

Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth
ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
of the
TOWN OF WHATELY



For the Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2009

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2009 Whately Annual Town Report Dedication

Anita Husted



In many towns, the Town Planner is a relatively well-paid professional that is employed by the town to serve this critically important function. In Whately, the Planning Board is comprised of volunteers who spend thousands of hours making sure that our picture perfect community with a postcard sized post office maintains its idyllic character.

For the better part of the past 25 years the Planning Board has been in the capable hands of Anita Husted. Whether she was serving as Chair, Secretary or both, she was instrumental in all operations. In fact, during the past 11 years, she has missed a total of two meetings. Yes, you read correctly...TWO meetings in 11 years.

Further, she has done this while simultaneously serving the community and all residents as a library trustee and civic leader. And that is why the 2009 Annual Town Report for Whately is dedicated to **Anita Husted**.

For anyone not familiar with the resume of dedication that Anita has quietly created over the years, here is a snapshot:

- ✓ Planning Board 1986 – 1989; 1998 – 2009
 - Spear-headed revisions and updates to the Zoning Bylaws
 - Directed the creation of the Open Space Plan
 - Drafted the Amateur Radio Amendment to the Zoning Bylaws
 - Updated Whately Subdivision Regulations
 - Created the Whately Aquifer Protection District
 - Led Whately in the following Court or Planning Board Decisions
 - Chestnut Mountain Road Status
 - Western Massachusetts Regional Library System
 - Chang Farm Expansion
 - Nasami Farms
 - Deerfield Urethane
 - Samson Associates
 - Common Drive Special Permits

- ✓ Library Trustees 1985 – 2006

The consistent theme with her work on both of these departments was the vast amount of time and energy she gave. Anita was a quiet leader. Whether working as a Library Trustee or as a member of the Planning Board, Anita was a workhorse willing to take on projects and see them through. Her ability to engage all members of respective Boards and coordinate information, applicants, professional services and experts made her a tremendous asset.

On the Planning Board, Anita was understandably the ‘go to’ person in Town on zoning bylaws and always understood the need for the Board to look at both sides of an issue. While this may seem like it should be standard operating procedure, it is more often than not easier said than done yet Anita was a master at it.

Through these examples and others, Anita Husted has served as the glue that held not just the planning board together but the entire planning strategy for Whately. She has been the person with all the knowledge and commitment a town like Whately needs when it lacks the resources for a full-time paid planning professional.

The leadership and direction provided by Anita with the Planning Board should, however, not overshadow the same capacity and dedication she exhibited for the Library during her time as a Trustee.

Throughout her tenure as a Library Trustee, Anita was seen as a point person for ensuring that our Library remained a central feature of our town landscape. She was the “building’s representative” making sure that it was cared for and that it received the attention and care that it deserved.

Anita has long understood the importance that a library holds for a town and was a constant advocate for the library and one of the driving forces behind the start of a Long Range Plan for the library. This process continues, but Anita’s vision and her ability to engage other Library Trustees dramatically helped spearhead this process.

For all her tireless work and dedication to these critical pieces of Whately operations, we as a town owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Anita. Her work on the Planning Board and Library Trustees has helped define our town and she has helped the town realize how every part of this town and every service that is delivered is an inter-connected fabric that feed off of each other to maximize our collective success.

We have watched Anita be a leader in our community for over two decades and Whately is a better place because of her hard work and extraordinary vision.

Thank you Anita! On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and for all you have given to the Town of Whately we dedicate this year’s Annual Report to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan S. Edwards, Chair
Whately Board of Selectmen

Board or Committee:

Agricultural Commission
 Assessors
 Board of Health
 Cable TV Advisory Committee
 Capital Planning Committee
 Cemetery Commissioners
 Conservation Commission
 Council on Aging
 CPC – Community Preservation Comm
 Cultural Council
 Energy Committee
 FCAT
 Finance Committee
 Franklin County Coop. Inspection Prog.
 Franklin County Technical School Comm.
 Friends of the Library
 Frontier Regional School Committee
 Historical Commission
 Historical Society
 Implementation Committee
 Library Trustees
 Personnel Committee
 Planning Board
 Recreation Commission
 Park
 Selectmen
 School
 Town Clerk
 School

 Town Collector
 Treasurer
 Hall
 Tri-Town Beach Committee
 Waste Management Committee
 Water Commissioners
 Whately Grange
 Whately School Committee
 Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Date:

No set meeting date
 Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 P.M., Town Hall
 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Center School
 No set meeting date
 No set meeting date
 No set meeting date
 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
 2nd Tuesday, 12:30 P.M., Senior Center
 2nd Wednesday, 6:00 P.M., Town Hall
 No set meeting date
 No set meeting date
 2nd Thursday, 7 P.M. 8B Elm St., So. Dfld
 No set meeting date
 No set meeting date
 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Tech School
 1st Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Library
 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Frontier
 3rd Monday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
 1st Thursday, 7:30 P.M., Center School
 No set meeting date
 2nd Thursday, 7:00 P.M., Library
 No set meeting date
 Last Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
 2nd Monday, 7:00 P.M., WES or Herlihy

 2nd & Last Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Center

 M, W, Th, & Friday 9 – 4 P.M., Center

 Tuesdays Noon – 7:00 P.M.
 Mondays, 3-7 P.M., Town Hall
 Tues. and Thurs., 8:45-2:45 P.M., Town

 No set meeting date
 No set meeting date
 1st Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Center School
 See Annual Program Schedule
 1st Monday, 7:00 P.M., WES
 1st Thursday, 6:30 P.M., Town Hall

Note: This schedule is provided for informational purposes only. Please check the Town Clerk's Board at the Center School Offices for official notification of meetings and hearings. Meetings are also posted on the Whately Website Calendar, www.whately.org and the Whately Bulletin Board broadcast on Channel 15 for cable viewers in town.

WHATELY TOWN OFFICIALS

Elected Officials

Board of Selectmen

Jonathan S. Edwards, Chair	2010
Paul Newlin	2011
Joyce Palmer Fortune	2012

Town Clerk

Lynn M. Sibley	2010
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Assessors

Frederick Orloski	2012
Katherine Fleuriel, Chair	2010
Melanie Chorak	2011

Board of Health

Caroline Gear	2011
Francis Fortino, Chair	2012
Michael Archbald	2010

School Committee

Robert Halla	2010
Donald Skroski	2011
Nathanael Fortune	2012

Frontier Regional School Committee

William J. Smith	2012
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Library Trustees

Barbara Banik	2012
Ellen Brown	2012
Kathleen Smith	2011
Joyce Tutun	2010
William Saunders	2010
Robert Duda	2011

Cemetery Commissioners

Fred W. Bardwell	2010
Peter D. Hannum	2012
Roland Kinsman	2011

Moderator

Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	2010
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Constables

Edwin Zaniewski	2010
Thomas Mahar	2010

Elector to the Will of Oliver Smith

John LaSalle	2010
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Water Commissioners

Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	2012
George Bucala, Jr. Chair	2010
Georgeