	Mary Murtland
LIBRARY ASSISTANTS	Jean Lindquist Angela Lopez Christina Ewald
MART ADVISORY BOARD	Mary Krapf
MONTACHUSETT JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	Mary Krapf Alan Pease
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
POLICE & FIRE SIGNAL OPERATORS	Joyce Hopkins Mary Carter



	Kathy Bezanson Glen Casey Marilyn Cronin Anthony Montesion Catherine Whitney
POLICE CHIEF	Edward Drew, Interim Police Chief
POLICE REGIONALIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE	Dennis Moore Mary Krapf Douglas Brisebois Angela Jack Fred Alden, advisory member
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	Lorraine Pease Carlton Mountain Donna Leonard Gail Farley, res. Sarah Leonard, alt.
RIGHT-TO-KNOW-LAW COORDINATOR	William Seymour, Jr.
SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM	Oliver Mutch Joan Chandley
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

Sally Tracy  
Roberta Flashman  
Dennis Moore  
Cathy Kristofferson  
Stephanie Lammi  
Deborah Vogt  
John Vogt  
James Lippincott  
Mariana Furtney-Fyfe  
Scott Sweeney  
Ingrid Sweeney  
Jon Kimball  
Patricia Wayrynen  
Sally Bauman  
Michael McCallum  
Jean Lindquist  
John Pankowsky  
Deborah O'Hanlon  
Robert Leary  
Krishnabai  
Tim Bauman  
Kathryn Becker  
Daniel Harju  
Christina Ewald  
James Hargraves

VETERANS' AGENT

Joe Mazzola  
Theryn Blausen, Sr.,res

VETERANS' GRAVES AGENT

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  
Cathy Kristopherson  
Oliver Mutch  
Robert Leary

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

David Martin, chair  
Garry Baer  
James Stacy  
Frederick Stacy, alt

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:  
ASHBY'S JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Carleton J. Mountain

## **ASHBY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

In 2010 the Ashby Police Department responded to 9,090 incidents (including directed patrols, house watches and building checks). The Officers made 51 arrests, filed 60 additional criminal complaints and completed 1,197 motor vehicle violation stops of which 1,052 resulted in citations. We conducted patrol services, criminal investigations, medical assists, drug investigations, Firearms licensing and crime prevention activities as well as numerous other calls for service.

This past year the Ashby Police Department saw changes in staffing. Officer Brian Vautour was reinstated on January 10, 2010, after the Town of Ashby Police Department received a grant that paid for his salary and benefits. This enabled us to reinstate the midnight patrol shift. In December we hired two new Reserve Police Officers; Glenn Casey and Anthony Montesion. Both Officers are currently undergoing training with our senior officers and we anticipate that they will be fully trained by the spring of 2011. Mrs. Jessica Johnson also was hired in December as an Accounting Clerk to the Town Accountant and Administrative Assistant to the Police Department. This position is a part time position providing valuable and needed help to both Departments.

We received a \$3,000 grant for traffic enforcement which was successfully completed. The equipment portion of the grant for an additional \$3,000 was unfortunately rescinded by the State due to the economic downturn and the shortage of state funding. The department also received the second phase of a grant for \$2,000 to assist us in drug offense investigations and enforcement.

We continue 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, and the Community Based Justice initiative with the Schools and the District Attorney's Office.

This October, the Ashby Police and Fire Departments conducted a vehicle glass etching event in conjunction with the Governors Auto Theft Strike Force of the Massachusetts State Police. This event was organized by Officer Alden who enlisted the help of volunteers and coordinated the event with the State. As a result of this

community policing event, the efforts of all involved led to 41 vehicles being etched. This is a theft deterrent and reduces insurance costs for the vehicle owner. The State coordinator for this initiative remarked on the great effort and was pleasantly surprised at the turn out.

The fleet of police vehicles has been enhanced dramatically with the addition of two 2010 fully equipped Ford Crown Victorias. We were able to accomplish this through a three year lease which gives the Town full ownership for one dollar at the end of three years. This program provides new vehicles while allowing the Town to budget for them over a three year period. Currently, the remainder of the fleet is in good condition.

The Board of Selectmen received a report from The Department of Revenue which suggested we consider regionalizing the Police Department with Townsend's Police Department. The selectmen have convened a committee to study this report and advise them. Their report is forthcoming. Both the D.O.R. report and minutes of the Regionalization Committee's meetings are on the Town's website.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward J. Drew, *Chief of Police*

## **POLICE FIRE SIGNAL OPERATORS**

The Dispatch Department consists of three full-time Dispatchers and four part-time Dispatchers. There were no new hires or resignations in 2010. Employment levels remained stable.

Dispatcher's completed various training programs and seminars throughout the year with the assistance of the State 911 Department. Each year the town is eligible to apply for a training grant in the amount of \$5000. This allows employees' to enhance current skills, learn new ones and review updates on any legal changes. The grant reimburses the town for class fees and personnel costs for attendees.

Some of the courses attended:

Domestic Violence  
Suicide Intervention  
Advanced Fire Dispatch  
Missing and Exploited Children

Regionalization remains an alternative that the Town continues to explore for the Police Department and Dispatch, with the possibility of losing the midnight shift police officer on July 1. Dispatch would continue to cover the town during that shift for 911 and emergency calls.

Two of the Dispatcher's, Anthony Montesion and Glenn Casey paid for and attended the Police Reserve Academy and have been sworn in as Reserve Police Officers for the Town of Ashby. They are currently in-training. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their personal initiative and dedication to serve. Glenn has been with the Department for 4 years and Anthony for 3 years.

Respectfully submitted:

Marilyn W. Cronin, *Dispatch Manager*

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ashby Firefighters responded to 156 calls for assistance during the 2010 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, air pack drills, and search and rescue. Many of our members attended outside the department training as three members, Ashton Bosch, Jim Joseph and Tim Seymour, attended a four day Mass Fire Academy class on Rapid Intervention Team techniques held at Fitchburg Fire Headquarters. As planned we had an Emergency Vehicle Operators class made possible with a grant from our insurance company. Thirty Eight members took advantage of the training and many will go on to get their Commercial Drivers License. In June the Fire Dept. held a two day training exercise in a donated house on Fitchburg State Road. The first day consisted of live fire exercises with simulated room and contents fires. Fires were set in rooms of the house then crews entered the building, located the fire and extinguished it. This is absolutely the best training possible! Mason Fire Dept. participated as well as Firefighters from Princeton. Thank you to the Morrill family for the house.

This past year marked five year anniversaries for five members. David Lammi, 10 years, Captain David Rainville, 15 years, Captains William Davis and Kari Rantala, 20 years, Assistant Chief Paul Lasorsa, 25 years and Gerald "Donny" Phelan, 30 years. Incredible!

The Fire Dept. would like to request that all homeowners display their street number in clear view, possibly on a reflective material, at the beginning of their driveway in a fashion that it can be easily spotted by emergency responders traveling from either direction on your road. When seconds count, the sooner we find you may save a life!

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 247 calls for assistance during the 2010 calendar year. We currently have 26 EMT's on staff with one student that has almost completed an EMT class. During the past year we welcomed 5 new EMT'S to the department. Josiah David, Estelle Bosch, Theresa Irwin, Joshua Swenor and Kimberly Ward are our newest EMT's. Unfortunately Lesley Bergquist left the department to pursue a career as a Paramedic in the private sector. Congratulations to Lesley in becoming a Medic.

Fourteen of our EMT's are cross trained as Firefighters and respond to emergency calls and are able to provide assistance in both capacities. The combination Fire and EMS departments still 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 presented for continuing education of all members.

The Ashby Fire/EMS Dept strongly promotes the use of "File of Life" folders, especially for senior citizens. For more information please call the Fire Station, 978-368-5522. This year we are also promoting the marking of your residence at the road, as stated in the Fire Department report.

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	Jean Nichols
Asst Chief	David Joseph	F.F.	Wayne Patnaude
Asst Chief/EMT	Paul Lasorsa	F.F.	Gerald Phelan
Asst Chief	David Pillsbury	F.F./EMTP	Paul Rekos
Captain	Michael Bussell	F.F.	Adam Rivard
Captain	William Davis	EMT	Travis Rixford
Captain	Craig Irish	F.F. /EMT	Kimberly Seymour
Captain	James Joseph	F.F.	Randy Stacy
Captain	Peter McMurray	F.F./EMT	Joshua Swenor
Captain	David Rainville	EMT	Kimberly Ward
	<i>Retired Nov. 2010</i>		
Captain/EMT	Timothy Seymour	EMT	Donna Williams
Captain/EMT	Kari Rantala		

Chaplain/F.F.	Wayne Stacy
EMT	Lesley Bergquist –Res.
EMT	Sarah Berlinger
F.F.	Daniel Bigwood

F.F.	Christopher Borneman
F.F.	Shawn Borneman
F.F./EMT	Ashton Bosch
EMT	Estelle Bosch
EMT	Linda Brooke
F.F.	John Cauvel
EMT	Susan Cudmore
EMT	Josiah David
F.F.	Allan Dawson
F.F.	Patrick Dickhaut
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
EMT	Theresa Irwin
F.F.	David Lammi
F.F./EMT	Donald Lane
F.F./EMT	Melinda Lemay
F.F./EMT	Michelle Martens
F.F.	James Martin

*Auxiliary Members*

Maureen Cauvel  
Walter Hansen  
Katie Kiluk  
Jeffrey Martin  
Kevin McMurray  
Tucker Moore  
Sam Stacy

## ASHBY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This report covers work performed by the Ashby Highway Department between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

**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 pot-holes made it necessary. Spring, midsummer and fall gravel road grading was done on most gravel roads.

**Guard Rail Replacement:**

None

**General Brush Cutting:**

All roadside brush was cut along Wheeler Rd this year in anticipation of receiving CDBG funds for paving in the spring. In addition to this various other locations throughout town received localized brush cutting. No roadside mowing was performed this year.

**Equipment:**

None

**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 \$27,942.50 on plow contractors this year. We have also stockpiled 2,859.12 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	2497.42 tons	\$33,090.82
Salt	361.70 tons	\$21,575.41
Total Stockpile	2,859.12 tons	\$54,666.23

**Cross Culverts Replaced, Installed:**

- Mayo Road one replaced. (12”diameter)
- Ashby Elementary School parking lot replaced seventy feet to manhole (12”diameter)
- Wheeler Road one installed (12” diameter)
- Mason Road one replaced (12” diameter)



Brooks Road one replaced (15" diameter)  
 Pillsbury Road one replaced (12" diameter)  
 Richardson Road replaced 80 feet of 12" drain line by the Fitchburg Rod & Gun

**Bridge Repairs:**

The bridge on lower Turnpike Rd was damaged by flooding earlier this year requiring narrowing of the road travel surface. It has since been repaired by using resources of the Mass DOT Dive Team and the Ashby Highway Department. The repair work took three weeks to complete. My thanks to Mass DOT and everyone involved for their help.

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

<i>Structure</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Action</i>
Manhole	1	Ashby Elementary School	Repaired
Catch Basin	1	Mason Road	Installed
Dropped Inlet	1	Richardson Road	Replaced
Catch Basin	1	Pillsbury Road	Replaced
Catch Basin	1	Piper Road	Replaced
Catch Basin	1	Page Road	Repaired

**New Side Drain Installations:**

Mason Road 500 feet of 6 inch side drain installed.  
 Wheeler Road 200 feet of 6 inch side drain installed.

**Drainage Maintenance:**

All town drainage structures were cleaned. Total number of drainage structures, 370. Total cost for cleaning \$5,760.

**Road Shimming:**

Three sections of Heywood Rd were shimmed in using unforeseen contingency funds from the Mason Rd Chapter 90 project. This was allowed due to road damages created by the trucks hauling pavement to Mason Rd.

**Road Sealing:**

No town funds were spent on pavement preservation this year.

**State Funded Chapter 90 Projects:**

Mason Rd was reclaimed and paved from the intersection of New Ipswich Rd to the intersection of Heywood Rd. Two years of Chapter 90 funding was used for a

total cost of \$313,147.13. We anticipate continuing the Mason Rd project once this year's apportionment of Chapter 90 funding from the state becomes available.

**Town Resurfacing Projects:**

None

**Assist Other Departments:**

The Highway Dept assisted the Fire Dept with repairing two dry fire hydrants. The first was in the Ashby Elementary school yard. The second was located on Jones Hill Rd.

**General Information:**

The Ashby Highway Department is now operating with fewer personnel and with less town funding for roadwork than was expended in 1987 (24 years ago). I cannot stress hard enough the fact that we need to replace personnel on 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.

The Highway Department regrettably acknowledges the passing of retired Highway Superintendent Douglas A Damon. "Doug you will be remembered"!

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Davis, *Highway Superintendent*

## **DOG OFFICER/ANIMAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Wildlife continues to be a concern when skunks and raccoons start venturing into sheds, garages and barns. Please make sure windows and doors are secured at night. If you have a wildlife issue, please contact me at 978-597-5868 for possible solutions.

Rabies Vaccinations are required by Massachusetts law. Local clinics are held 4 times a month at the local Petco. Both Nashua and Leominster hold clinics on a weekly basis. Call "Luv My Pet at 508-481-0580 for their schedule. Another option is our annual Rabies Clinic held in March at the West Townsend Fire Station. Call the Nashoba Board of Health for the date and time. All dogs must be licensed annually. This can be done at the Town Clerks Office. Bring your currant rabies certificate with you.

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, *Animal Control Officer*

## **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 2010 the Planning Board signed five plans showing 7 new lots. During 2009 the Planning Board signed two plans showing two new lots.

The Board brought the Agricultural/Recreational bylaw before the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. The bylaw was disapproved.

The Montachusett Regional Planning Agency, working with the Board, completed the feasibility study of public sewer in the center of town along Main Street. This study provides the Town with analysis of various systems and approximate cost. This study is intended to address the constraints of small lots along Main Street and to provide infrastructure to encourage business in the center of town.

The Board and the Selectmen brought an article to accept the Daley Drive to the Annual Town Meeting. The article passed however the Town was not able to obtain the required easements within the 120 day limit for recording.

The Town hired a new Land Use Agent, Chris Ryan in October. He is charged with documenting the permitting system and working with the Montachusett Regional Planning Agency on an economic development plan for the Town. We encourage public participation in formulating the plan.

We would like to thank Andrew Leonard for his hard work and dedication as the previous Land Use Agent. Many times he went well beyond the duties of the position to further the interests of the Town.

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

## 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>

During the past year, the Massachusetts Department Of Environmental Protection has instituted a new system whereby certain forms can be filed electronically with the Department. The Commission can offer suggestions and assistance to citizens choosing to file for projects using this e-file system.

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

The Ashby Conservation Commission has completed a successful year protecting wetland resources in Ashby by enforcing the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

The Commission heard ten Notices of Intent (NOI), several Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA), two requests for extensions of Orders of Condition, as well as conducting many informal discussions with homeowners and engineers regarding the disposition of their properties with proximity to wetlands. Subsequent to a public hearing being completed for each submitted NOI, the Commission creates a document defining the conditions under which the project may proceed. These are called Orders of Conditions. Three Emergency Certificates were also issued allowing work to proceed for a limited time under limited, special conditions.

The Commission issued three enforcement orders for illegal work in areas subject to wetlands protection by state statutes. These orders to cease and desist work are issued to projects where activities violate the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act through practices such as the improper or illegal clearing or filling within wetlands or wetland buffers.

Throughout the year 2010, 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 1030 "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. Forest Cutting Plans are also reviewed by the Commission. Additionally, the Commission annually monitors Town held Article 97 and Conservation Restriction lands.

The Commission has a "Tip Line" on the Ashby Website. This is designed to assist citizens who wish to remain anonymous but 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's educational efforts have included a public program concerning the Asian Long Horned Beetle, Earth-Day activities, and the co-sponsorship of a Maple Sugar House open house. The Commission has also monitored and provided signage for conservation lands within the town.

A cooperative working relationship with all boards, agencies, and officers within the town is maintained by the Commission. Additionally we have been active participants with numerous regional and state agencies. We are participating members of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, and the Nashua River Watershed Association. Commissioners have also assisted or served with the Ashby Open Space Plan, the Friends of Willard Brook, the Forest Legacy Program, the Blood Hill Management Committee, The Watatic Reservation Management Committee, NRWA's Smart Growth Circuit Riders Group, and the Fitchburg Northern Watershed ad hoc trail group. Others include the Ashby Land Trust and the North County Land Trust.

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

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.

This past year the West Cemetery fences received some much needed attention. Thanks to the organization and elbow grease of Ross Watson. The fences were repaired and repainted as part of his requirements to make Eagle Scout. Nice job Ross.

The Commission also began the removal and replacement of several large and dying Ash trees in the front of Glenwood Cemetery. The trees had begun to regularly drop large limbs. Three of the five trees were removed before the winter and the other two will be removed this spring. New Trees will be in place for Memorial Day. Please pardon the appearance of this area as we undertake this project.

In April, the cemetery workforce was cut to two part time employees from three to adjust for budget constraints. The Commission continues to watch closely the impact of this reduction as we come to the end of the fiscal year.

In the coming year the Commission will be repairing and re-grading more of the avenues in Glenwood Cemetery. Material will be added and graded as soon as conditions in the cemetery will allow it.

The cemetery truck will also be going in for repairs. We hope to get many more seasons of use from it.

The Commission currently has an open seat and encourages anyone interested to contact us for more information on being appointed to serve as a Commissioner.

As always, our 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  
John Mark Tiilikkala

## **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 2010 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](http://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 provided a school-located seasonal flu clinic Ashby Elementary School.
- 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 2010 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.





<b>Septic System Test Applications</b>	<b>15</b>
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.	
<b>Septic System Lot Tests</b>	<b>94</b>
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.	
<b>Septic System Plan Applications</b>	<b>25</b>
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.	
<b>Septic System Plan Reviews</b>	<b>51</b>
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.	
<b>Septic System Permit Applications (new lots)</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Septic System Permit Applications (upgrades)</b>	<b>17</b>
Applicants' approved plan submittals and Board of Health requirements are incorporated into a permit to construct the septic system.	
<b>Septic System Inspections</b>	<b>36</b>
Nashoba Sanitarian is called to construction sites at various phases of construction to witness & verify that system is built according to plans.	
<b>Septic System Consultations</b>	<b>25</b>
During all phases of application, design, and construction the Nashoba Sanitarian is called upon for legal details and interpretation.	
<b>Well Permits</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Water Quality/Well Consultations</b>	<b>20</b>
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** **19**

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*

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**Nursing Visits** **416**

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** **180**

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

**Rehabilitative Therapy Visit** **321**

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** **11**

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** **260**

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

Number of patients that attended Flu Clinics held in Ashby 191

Number of patients whom received Flu Shots that live in Ashby 159

Number of patients whom received Pneumovax Vaccine	2
Number of patients whom attended Well Adult Clinics from Ashby	61

**Communicable Disease**

*Communicable Disease Reporting & Control*

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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	9
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Communicable Disease Number of Cases

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| • Lyme’s Disease | 4 |
| • Salmonella     | 2 |
| • Varicella      | 3 |

**Health Promotion**

Nursing visits	5
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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	109
Students Participating	59
Referred to Dentist	11

**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	6
Students Participating	86

**ASHBY BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Ashby Board of Health meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month on the first floor of Ashby Town Hall. Members Bruce Adams and Nick Murray resigned this year, and were replaced by Scott Leclerc and Scott Carpenter. We thank Bruce and Nick for their service to the town and welcome Scott and Scott to the board. Rick Metcalf of Nashoba Associated Board of Health served as the Board of Health agent.

The Board's responsibilities include permitting for septic systems and private potable wells, food service inspections & permitting tobacco control inspections, housing inspections, and monitoring the closed Town landfill. Refer to the Nashoba report for statistics regarding permits and inspections. Permitting activity for septic systems was relatively slow, consisting primarily of upgrades. The Board developed a standardized approach for permitting Presby systems, which have become increasingly common in designs reviewed by the Board. The landfill was mowed and landfill gas and groundwater quality were monitored in accordance with DEP requirements.

At the Board's recommendation, the Town approved funds for design of repairs to the Town Hall septic system, which is currently in failure and pumped monthly. A design to connect to the school septic system was developed and it is anticipated that the upgrades will be performed in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cedwyn Morgan, *Member*

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

The building department has issued 63 permits this year. The following is a summary of the year's activities.

PERMITS

New Homes	3
Garages	1
Barns & Sheds	4
Remodel, repair and additions	33
Wood & Pellet Stoves	14
Pools	1
Demolition	1
Solar Panels	1
Change of Contractor	1
Town Bulletin Boards	2
Temp. Mobile Homes (Fire)	2
 TOTAL PERMITS	 63

Total Permit Fee Revenue	\$12,215.00
Total Value of Work	\$1,027,702.71

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Niall, *Building Commissioner*

**ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT**

Wiring Permits for 2010 have been on the light side with permits ranging from remodeling, alarms, new construction and inspections on abandon properties plus inspections for Unutil.

Report for 2010.

- Permits pulled for 2010 = 57 for total revenue of \$3,090.00
- Inspections completed for the year = 140, this includes permits not complete for 2009
- Number of inspections for Unutil for meter turn on = 8
- Electrical inspections for the Fire Department after a Fire = 6

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Lessard, *Wiring Inspector*

## PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Number of permits for the year 2010	70
Plumbing Permits	42
Gas Permits	25
Number of inspections- approximately	96
Total revenue generated	\$3660.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Kapenas, *Plumbing and Gas Inspector*

## COUNCIL ON AGING

### **Our Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Ashby Council on Aging is to enhance the quality of life for Ashby senior citizens and to promote healthy, successful aging. The Ashby COA provides outreach visits and assessments, meals on wheels, health screening, friendly visits, assistance with yard clean-up, rides to medical appointments, inter-age activities, plus information and referral for Ashby seniors and caregivers.

Director 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
- Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels Monday through Friday during the school year.
- 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 or they can be mailed to you. Please call the office at (978) 386-2424 ext. 27.

Highlights of 2010 include:

- Service Incentive Grant from Executive Office of Elder Affairs supplemented 5 hours per week for Director's coordination of Chore Corps program during the spring. Chore program was originally created to aid seniors with yard clean up after Dec. 2008 ice storm and continues to offer yard clean up to elders who need help during spring and fall.
- We held our first Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon celebrating COA volunteers who donated 692 hours of service on behalf of Ashby elders. These volunteers included Friendly Visitors, Drivers for medical appts., Chore Corps, Meals on Wheels Drivers and Council Members.

Council on Aging Chairperson Gary Leonard has resigned from the Council. The Council wishes to thank him for his years of thoughtful service and dedication to the needs of Ashby elders.

The Council offers it's 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 3:30 p.m. in the COA office on the 3rd floor of the Lyman Building. Meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Stacy, *Chairperson*  
Nancy Catalini, *Secretary*  
Oliver Mutch, *Treasurer*  
Rosemary Wayrynen  
Johanna Grutchfield  
Lee Mikkola

Elsie Fredrickson, *Alternate*  
Faith Anttila, *Alternate*  
Patricia Wayrynen, *Alternate*  
Kathryn Becker, *Director*  
Jan Miller

## ASHBY CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Ashby Cultural Council is a committee of at least 5 members appointed by the Board of Selectmen 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 Massachusetts Cultural Council granted the allotment of \$3870 for the year 2011. The Ashby Cultural Council had \$227 of unencumbered MCC monies available. The Council members agreed on allocating a total of \$4097 toward the approved applications. Eighteen grant applications were received requesting funding of \$10,047. Ten were approved and voted to receive full funding.

The approved requests and amounts to be disbursed for 2011 are:

Gregory Maichack	The Art of Georgia O’Keefe	\$435
Davis Bates	Under One Sky: A Multi-Cultural Celebration	550
Henry Lappen	Henry the Juggler	425
Historical Entertainments	Schmoozing with Sophie Tucker	625
Hawthorne Brook MS	Myth Masters	300
Hawthorne Brook MS	Animal Adventures	210
Hawthorne Brook MS	A Knights Tale	102
Ashby Elementary School	Up, Up & Away: Mad Science School Assembly	500
Ashby Elementary School	African Acrobat School Assembly	800
NMRHS	Joe DeVito – Hypnotist	150

Total = \$4,097

Cultural Council members are: Kathryn Becker, Chairperson; Sandra Schippers, Treasurer; Joanne Boudreau, Secretary; Katherine Stanwood, Publicist; Ann-Marie LaBollita, Michelle Blake, Frances Steffian, and Faith Anttila.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Becker, *Chairperson*



## ASHBY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Trustees remain committed to maintaining certification of the library, which means meeting the budget requirements of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). With continued certification, the library is eligible for grants and programs offered through MBLC. The library has been recertified for 2011. Library hours have been maintained at 24 per week with the exception of the summer months, when it is closed on Saturdays.

The Trustees distributed scholarships totaling \$5,600. Trustees voted to change scholarship funding to coincide with the town's fiscal year (formerly distribution was in January).

Janitorial services were reinstated at town meeting beginning July 1. Carpet cleaning was not funded; carpets have not been cleaned in several years. The library will be power-washed and stained early in the spring of 2011. Furnace issues have been resolved, and the furnace is running more efficiently, saving money on oil.

Trustees rewrote the Library Director's job description to more closely reflect her varied and extensive responsibilities. Trustees recognize the Director takes on responsibilities for which she is not compensated, such as applying for grants.

The first Edwin Chapman Service Award was awarded posthumously to Helen Nash for her many years of volunteer service to the library. Many members of the Nash family were present in October to accept the award on her behalf.

As always, the Trustees would like to thank the AFPL Friends group for their very successful Pumpkin Festival this year, and for all the work they do to make the library an inviting and vital part of the community. Many volunteers help keep the library operating, while we cannot name them individually here, please know your assistance is most appreciated. Finally, the library would not function as well as it does without the hard working and committed professional staff: Director Mary Murtland and assistants Jeanie Lindquist, Angela Lopez and Christine Ewald.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Morgan, *Secretary*

Current Trustees are: John Mickola, Chair; Michelle Thomas, Vice-Chair, Martha Morgan, Secretary; Doug Leab, Treasurer; Dwight Horan, Dave Jordan, Prudence Brennan, Mary O'Friel, and Anne Manney.

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR

This year the town of Ashby has been named a *HeartSafe Community* by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Public Health, the American Heart Association, and the Central Massachusetts EMS Council. Part of this recognition was due to the successful acquisition of a \$7000 grant for three AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) and training to use them awarded to the library by the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts and the Greater Lowell Community Foundation. The success of this project was due to the input from several members of the Ashby Library community. The committee that prepared and submitted the application for this grant included Mary Murtland, Tim and Sally Bauman, Michelle Thomas and Linda Sanders, with assistance from Bill Seymour Jr., Nancy Haines, and Ann Cromwell-Gapp. AEDs were purchased for the library, town hall, and elementary school. Many town employees and town residents participated in the training in CPR, use of AEDs, and First Aid that was offered.

As of July 1, 2010, our library is now a part of the Massachusetts Library System (MLS). The MLS was established to consolidate the previously existing six regional library systems in Massachusetts. Although the demand for library services continues to increase, the state budget reductions made the merger a necessity. The MLS will continue to provide statewide services that include interlibrary loans, delivery, electronic references, summer reading, and cooperative purchasing.

Ashby Free Public Library continues to be a member of the C/WMARS consortium and has once again fulfilled the requirements to be a certified library by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This has provided Ashby residents access to a wide range of materials from other libraries throughout the state that the town itself could not afford to purchase or maintain.

The Library has two new bike racks that have been placed at each entrance. The bike racks were made for the library at cost by Minuteman Career and Technical High School students studying Welding and Auto Body.

The Library continues to serve the community in many different ways. It provides an Adult Reading Group, the Laptop Scholarship Program, the Pre-School Craft and Story Time, the Dropped Stitch Knitting Club, and both a children's and teen's Summer Reading Program. We continue to host programs sponsored by the Ashby Cultural Council, a monthly Wellness Clinic sponsored by the Nashoba Board of Health, community group meetings, and programs sponsored by the Friends of the Ashby Free Public Library.

We would like to thank the AFPL Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Ashby Free Public Library, the seniors participating in the Ashby Tax Work-Off Program, the AFPL Fund, and the many other volunteers that continue to serve their community by supporting the Library. Their dedication to maintaining the quality of service provided at the Library is deeply appreciated.

**Circulation statistics for 2010:**

Adult and Young Adult Books – 5,781, Juvenile Books – 5,032, Audio Books – 1,232  
DVDs and Videos- 5,303, Magazines – 157, CDROMs and Games – 59, Museum  
Passes – 39

Total Circulation – 17,603 items

Interlibrary Loans sent to other libraries in 2010 = 3196

Interlibrary Loans received from other libraries in 2010 = 3095

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Murtland, *Library Director*

## **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

The Parks Department wants to report that everything is well at our parks.

The Boy Scouts continue to turn out more Eagle Scouts than most towns, which helps the parks department in many ways.

With a tight budget we have it's hard to make many improvements, but we will continue to look for ways to make our parks look good.

The Bonfire has turned into a great fundraising event for many groups in town. It has also been a great place to meet people and find new friends. The Bonfire has become a big event for not just our town but for the families from surrounding towns. Thank you to the Fire Chief and his department that donate their time to build it each year. I would also like to thank Jack Lemieur and Elmer Fitzgerald that donate a tractor and truck and their time to assist in getting this done.

Ashby Little League continues to make improvements to the fields each year and brings the ball fields to life every spring.

Stephanie Lammi continues to do an outstanding job in maintaining the common and Allen field.

To Alan Murray and Sons thank you for supplying rubbish removal for Allen field for all the events.

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

Just a reminder for those that take their dogs to the park please clean up after them. We don't have a full time employee that can take care of it. I know the animals need a place to run but our kids need a clean place to play.

Submitted by:

Peter McMurray

Stephanie Lammi

## **NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Due to the continued impact of the deep economic recession, the 2009-10 school year presented significant financial and organizational challenges. Due to deep reductions in state support for public schools and local communities for the FY10 budget, the school committee had voted to consolidate schools and modify its central administrative staffing pattern during the 2009-10 school year. These changes, while difficult and unsettling, significantly decreased operational costs. Due to the continued support of parents, the flexibility and the hard work of students, teachers, and administrators, educational opportunities available to students were preserved.

In addition to the consolidation of schools, the district reduced central administrative costs by entering into an intergovernmental services agreement with the Quabbin Regional School District. The agreement allowed for the sharing of a superintendent and an executive secretary. This novel approach to reducing central administrative costs was greeted with both optimism and reservation. Any reservations were overshadowed by the school committee's determination to address the serious impact of the recession on the educational environment within the school district. With courage, the District chose not only to consider creative ways to direct scarce resources directly to teaching and learning, but to take action to do so. While the concept of sharing administrative services required more delegation and changes in management style, it enabled both districts to keep more teachers in classrooms during the school year. Hopefully, this adjustment will be short lived and modified as the state and nation recovers from this difficult economic period.

In addition to implementing strategies to direct scarce resources to the school district's core mission, the administration prepared and submitted grant applications to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the repair and/or replacement of roofs and windows at the Ashby and Spaulding Elementary Schools. The administration also submitted similar "paperwork" for the North Middlesex Regional High School. An engineering study completed on the high school in the winter of 2007 identified numerous and significant deficiencies in mechanical, HVAC, electrical, fire, and communications systems. The report notes that the deficiencies are numerous and require timely attention. As the MSBA began to review and evaluate the district's high school needs, it informed us that Lunenburg, a nearby school district, had similar infrastructure needs at their high school. Thus, the MSBA urged both school districts to discuss the possibility of a joint school construction venture in order to determine the most cost effective solution to both school districts' construction needs. While the MSBA is cognizant of the controversial nature of such requests, it believes it has the responsibility to evaluate the economic impact of varied construction solutions. Discussions with the Town of Lunenburg continue at this writing.

Finally, I cannot close this annual report without making mention of the extraordinary efforts of the North Middlesex staff in helping the district address difficult financial shortfalls in state funding. The teaching staff and other employee groups within the school district voluntarily sacrificed one half of their negotiated salary increase in 2009-10 in order to close the budget gap that would have required the reduction or elimination of educational programs. Our staff has been a strong partner in the school district's efforts to preserve a quality school program for all students. We are forever grateful and our students are the beneficiaries of their generosity and sacrifice.

While the issues of finances sometime seem to consume too much time and attention, the efforts within our schools' classrooms continue to warrant our collective admiration. Our teachers and students work hard and as a result all students at our high school pass the state mandated MCAS test required for graduation. A large majority chose to continue their education well beyond a high school diploma. Our students reflect well on our schools and communities. As has always been the case, the North Middlesex communities support their children in both the best and worst of economic times. I am always amazed, proud, and appreciative of the level of community support for schools.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen M. Marshall  
*Superintendent of Schools*

## **ASHBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The school has a total student population of 213 students in kindergarten to grade 5 (97 males and 116 females). Enrollment figures include student choice children from neighboring towns such as Ashburnham, Fitchburg, Gardner, Lunenburg, Winchendon, and Worcester.

Students enrolled as of October 1, 2010 are as follows:

- Full Day Kindergarten = 40 (2 teachers),
- Grade 1= 39 (2 teachers)
- Grade 2= 34 (2 teachers)
- Grade 3= 26 (1 teacher)
- Grade 4= 32 (2 teachers)
- Grade 5 =42 (2 teachers)

The mission of AES 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 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. We continue to utilize our code of conduct, which is good discipline based on our core values of responsibility, integrity, caring, citizenship and communication which stem from respect. Respect for authority, peers and for rules.

Ashby Elementary School Council members (Mrs. Jessica Johnson, Mrs. Annica Scott, Mrs. Tiffany Call, Mrs. Amy Delaney, Ms. Jan Tarrant, Mrs. Karen Rixford, and myself) meet monthly to develop the school improvement plan, which is in alignment with our districts ten areas: Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, Accountability, Technology, Human Resources, Communication/Partnerships, Resources Acquisition and Management, Plant and Facilities, Image/District/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 are also working in conjunction with a local organization to replace our wooden play structure. There are numerous opportunities for parent and community involvement at the school. We continue to work with the town to provide an opportunity for senior volunteers to assist the school while lowering their taxes. The district Parent Out-Reach Coordinator, Mrs. Nancy Amante, provides resources to the parents and community.

We have many annual traditions such as fifth grade yearbook, fifth grade wall of fame, Dr. Seuss' Book Give Away, a food/holiday drive, spirit week, Alex's Lemonade Stand/Car Wash, Community Reading Day, Field Day and Fitness Day. We are also pleased to offer band to fourth and fifth graders, which performs at holiday and spring concerts. This past year we expanded our playground repertoire by adding a 25 foot ga-ga court. We embrace technology and have recently purchased robotic bee bots and pro bots, which are used by all grades. Check our school website for other exciting happenings, [www.nmiddlesex.mec.edu](http://www.nmiddlesex.mec.edu)

There are a host of activities after the regular school day ends. Mrs. Call directs our Before and After School Care for Kids (BACK Program) which runs from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM to assist with Ashby's need for child care for students before and after school hours. Mrs. Barnhart directs the After-School Enrichment Program which offers classes for the students to partake in on a five week rotational basis. 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 offer a summer intramural sports camp and Mrs. Casson along with Mrs. Barnhart provide an arts/crafts camp.

The results from the 2010 MCAS are as follows: Grade 3 Reading (Adv. 13%, Prof.47%, NI 38%, W 3%), Grade 3 Math (Adv. 13%, Prof. 53%, NI 28%, W 6%), Grade 4 English Language Arts (Adv. 14%, Prof. 47% NI 35%, W 5%), Grade 4 Math (Adv. 21%, Prof. 35%, NI 35%, W 9%), Grade 5 Math (Adv. 12%, Prof. 70%, NI 19%, W 0%) Grade 5 English Language Arts (Adv. 33%, Prof.40%, NI 21%, W 7%), Grade 5 Science (Adv. 28%, Prof.47%, NI 23%, W 2%). We are proud to have been awarded a commendation from the state last year for our high growth performance.

The student body and faculty appreciate the support of the town which continues to provide funding for the necessary resources that allow us to develop educationally sound programs for all those who attend AES.

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

## **HAWTHORNE BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Hawthorne Brook Middle School is an institution committed to educational excellence, and a community committed to supporting one another. Although the economy has not seen the much-anticipated recovery and budget constraints enter into most educational discussions, the staff, students, and their families have worked hard to maintain much of what makes Hawthorne Brook successful. We are dedicated to using our resources to provide the best educational experience possible for our students in the 21st century and continue to look for ways to improve our school.

The dedication to the philosophy of maintaining a middle school where student success is the first priority is evident in our commitment to teaming. Students and faculty are divided into smaller learning communities, or 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. 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.

This is the second year of “looping” our multi-grade 7th and 8th grade teams. By having teachers work with the same group of students for 2 years, they are able to maintain connections and build momentum within the curriculum and support deeper understanding of student learning. This year, we have also reconfigured our “specials” classes. The Fitness, Health, and PE classes are incorporated into a Wellness program and the Art, Music, and Theater classes are incorporated into a Fine

Arts program. This integrated approach to studying the arts and wellness make them more authentic and hopefully will benefit students beyond the classroom.

Our ongoing goal to develop 21st Century Learning Skills has expanded this year to include the district initiative of utilizing brain-based research to strengthen the link between teaching and learning. The district has emphasized eight specific strategies to support a cognitive context for instruction. Additionally, our staff has embraced professional development opportunities that have been offered throughout the district in both pedagogy and technology. The direct result is the students' ability to access current research and presentation technologies and work collaboratively processing new information with their peers. The importance of both technology and communication skills are stressed along with a strong foundation of academic content knowledge.

This year, the new state mandated anti-bullying legislation has been highly publicized. Although developing a positive, supportive climate at Hawthorne Brook is something that we have worked hard at and are proud of, the new legislation directs us to examine our protocols and programs and make adjustments as necessary. Our focus is on developing individual character and respect within a culture where we all take responsibility for each other and our community.

One unintended consequence of all of the publicity surrounding the new legislation is the broad brush used to paint a negative image of middle school students. We are very proud of our students and witness numerous acts of kindness and generosity throughout Hawthorne Brook on a daily basis. Our students maintain a high level of energy and enthusiasm and exhibit their talents and determination in the classroom, during athletic competitions, and on the stage. They are a constant source of pride for the staff, parents, and the entire community.

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

Communication is an essential component of a successful middle school. We can be reached via email at [HBadmIn@nmiddlesex.mec.edu](mailto:HBadmIn@nmiddlesex.mec.edu) or through our web site that can be accessed through the district page at <http://nmiddlesex.mec.edu> .

Sincerely,  
Stephen Coughlan, *Principal*



## NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Let me first take the opportunity to introduce myself and your new Headmaster. My name is Christine Batty and I have been an educator and school leader for nearly 20 years, primarily at the high school level. Your new Headmaster, Ian Goselin comes to NMRHS with a wealth of classroom and administrative experience, most valuable is his knowledge of how to bring out the best in both teachers and students. Upon joining the district, we were both immediately struck by the tremendous dedication and commitment NMRHS teachers have to the young people of Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend. As a result, the students here have some incredible opportunities for both academic achievement and community service.

Enrollment at the high school, grades nine through twelve, is just over 1,100. In 2010, 85% of NMRHS graduates continued their education at either a two or four year college. Another 10% enrolled in technical schools or the military. Students at NMRHS demonstrate their academic achievement in numerous ways. Mean Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores in 2010 were significantly higher than the state average in both Critical Reading and Mathematics. Ninety-six per cent (96%) of NMRHS students pass the MCAS test the first time they take it with 86% scoring at or above proficient. Over 125 students participate in 11 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses averaging scores on AP tests of 3.7 with 59% scoring at Level 4 or 5. NMRHS students have numerous opportunities for enrichment including: 5 different world language choices (Latin, Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, & American Sign Language), Virtual High School, a Future Educator's Academy, and Senior Capstone Projects. Additionally, NMRHS boasts over 40 clubs or extra-curricular activities and 38 different athletic teams.

Besides academic performance, examples of student success abound at NMRHS. Our football cheerleaders won the Sportsmanship Award at the Midland Wachusett League State Cheerleading Tournament. The American Cancer Society named NMRHS as the 2010 Nationwide Number One Per Capita Award for the Relay For Life Campaign hosted by our students. Last year, this event alone raised \$87,313 for cancer research and prevention. Students from NMRHS will be among 16 teams who will be competing on the second season of WGBH-TV's High School Quiz Show. Our community service learning group will again travel to New Orleans to help those still impacted by Hurricane Katrina as well as New York City to help the homeless. The Giving Tree provided 173 needy children with Christmas gifts. In total, NMRHS students raised over \$120,000 for charitable giving, scholarships, and community service projects. It is inspiring to see the number of students who are helping to better the lives of others. Please accept our gratitude to members of the community who have supported all of these endeavors.

As a school, we have begun the work of aligning all of the wonderful traditions here at NMRHS with the accreditation standards set by the New England Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Next fall, will be starting our self-study in preparation for a committee of teachers and administrators from across New England to visit and evaluate our school in 2013. This committee will determine whether or not NMRHS will maintain its accreditation for the next ten years. The first step in this process has been to examine our vision and values about teaching and learning by determining what is essential for ALL students to know and be able to do when they graduate. The outcome of this work has been the identification of ten 21st Century Learning Skills which will be used in the years ahead as a skeleton for our entire curriculum. Our next steps, which will involve you, our community members, are to determine the values we will use to guide our decision making and the vision for our school in the future. To do this, we will soon be conducting several surveys to gather information about what residents feel is important in an educational system.

We invite you to become involved in the numerous activities happening in our school community as it is your enthusiasm, support, and involvement that inspire all adolescents to do their best. Together we can achieve wonderful things.

Sincerely,  
Christine S. Battye, *Principal*

## **SQUANNACOOK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

This is my second annual report to the citizens of Ashby, Pepperell, and Townsend as principal of the Squannacook Early Childhood Center.

Squannacook Early Childhood Center serves 125 students ages 3, 4, and 5. Our class range from 10 - 14 students. Currently, there are 5 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, incorporated from three different towns, bring a unique teaching style in order to meet students' needs.

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. We are continuing with the Scott-Foresman reading series, in order to prepare our students for entrance

into kindergarten programs. The Second Step Social Skills program is being used to assist our students with social goals. Our gross motor room gives students an opportunity to exercise during the winter months. Thanks to Mrs. Linda Rakiey and the P.T.O. we have a new outside playground which was completed last fall.

Communications continues to be important. 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.

Our Parent Teacher Organization meet monthly at Squannacook Early Childhood Center. Our officers consist of: President – Rachel Loprinze, Vice President – Lisa Lavery, Secretary – Karen Cusick, and Treasurer – Natalie Brown. The first fundraiser, which took place in the fall, was a success. The next fundraiser will take place this spring. We have a committee which oversees the continued use and maintainance 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 Clark, Mark Louney, Robert Campbell and Brian Walker, two from Gardner, represented by Helen Lepkowski and Eric Commodore, 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 rising health insurance, student transportation, and utility costs coupled with a decrease of State Aid Chapter 70 of \$246,009 and a decrease in State Transportation Aid of \$406,008.

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, which represents a \$284,389 decrease from the 2008-2009 Educational Plan.

The District was audited in August 2010 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA and an “excellent” report is anticipated.

## **STUDENT BODY**

Monty Tech’s October 1, 2010, enrollment included 1,401 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district: Ashburnham (46), Ashby (42), Athol (122), Barre (37), Fitchurg (394), Gardner (193), Harvard (3), Holden (46), Hubbardston (53), Lunenburg (63), Petersham (6), Phillipston (20), Princeton (14), Royalston (21), Sterling (53), Templeton (104), Westminster (57), and Winchendon (115).

The Guidance/Admissions Department received 736 applications for admission for the class of 2014. Of these, 636 were for the available ninth grade openings. Due to the retention rate of our upper classes, there were a limited number of openings for upperclassmen. Monty Tech admitted 28 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, 1,340 district eighth graders participated in 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, was attended by an estimated one thousand 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 2009-2010 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 2009-2010 enrollment is the second highest ever at 742 seventh and eighth graders.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$37,560 in scholarships to members of the class of 2010. In addition, they awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. Once again, local (Business Education Enrichment Foundation) and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates themselves, are grateful for this support.

Articulation Agreements with local colleges continue 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 the tenth grade MCAS scores, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to see an improvement during the 2009-2010 school year in student achievement in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics. In the spring of 2010, Monty Tech's passing rate on the mathematics portion of the test declined slightly from 99% to 97% while the percentage of students scoring in the proficient and advance categories in math went from 78% to 80%. The school's passing rate on the English portion of the test was 100% in 2008, 99% in 2009 and 99% in 2010, while the students scoring in proficient and advanced categories in English went from 81% to 83%.

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 2010	100%	100%
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 2009-2010 fiscal year, Monty Tech was again affected by the slowing economy. Our Chapter 70 aid was reduced by 2%. As a result of this, our staff was reduced by four positions, due to retiring employees not replaced.

The current staff includes 56 vocational teachers, 2 vocational teaching assistants, 44 academic teachers, 4 guidance counselors, 1 school social worker, 1 school adjustment counselor, 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, leadership and professional skills.

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

The 2009-2010 school year was an extraordinary one for our chapter of Skills USA. The students met the challenges of district competitions, performed well at state-level competitions and took back to Monty Tech five national medals and four top-ten placements. Serving as co-advisors were First Sergeant Paul Jornet, JROTC instructor, Timothy Gately, English teacher, and Anne Marie Cataldo, Early Childhood Education instructor.

Highlights of the year included:

- A total of 51 medals were captured at the District Competition held in March at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School – 20 gold, 17 silver and 14 bronze. Students in four contests swept the events, obtaining all three medals. These included: Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Preschool Teaching Assistant and Technical Drafting.
- Forty-five District Medalists and qualifiers, 24 local Leadership contestants, 1 state officer candidate and 14 voting delegates, for a total of 84 students attended the State Leadership and Skills Conference, held in April at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School and the Best Western Royal Plaza (Marlboro). Monty Tech finished the competition with 27 Medals of which 15 earned the right to compete at the National Leadership & Skills Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri, in late June. In addition, Victoria Holbert was elected to the State Executive Council and Paula Araujo was selected as a National Voting Delegate.
- Of the nine students competing at the National Conference, five earned medals and the remaining four earned a spot in the top ten in

the nation. Michelle Gosselin, Early Childhood Education, earned her second Gold Medal in a row in the Action Skills Competition. Arielle Maddocks, also from Early Childhood Education, earned a Gold Medal in the Job Skill Demonstration – Open Competition. Eunices Gonzalez, Dental Assisting, earned a Silver Medal in the Job Skill Demonstration – A Category. Matthew DiBara, Masonry, earned a Silver Medal in the Masonry Competition. Conner Bailey, Drafting Technology, earned a Silver Medal in the Extemporaneous Speech Competition.

- Victoria Holbert, state officer elect, attended leadership training over the summer. Following the training, she was elected to the position of State President by her peers on the officer team.
- Monty Tech's Skills USA Chapter completed the restoration of Moran Park in Fitchburg, through the generosity of a grant from Lowes, Inc.

## **WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY**

During the 2009-2010 school year, Monty Tech had one of its largest groups of young ladies participate in the eighth year of the North Central Massachusetts Women in Technology Program, also known as Project WATCH (Women Achieving Technical Career Heights).

Our enrollment included: nine Business Technology students, five from Drafting Technology, and one from Engineering Technology, for a total of fifteen students. The students participated in a variety of high-tech, real-world work projects, under the mentorship of professionals at SimplexGrinnell and Tyco Safety Products. The projects covered a wide range of business and technology areas, such as finance, software development, IT hardware and software, event planning, marketing intelligence and video screening.

Through the program, qualified students from four area high schools – Monty Tech, Gardner High School, Leominster's Center for Technical Education and Naragansett Regional High School – have the opportunity to spend two days a month exploring career opportunities in high-tech fields, at Tyco Safety Products Co. 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.

Students interested in participating in the program must first pass a pre-screening process at their sending schools, and then attend an all-day Orientation Program, where they are interviewed by company personnel.

Of the six scholarships awarded at the program's annual Final Projects Presentation, held in May, Monty Tech students received four. Their selection was based on their outstanding performance during the year.

In addition, three Monty Tech graduates were hired to work in SimplexGrinnell's Monitoring Call Center this summer. All three graduates will be attending



college this fall. Two of the students participated in the WIT Program, and the other student, a male, worked as a Co-op student in Monty Tech's Technology Department the past two years.

Monty Tech, with the support of Superintendent-Director James R. Culkeen, has played a pivotal role in the WIT Program the past three years by hosting three of the program's major annual events: the annual Orientation Day, the Final Projects Presentation, and the all-day rehearsal the day before.

## **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 provided during the 2009-2010 school year.

### **Auto Body/Collision Repair Technology**

Gardner, MWCC - security car repairs

Winchendon, YMCA - rebuilt & painted Ford truck

Templeton, Cemetery Department - repainted car

### **Automotive Technology**

Winchendon, YMCA - Repairs

### **Cabinetmaking**

Fitchburg Police Department- podium

Fitchburg Moran Park - sign

Athol/Orange Boy Scouts - birdhouses

Fitchburg, nursing home - cutting boards

### **Cosmetology**

Gardner High Rise - Cosmetology Services

### **Culinary Arts**

Fitchburg Art Museum - "Art in Bloom" pastries

Gardner Relay for Life - Pastries

Holden - "Taste of the Town"

Fitchburg, Nashua River Watershed Association - pastries

Independent Restaurant Group - hors d'oeuvres - Fundraiser

### **Dental Assisting**

Lunenburg, Winchendon, Westminster, Ashburnham - CHIP Program

Westminster, Winchendon - Dental Health Fairs

### **Drafting Technology**

Barre, Farmers Market - Banner

Fitchburg, Silver Sponsors - Banner

Fitchburg, Design of Shed for Moran Park

Fitchburg, Police Department - podium design

Fitchburg, Montachusett Challenger Little League Field - vinyls



- Fitchburg, Street Hockey - Banner
- Fitchburg, Christian Fellowship Youth Group - Banner
- Fitchburg, Jump Off Program - Designs
- Gardner, Relay for Life - Banner
- Fitchburg, Soccer League - Banner
- Gardner, Festival of Trees - Banner
- Westminster, Historical Society - Banner
- Westminster, 250th Anniversary - Banner
- Winchendon, Toy Town Elementary - courtyard design
- Early Childhood Education
  - Fitchburg Community Partnership - Math/Literacy Fair
  - Montachusett Association for Education of Young Children
- Electrical
  - Templeton, Fire Station - installation of lights
  - Gardner, Fire Station - data wiring
  - Winchendon, Toy Town Elementary School - light fixtures
- Graphic Communications
  - Westminster, Forbush Memorial Library - posters and flyers
  - Interfaith Hospitality Network - bookmarks
  - Gardner, Relay for Life - posters
  - North Central - tickets
  - Gardner, Memorial Lights - booklets/envelopes
  - Ashburnham News - postcards
  - Peoples Church - Letterhead/cards/envelopes
  - Ashburnham, Friends of Senior Center - logo
  - Ashby, Middlesex Camp - flyers
  - Athol, Athletic Association - tickets
  - Athol, District 33A Lions Club - Ad Book
  - Athol, New England Select - tickets
  - Athol/Orange, YMCA - dinner tickets
  - Baldwinville, Elementary School - Race and Carnival tickets
  - Fitchburg, St. Anthony's Church - Tickets
  - Fitchburg, St. Bernard's - Dance Tickets/Programs
  - Fitchburg, High School - Tickets/Programs
  - Fitchburg, Senior Center - Writing Project Book
  - Fitchburg Longsjo School - poster/yearbooks
  - Fitchburg, Boy Scouts - envelopes/letterhead
  - Fitchburg, Forge Inn - tickets
  - Fitchburg, Art Museum - brochure
  - Fitchburg, St. Denis - tickets
  - Fitchburg, MOC kindergarten - calendars

- Fitchburg, Troop 17 - decals
- Fitchburg, Police Academy - pamphlets
- Gardner, H.O.P.E. - tickets
- Gardner, MWCC - Handbook and booklet
- Gardner, Holy Rosary School - tickets/yearbook
- Gardner, High School - raffle tickets
- Gardner, Heywood Hospital - tickets
- Gardner, CAC - envelopes/letterhead/postcards, GALA Programs
- Gardner, Golf Commission - brochures/membership
- Gardner, Knights of Columbus - tickets
- Gardner, Athletic - Certificates
- Gardner, Doug Flutie Autism - posters
- Gardner, Public Health - pamphlets
- Westminster, Agriculture Commission - flyers
- Westminster, Pumpkinfest - flyers
- Westminster - placemats
- Winchendon, Ahimsa-Haven - Letterhead/brochures
- Winchendon - By-Laws Booklet
- Winchendon - Senior Center
- Winchendon, North Central Pathways - pamphlets
- Health Occupations
  - Blood Drive
  - Haiti donations
  - Pediatric Day
- House Carpentry
  - Holden Police Dept. - 20 sawhorses made
  - Fitchburg, Moran Park - Refreshment stand
- Industrial Technology
  - Fitchburg - Baseball shelters
  - Fitchburg, Historical Society - bronze markers
  - Phillipston - Build/fabricate offices, DPW Barn
- Machine Technology
  - Fitchburg, Coggs Hall Park - manufactured plates and columns
- Masonry
  - Barre - repaint steps at Town Hall
  - Fitchburg, High School - dugouts
  - Winchendon Public School - concrete sidewalk repairs
- Welding/Metal Fabrication
  - Fitchburg, Fire Dept. - ladder brackets
  - Winchendon, YMCA - modify brackets for showers

## **SPECIAL SERVICES**

During the 2009-2010 school year, the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special education services to over two hundred students. In September 2009, the Student Support Services Department is actively providing services to approximately two hundred and eighty-seven students identified with disabilities, both on 504 plans and Individual Education programs (IEP's).

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 Amendments to IDEA expand upon the 1997 reauthorization and include 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 administer medications, perform state mandated health screening exams, and provide, 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, part-time school psychologist and school social worker. All 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. 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 ATHLETICS

The Monty Tech Athletic Program enjoyed successes again in the 2009-2010 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 seven last spring.

Last fall, the Varsity Football team broke a long losing streak and won three games in a row during a good stretch in October. They improved every week and gave their all during practice and games. They finished the year at 3 – 8 and 2 – 4 in Division 3A. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 8 – 7 – 4, qualifying for the post-season tournament, where they lost to Northbridge 3 – 1 in an exciting game. The JV Boys Soccer team was 5 – 11. The Golf team was 10 – 2 – 2, playing in the Central Mass Division 3 Tournament where they finished 4th. They placed 5th in the State Vocational Tournament. 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 3 – 15. The Monty Tech faculty held their 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 3 – 6 and the Girls Cross Country team was 3 – 3. The Girls Volleyball team had a 5 – 15 record. The JV Girls Volleyball team was 5 – 12 and the Freshmen Girls team 5 – 6, as they continue to improve. The Varsity Girls Soccer team was 7 – 9 – 2, just missing the post-season berth. The JV Girls Soccer team finished at 8 – 4 – 3, with most of the girls moving up this fall. Our girls' program looks very promising.

The Girls Varsity Basketball team finished at 10 – 10 and made the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament, where they lost to Littleton 57 – 34. The JV Girls were 9 – 10 and the Freshmen Girls were 10 – 5, as they prepared to move up to the JV Program this year. The Varsity Boys Basketball team finished at 8 – 12. The JV Boys Basketball team was 15 – 3 and played with a lot of desire and pride. The Freshmen Boys were 9 – 6 and showed vast improvement over the year. The Wrestling Team participated in many dual meets and tournaments and finished at 3 – 11. The Co-op Ice Hockey Team did very well, as they participated in the District Tournament, losing in the finals to Oakmont. The JV 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 again, it went very well. They swam at the Fitchburg State University pool, one of the best in the area.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball team again gave Monty Tech a lot to be proud of, as they won 23 straight games before losing to Blackstone Valley Tech in the Central Mass. Division 3 semi-finals. They won the Colonial Athletic League Championship for the 21st time in 25 years. They won the State Vocational Tournament for the 4th time since it started in 2000, as they beat Greater New Bedford Voc. 11 – 1 and Shawsheen Tech 5 – 1. They finished the year at 23 – 1. The JV Softball team was 6 – 12. The Boys Volleyball team was 7 – 11. The Varsity Baseball

team finished at 10 – 8 and qualified for the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament for the first time in many years. They played a good game against Millbury before losing 7 – 0. The JV Baseball team was 3 – 12. The Boys Track and Field team was 4 – 5, while the Girls Track and Field team was 8 – 2.

The outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2009 – 2010 were:

Male: Chris LaPlante of Westminster, Female: Ivette Tejada of Fitchburg

## **TECHNOLOGY**

Monty Tech is fortunate to have the support of School Committee and the administrative team that recognize the need to provide our staff with the tools to prepare our students for the workforce, military, or college. Monty Tech's technology spending could have been severely affected by the economic downturn in recent years. Fortunately, a portion of ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds was directed toward technology spending. We were able to purchase computers and software for our students with reading and learning difficulties. We were able to purchase software that standardized the applications used in several vocational programs. We were also able to implement a portion of our disaster recovering planning needs.

Monty Tech's electrical department has made improvements to the infrastructure of the building by completing the replacement of old network wiring in the original academic wing of the building. As we look to the future, we will need to evaluate the need for wireless access throughout the building.

Data continues to be an important tool for timely administrative decisions at the school and state level. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education implemented online testing for MEPA (Massachusetts English Proficiency Assessment), and Monty Tech participated as a pilot school.

## **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 2010, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$1,616,244. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Drug Free Schools, Perkins Occupational Education, and Summer Academic Support.

In addition to state and federal grant sources, Monty Tech was also the recipient of private and competitive grant awards totaling \$140,990. For Fiscal Year 2010, Monty Tech received \$26,175 in grant funds to support instructional services and equipment in the Auto Body/Collision Repair Department, The Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts awarded the school \$20,000 to pursue a

biodiesel project (project end date June 30, 2010), while the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education awarded competitive funds to support the construction of a renewable energy center at Monty Tech. Funds awarded for the Monty Tech Renewable Energy Center (REC) project total \$94,815.

Total grant awards for fiscal year 2010 was \$1,757,234.

### **CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

Again, on behalf of the School Committee, administration, students and staff of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, I thank all the member communities for their continued support of Monty Tech.

**RESULTS OF STATE ELECTION  
January 19, 2010**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk at 6:45AM.

Election officers on duty and duly sworn were as follows: Marja LePoer, Rachel Patnaude, Wendy Baird, Betty Tiilikkala, Rosemary Wayrynen, Amy Meunier, Kevin Sierra and Linda Stacy.

The polls opened at 7:00 AM.

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

**STATE BALLOT**

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

**VOTES**

Scott P. Brown	949
Martha Coakley	475
Joseph L. Kennedy	14
Blanks	2
Total ballots cast	1440

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

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

At the close of the polls the ballot box read 1440 voters had cast a ballot; the checkers' lists tallied 1440 voters had cast a ballot.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 26, 2010**

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-sixth day of April, next at 12:00 PM, to give their votes on one ballot for the following officers:

- MODERATOR, Three Years
- SELECTMAN, Three Years
- TOWN CLERK, Three Years
- TREASURER, Three Years
- ASSESSOR, Three Years
- ASSESSOR, One year
- NORTH MIDDLESEX SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Three Years
- CONSTABLE, Three Years
- BOARD OF HEALTH, Three Years
- PLANNING BOARD, Five Years
- CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Three Years
- PARK COMMISSIONER, Three Years
- 3 LIBRARY TRUSTEES, Three Years
- TREE WARDEN, 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 31st day of March 2010.

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Peter McMurray  
*Chair*

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Daniel Meunier

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Joseph Casey

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 Annual Town Election.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
William A. Davis, *Constable of Ashby*

**RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 26, 2010**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk at 11:55 AM on Monday, April 26, 2010.

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

The polls opened at 12:00 noon.

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

	VOTES
MODERATOR, Three years	
Nancy E. Chew	98
Blanks	5
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>
SELECTMAN, Three years	
Peter McMurray	89
All others	2
Blanks	12
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>
TOWN CLERK, Three years	
Lorraine Pease	100
Blanks	3
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>

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TREASURER, Three years

Kate Stacy	94
All others	1
Blanks	8
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>

ASSESSOR, Three years

Robert Bedard	2
Janice Miller	2
All others	5
Blanks	94
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>

ASSESSOR, One Year

John Vogt	1
Lillian Whitney	1
Robert Bedard	1
Mary Krapf	1
Blanks	99
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>

NORTH MIDDLESEX SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Three years

Kenneth P. Brown	94
All others	1
Blanks	8
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>

CONSTABLE, Three years

William A. Davis	85
All others	1
Blanks	17
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>

BOARD OF HEALTH, Three years

Cedwyn Morgan	85
All others	1
Blanks	17
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>

PLANNING BOARD, Five years	
Wayne A. Stacy	93
Blanks	10
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Three Years	
All others	6
Blanks	97
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>
PARK COMMISSIONER, Three years	
Stephanie B. Lammi	94
Blanks	9
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>
LIBRARY TRUSTEES, Three years	
David A. Jordan	75
Douglas Leab	76
Anne P. Manney	82
All others	2
Blanks	74
<i>Total votes cast</i>	<i>309</i>
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>
TREE WARDEN, One Year	
Charles Perna	8
All others	13
Blanks	82
<i>Total ballots cast</i>	<i>103</i>

The polls closed at 7:30 PM

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

At the close of the polls the ballot box read 103 voters had cast a ballot: the checker' tally sheet read 103 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 1, 2010 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 \$1,365 from the Tax Title account to the Treasurer Expense account for the purpose of paying for Treasurer expenses, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:     Approved     Disapproved     No Action

*Brief Explanation: The Town Treasurer's computer is inefficient for current operating needs and requires replacement. Additional funds are also needed for advertising costs related to unclaimed items.*

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,400 from the Town Administrator Salary account to the EMS ALS Charges and Fees Expense account for the purpose of paying ALS Services, 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 \$1000 from the Town Administrator Salary account to the Administration and Operations Expense account for the purpose of paying administration and operations 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 appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000 to the Fire Department Expenses account for the purpose of paying for the overhaul of the pump on Engine 2, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:    ✓ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: The last pump test conducted indicated that the Engine #2 pump needs to be overhauled as soon as possible in order to continue to pump water to capacity.*

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,555 to the Fire Department Expenses account for the purpose of paying for current Fire Truck maintenance needed, 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 6.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,800 to the EMT Expense account for the purpose of paying for the maintenance of the ambulance, 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 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,300 to the EMT Expense account for the purpose of paying for the EMT Class reimbursement for two members, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:    ✓ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: It has been customary to reimburse the fees for an EMT class and for testing once they become a certified EMT (this does not reimburse them for their time of approximately 160 hours). This article transfers funds into a previously under funded account.*

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$4,950 to the Highway Expense account for the purpose of paying for the replacement of a furnace in the Highway Building #1, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:    ✓ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: Furnace replacement is necessary.*

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$4,700 to the Highway Expense account for the purpose of paying for the replacement of a furnace in the Highway Building #2, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:    ✓ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: Furnace replacement is necessary.*

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind its November 30, 2009 Special Town Meeting vote on Article 7 which authorized the Town Treasurer to borrow funds in anticipation of State Aid for the purpose of paying bills and payroll from the December 2008 ice storm, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:    ✓ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: The Town Treasurer did not need to borrow in anticipation of State Aid for the bills and payroll associated with the December 2008 ice storm.*

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 14th day of April, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter McMurray  
Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
William A. Davis, *Constable of Ashby*

**RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
May 1, 2010**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk at 8:30 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Nancy Chew called the meeting to order at 9:35 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.

The rules of the meeting were read.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

**Article 1.** The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$1,365 from the Tax Title account to the Treasurer Expense account for the purpose of paying for Treasurer expenses.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 2.** The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$5,400 from the Town Administrator Salary account to the EMS ALS Charges and Fees Expense account for the purpose of paying ALS Services.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 3.** The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$1000 from the Town Administrator Salary account to the Administration and Operations Expense account for the purpose of paying administration and operations expenses.

VOTE: PASSED

**Article 4.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000 to the Fire Department Expenses account for the purpose of paying for the overhaul of the pump on Engine 2.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 5.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,555 to the Fire Department Expenses account for the purpose of paying for current Fire Truck maintenance needed.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 6.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,800 to the EMT Expense account for the purpose of paying for the maintenance of the ambulance.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 7.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,300 to the EMT Expense account for the purpose of paying for the EMT Class reimbursement for two members.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 8.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$4,950 to the Highway Expense account for the purpose of paying for the replacement of a furnace in the Highway Building #1.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 9.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$4,700 to the Highway Expense account for the purpose of paying for the replacement of a furnace in the Highway Building #2.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 10.** The motion was made and seconded to rescind its November 30, 2009 Special Town Meeting vote on Article 7 which authorized the Town Treasurer to borrow funds in anticipation of State Aid for the purpose of paying bills and payroll from the December 2008 ice storm.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS



The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 9:45 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 1, 2010 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**

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Amount	Name	Ave.	Lot	Section
\$200.00	Marjorie Mathewson	D	30	Lyman
\$400.00	Richard & Suzanne Caron	E	15	Lyman
\$400.00	Erika Roy	E	16	Lyman
\$400.00	Mark & Dawn Roy	E	17	Lyman
\$600.00	Walter Roy	E	14	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 \$179,016 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, Y2011, beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, 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 from Free Cash the sum of \$3,500 to the Municipal Building Repair account for the purpose of paying for engineering, design and fees to obtain a permit for wastewater disposal connection to the Ashby Elementary septic system, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:    ✓ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: The Lyman Building Town Hall septic is inefficient for current operations and needs to be tied into the Ashby Elementary School's septic system.*

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,000 to the Town Office Expense account for the purpose of paying for the construction and installation of a new Town Meetings Bulletin Board at the Ashby Town Hall, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:    ✓ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: This article will keep the Town in compliance with the new Open Meeting law that takes effect July 1, 2010.*

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 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, FY2011, beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, or take any action thereon.

Description	FY11 Amount
Revenues:	
Loan Balance/Retained Earnings	\$ 0.00
Interest Income	\$ 200.00
Trash Disposal Fees Collected	\$ 13,800.00
Recyclable Fees Collected	\$ 5,500.00
Recyclable Sales	\$ 1,500.00
Hauler Permit Fees	\$ 0.00
Total Revenues:	\$ 21,000.00
Expenses:	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,950.00
General Operating Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
Trash Trucking Services	\$ 2,400.00
Trash Disposal Expenses	\$ 7,800.00
Recycling Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
Emergency Reserve	\$ 1,350.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 21,000.00

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 FY11.*

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,743 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 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 53E½, to receive monies collected for burials, said funds to be expended by the Cemetery Commissioners 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 53E½, to receive monies collected for book late fees and replacement fees, said funds to be expended by the Library Trustees to pay for book and media repairs, replacements, supplies and expenses; with expenditures not to exceed \$3,000, 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 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 amend the Zoning By-Law by inserting the following section:

**Section 4.13, Expanded Commercial Agriculture Use Overlay District**

**4.13.1 Purpose:** The purpose of this by-law is to provide for additional uses for land used for commercial agricultural in order to improve the economic viability of such land and encourage continued agricultural use.

**4.13.1.1 Applicability:** This section shall apply to parcels in all zoning districts with the primary use of commercial agriculture, aquaculture, silviculture, horticulture, floriculture or viticulture as used in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 3 and to abutting parcels in common ownership.

**4.13.2 Permitted Uses:**

- 1) Farmers' market to rent or lease space for the sale of agricultural products.
- 2) Cider mill for the commercial processing of cider.
- 3) Dairy processing facility for the commercial processing of cheese and other dairy products.
- 4) Winery for the commercial production of wine.

**4.13.3. Special Permit Uses**

**4.13.3.1 Special Permit Granting Authority:** The Zoning Board of Appeals is the Special Permit granting authority. All uses shall be 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 Special 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 adverse impacts of the use.

4.13.3.2 The following uses shall be subject to the issuance of a Special Permit:

- 1) Agri-tourism such agricultural tours, museums and demonstrations.
- 2) Events, festivals or fairs.
- 3) Weddings, receptions, celebrations
- 4) Training and trials for hunting dogs and working dogs
- 5) Outdoor furniture, lawn and garden store
- 6) Sale of firewood, pellets, coal and stoves that burn firewood, pellets or coal.
- 7) Ice cream stand
- 8) Bakery
- 9) Small engine repair

, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:   \_\_\_ Approved   \_\_\_ Disapproved   ✓ No Action

*Brief Explanation: This article allows additional commercial uses by right and by special permit for land in commercial agriculture use.*

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning bylaw by deleting section 4.6.1 but not its subsections and replacing it with the following:

#### 4.6.1 Flood District

The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Ashby designated as Zone A on the Middlesex County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Middlesex County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Ashby are panel numbers 25017C0010E, 25017C0030E, 25017C0035E, 25017C0040E, 25017C0042E and 25017C0045E effective June 4, 2010. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Middlesex County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report effective June 4, 2010. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board and Building Inspector,

, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:   ✓ Approved   \_\_\_ Disapproved   \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: This article amends the Zoning Bylaw to reference the recently updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps.*

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way the subdivision roadway known as Daley Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as such roadway is shown on the street acceptance plan on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise the fee to or easements in said roadway, together with all related drainage, utility and other easements; said Daley Drive being more particularly described in the plan on file with the Town Clerk; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee action:    ✓ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: A Town Meeting vote is required to accept Daley Drive as a Town way.*

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000 to the Fire Department Expenses account for the purpose of paying for the overhaul of the pump on Engine 1, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:    ✓ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: The last pump test conducted indicated that the Engine #1 pump needs to be overhauled in order to continue to pump water to capacity.*

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$25,369.32 to the Police Expense account for the purpose of paying for the first year of a three-year lease for leasing two police vehicles and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease with an option to purchase the equipment at term end, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:    ✓ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    \_\_\_ No Action

*Brief Explanation: Two Police Cruisers need to be replaced.*

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$36,000 to the Police Expense account for the purpose of paying for the replacement of one police vehicle, or take any action thereon.

Finance Committee action:    \_\_\_ Approved    \_\_\_ Disapproved    ✓ No Action

*Brief Explanation: This will replace one of the two Police Cruisers that need to be replaced. If previous article passes this can be passed over.*

**Article 19.** 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 14th day of April, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter McMurray  
*Chair*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel 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 said Annual Town Meeting.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
William A. Davis, *Constable of Ashby*



**RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
May 1, 2010**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk at 8:30 AM.

With a quorum present, the Moderator Nancy Chew called the meeting to order at 9:48 AM.

Proclamation as a day of remembrance to Lina Perna read by Moderator Nancy Chew.

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

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.** The motion was made and seconded to accept the sums in trust; the income therefrom to be expended for the perpetual care of lots as printed in the warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 5.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$179,016 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, FY2011, beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, with each item considered to be a separate appropriation as set forth below, and to fix the salaries of all elected officials.

- \$ 557,464.83 for General Government
- \$ 830,500.96 for Protection of Persons and Property
- \$ 2,898,944.00 for Education
- \$ 375,514.29 for Public Works & Facilities
- \$ 24,080.32 for Human Services
- \$ 73,050.88 for Culture & Recreation
- \$ 474,895.45 for General Government Expenses

For a total sum of \$5,234,450.73 for the FY2011 operating budget.

The motion was made and seconded to decrease the amount of the Reserve Fund by \$5000.00 and to create a line item on the Police Budget to be known as Police Lock up Fees by placing in this line item the amount of \$5000.00 for the purpose of paying for Police Lock up Fees.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: DEFEATED

The motion was made and seconded to decrease the amount of the Reserve Fund by the amount of \$10,000.00 and to add to the Municipal Buildings Repair Line \$10,000.00 for the purpose of repairs needed on the Municipal Buildings.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: DEFEATED

The motion was made and seconded to decrease by the Amount in the Stabilization Account Expense Line of \$4000.00 and return this amount to the Reserve Fund, for the purpose of balancing the Budget for fiscal year 2011.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: DEFEATED

VOTE ON ORIGINAL ARTICLE: PASSED

**Article 7.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$3,500 to the Municipal Building Repair account for the purpose of paying for engineering, design and fees to obtain a permit for wastewater disposal connection to the Ashby Elementary septic system.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 8.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,000 to the Town Office Expense account for the purpose of paying for the construction and installation of a new Town Meetings Bulletin Board at the Ashby Town Hall.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 9.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 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, FY2011, beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 as printed in the warrant.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 10.** The motion was made and seconded to postpone indefinitely Article 10.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 11.** The motion was made and seconded to authorize the renewal of the Cemetery Burial and Foundations Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to receive monies collected for burials, said funds to be expended by the Cemetery Commissioners 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.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 12.** The motion was made and seconded to authorize a Library Books Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to receive monies collected for book late fees and replacement fees, said funds to be expended by the Library Trustees to pay for book and media repairs, replacements, supplies and expenses; with expenditures not to exceed \$3,000.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 13.** The motion was made and seconded to amend the Zoning By-Law by inserting the section as printed in the warrant.

The motion was made and seconded to amend article 13 by deleting section 4.13.2 Permitted Uses and number succeeding sections consecutively and by deleting subsections #1, #2 and #9 from section 4.13.3.2 and number the succeeding items consecutively and to make the following wording changes to section 4.13.3.2 ;

- in subsection #3 add the words "when conducted as a business" following the word "celebrations",
- in subsection #4 replace the wording "Hunting and working dog trials and training" with the words "Training and trials for hunting dogs and working dogs when conducted as a business.",
- and in subsection #6 replace the words "stoves for burning same" with the words "stoves that burn wood, pellets or coal".

VOTE ON AMENDED ARTICLE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to postpone amended Article 13 indefinitely.

VOTE ON MOTION: Yes- 20 NO-34 DEFEATED  
(requires majority vote)

VOTE ON AMENDED ARTICLE: YES- 28 NO-27 DEFEATED  
(requires 2/3 vote)

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VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 15.** The motion was made and seconded to accept as a Town way the subdivision roadway known as Daley Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as such roadway is shown on the street acceptance plan on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise the fee to or easements in said roadway, together with all related drainage, utility and other easements; said Daley Drive being more particularly described in the plan on file with the Town Clerk.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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police vehicles and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease with an option to purchase the equipment at term end.

VOTE: PASSED

**Article 18.** The motion was made and seconded to postpone indefinitely Article 18..

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**Article 19.** The motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$31,522.86 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

The motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 1:05 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 Primaries to vote at the Ashby Elementary School Auditorium on TUESDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the following purpose:

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

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	First Congressional District
COUNCILLOR	Seventh Councillor District
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	Worcester & Middlesex District
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	Second Worcester Representative District
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	Northern District
SHERIFF	Middlesex County

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 18th day of August, 2010.

_____	_____	_____
Peter McMurray <i>Chairman</i>	Daniel Meunier	Joseph Casey

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 State Primary.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
William A. Davis, *Constable of Ashby*

**RESULTS OF STATE PRIMARY  
September 14, 2010**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 6:55 AM.

Election officers on duty and duly sworn were as follows: Betty Tiilikkala, Rachel Patnaude, Marja LePoer, Wendy Baird, Rosemary Wayrynen, Linda Stacy and Kevin Sierra.

The polls opened at 7:00 AM.

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**

GOVERNOR	VOTES
Deval L. Patrick	112
All others	1
Blanks	33
Total ballots cast	146
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
Timothy P. Murray	120
Blanks	26
Total ballots cast	146
ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Martha Coakley	115
Blanks	31
Total ballots cast	146
SECRETARY OF STATE	
William Francis Galvin	124
Blanks	22
Total ballots cast	146



## TREASURER

Steven Grossman	79
Stephen J. Murphy	44
Blanks	23
Total ballots cast	146

## AUDITOR

Suzanne M. Bump	58
Guy William Glodis	46
Mike Lake	24
Blanks	18
Total Ballots cast	146

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John W. Olver	128
Blanks	18
Total ballots cast	146

## COUNCILOR

Francis A. Ford	104
All others	1
Blanks	41
Total ballots cast	146

## SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Jennifer L. Flanagan	119
Blanks	27
Total ballots cast	146

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Amy P. Feeley-Knuuttila	85
Patrick M. Gerry	48
Blanks	13
Total ballots cast	146

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Gerard T. Leone, Jr.	108
Blanks	38
Total ballots cast	146

SHERIFF

James V. DiPaola	101
Blanks	45
Total ballots cast	146

**REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT**

GOVERNOR VOTES

Charles D. Baker	169
All others	1
Blanks	9
Total ballots cast	179

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Richard R. Tisei	156
All others	1
Blanks	22
Total ballots cast	179

ATTORNEY GENERAL

James McKenna	37
Guy Carbone	11
All others	2
Blanks	129
Total ballots cast	179

SECRETARY OF STATE

William C. Campbell	153
Blanks	26
Total ballots cast	179

TREASURER

Karyn E. Polito	150
Blanks	29
Total ballots cast	179

AUDITOR

Mary Z. Connaughton	138
Kamal Jain	27
Blanks	14
Total ballots cast	179

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

William L. Gunn, Jr	163
Blanks	16
Total ballots cast	179

COUNCILLOR

Jennie L. Caissie	146
Blanks	33
Total ballots cast	179

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Neal Andrew Heeren	150
Blanks	29
Total ballots cast	179

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Richard Bastien	149
Blanks	30
Total ballots cast	179

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

All others	4
Blanks	175
Total ballots cast	179

SHERIFF

All others	4
Blanks	175
Total ballots cast	179

LIBERTARIAN PARTY PRIMARY BALLOT  
NO BALLOTS CAST

The polls closed at 8:00 PM.

Tellers on duty and duly sworn in were as follows: Nancy Peeler, Pamela Peeler, Deborah Pillsbury, Elaine Kielty, Dennis Moore, Roberta Flashman, Cathy Kristoferson and Janet Flinkstrom.

At the close of the polls the ballot box read 325 voters had cast a ballot; the checkers' lists tallied 146 Democrats and 179 Republicans had cast ballots, for a total of 325 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 SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 offices and questions:

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	Worcester & Middlesex District
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	Second Worcester Representative District
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	Northern District
SHERIFF	Middlesex County

**QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 4, 2010?

## **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would remove the Massachusetts sales tax on alcoholic beverages and alcohol, where the sale of such beverages and alcohol or their importation into the state is already subject to a separate excise tax under state law. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2011.

A YES VOTE would remove the state sales tax on alcoholic beverages and alcohol where their sale or importation into the state is subject to an excise tax under state law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state sales tax on alcoholic beverages and alcohol.

## **QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 4, 2010?

## **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would repeal an existing state law that allows a qualified organization wishing to build government-subsidized housing that includes low- or moderate-income units to apply for a single comprehensive permit from a city or town's zoning board of appeals (ZBA), instead of separate permits from each local agency or official having jurisdiction over any aspect of the proposed housing. The repeal would take effect on January 1, 2011, but would not stop or otherwise affect any proposed housing that had already received both a comprehensive permit and a building permit for at least one unit.

Under the existing law, the ZBA holds a public hearing on the application and considers the recommendations of local agencies and officials. The ZBA may grant a comprehensive permit that may include conditions or requirements concerning the height, site plan, size, shape, or building materials of the housing. Persons aggrieved by the ZBA's decision to grant a permit may appeal it to a court. If the ZBA denies the permit or grants it with conditions or requirements that make the housing uneconomic to build or to operate, the applicant may appeal to the state Housing Appeals Committee (HAC).

After a hearing, if the HAC rules that the ZBA's denial of a comprehensive permit was unreasonable and not consistent with local needs, the HAC orders the ZBA to issue the permit. If the HAC rules that the ZBA's decision issuing a comprehensive permit with conditions or requirements made the housing uneconomic to build or operate and was not consistent with local needs, the HAC orders the ZBA to modify or remove any such condition or requirement so as to make the proposal no longer uneconomic. The HAC cannot order the ZBA to issue any permit that would allow the housing to fall below minimum safety standards or site plan requirements. If

the HAC rules that the ZBA's action was consistent with local needs, the HAC must uphold it even if it made the housing uneconomic. The HAC's decision is subject to review in the courts.

A condition or requirement makes housing "uneconomic" if it would prevent a public agency or non-profit organization from building or operating the housing except at a financial loss, or it would prevent a limited dividend organization from building or operating the housing without a reasonable return on its investment.

A ZBA's decision is "consistent with local needs" if it applies requirements that are reasonable in view of the regional need for low- and moderate-income housing and the number of low-income persons in the city or town, as well as the need to protect health and safety, promote better site and building design, and preserve open space, if those requirements are applied as equally as possible to both subsidized and unsubsidized housing. Requirements are considered "consistent with local needs" if more than 10% of the city or town's housing units are low- or moderate-income units or if such units are on sites making up at least 1.5% of the total private land zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use in the city or town. Requirements are also considered "consistent with local needs" if the application would result, in any one calendar year, in beginning construction of low- or moderate-income housing on sites making up more than 0.3% of the total private land zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use in the city or town, or on ten acres, whichever is larger.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would repeal the state law allowing the issuance of a single comprehensive permit to build housing that includes low- or moderate-income units.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state law allowing issuance of such a comprehensive permit.

### **QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 4, 2010?

#### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would reduce the state sales and use tax rates (which were 6.25% as of September 2009) to 3% as of January 1, 2011. It would make the same reduction in the rate used to determine the amount to be deposited with the state Commissioner of Revenue by non-resident building contractors as security for the payment of sales and use tax on tangible personal property used in carrying out their contracts.

The proposed law provides that if the 3% rates would not produce enough revenues to satisfy any lawful pledge of sales and use tax revenues in connection with any bond, note, or other contractual obligation, then the rates would instead be reduced to the lowest level allowed by law.

The proposed law would not affect the collection of moneys due the Commonwealth for sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property or services occurring before January 1, 2011.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state sales and use tax rates to 3%.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state sales and use tax rates.

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 13th day of October, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter McMurray

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Meunier

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Casey

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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William A. Davis, *Constable of Ashby*

**RESULTS OF STATE ELECTION  
November 2, 2010**

The warrant was returned to the Town Clerk by Constable William Davis at 6:55 AM.

Election officers on duty and duly sworn were as follows: Marja LePoer, Rachael Patnaude, Betty Tiilikkala, Kevin Sierra, Linda Stacy, Wendy Baird, Amy Meunier, and Rosemary Wayrynen.

The polls opened at 7:00 AM.

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

**STATE BALLOT**

GOVERNOR/LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	VOTES
Patrick and Murray	498
Baker and Tisei	748
Cahill and Loscocco	138
Stein and Purcell	29
All others	0
Blanks	11
Total ballots cast	1424
ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Martha Coakley	722
James P. McKenna	679
All others	1
Blanks	22
Total ballots cast	1424
SECRETARY OF STATE	
William Francis Galvin	680
William C. Campbell	627
James D. Henderson	62
All others	1
Blanks	54
Total ballots cast	1424



## TREASURER

Steven Grossman	550
Karyn E. Polito	811
All others	1
Blanks	62
Total ballots cast	1424

## AUDITOR

Suzanne M. Bump	487
Mary Z. Connaughton	764
Nathanael Alexander Fortune	82
All others	2
Blanks	89
Total Ballots cast	1424

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John W. Olver	616
William L. Gunn, Jr.	695
Michael Engel	63
All others	2
Blanks	48
Total ballots cast	1424

## COUNCILLOR

Jennie L. Caissie	830
Francis A. Ford	456
All others	2
Blanks	136
Total ballots cast	1424

## SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Jennifer L. Flanagan	715
Neal Andrew Heeren	644
All others	1
Blanks	64
Total ballots cast	1424

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Richard Bastien	717
Patrick M. Gerry	445
Carolyn A. Kamuda	58

Colleen O'Neil-Laperriere	96
All others	1
Blanks	107
Total ballots cast	1424

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Gerard T. Leone, Jr.	895
All others	12
Blanks	517
Total ballots cast	1424

SHERIFF

James V. DiPaola	750
Michael S. Tranchita, Sr.	439
All others	3
Blank	232
Total ballots cast	1424

QUESTION 1.

Yes	842
No	568
Blanks	14
Total ballots cast	1424

QUESTION 2.

Yes	605
No	752
Blanks	67
Total ballots cast	1424

QUESTION 3.

Yes	733
No	682
Blanks	9
Total ballots cast	1424

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Tellers on duty and duly sworn were as follows: Nancy Peeler, Elaine Kielty, Deborah Pillsbury, Pamela Peeler, Stephanie Lammi, Janet Flinkstrom, Deborah Vogt, John Vogt, James Lippincott, Mariana Furtney-Fyfe, Roberta Flashman, Cathy

Kristofferson, Scott Sweeney, Ingrid Sweeney, Jon Kimball, Patricia Wayrynen, Alice Bauman, Michael McCallum, Jean Lindquist, John Pankosky, Deborah O'Hanlon, Robert Leary, Krishnabai, George Bauman, Kathryn Becker, Daniel Harju, Christina Ewald, and James Hargraves.

At the close of the polls the ballot box read 1424 voters had cast a ballot; the checkers' lists tallied 1424 voters had cast a ballot.

Lorraine Pease, *Town Clerk*

**BALLOT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 25, 2011**

**SELECTMAN, Three Years** VOTE FOR ONE  
Daniel A. Meunier *Candidate for Re-Election*  
458 Mason Rd.

**ASSESSOR, Three Years** VOTE FOR ONE  
Melissa M. Coyle  
665 Main St.

**ASSESSOR, Two Years** VOTE FOR ONE

**BOARD OF HEALTH, Three Years** VOTE FOR ONE  
Scott Carpenter  
398 Simonds Rd.

**BOARD OF HEALTH, One Year** VOTE FOR ONE

**PLANNING BOARD, Five Years** VOTE FOR ONE  
Andrew Leonard *Candidate for Re-Election*  
675 Jones Hill Rd.

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Three Years** VOTE FOR ONE  
John Mark Tiilikkala *Candidate for Re-Election*  
1262 Richardson Rd.

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, Two Years** VOTE FOR ONE

**PARK COMMISSIONER, Three Years** VOTE FOR ONE

**PARK COMMISSIONER, One Year** VOTE FOR ONE

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES, Three Years**

VOTE FOR THREE

Dwight F. Horan            *Candidate for Re-Election*  
550 Bennett Rd

Martha S.Morgan            *Candidate for Re-Election*  
593 Erickson Rd.

Hanae Olmsted  
52 Mason Rd.

**TREE WARDEN, Three Years**

VOTE FOR ONE

Allen B. Dawson  
56 Ingerson Rd.

**You may vote for not more than 3 candidates. The three candidates with the most votes will be elected as AT-LARGE MEMBERS FOR THE DISTRICT.**

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE NORTH MIDDLESEX**

Three years

Vote for not more than THREE

Anne E. Buchholz            *Candidate for Re-Election*  
7 June Street, Pepperell

Michael L. Morgan            *Candidate for Re-Election*  
99 Main St. #1, Pepperell

Randee J. Rusch  
60 Turner Rd., Townsend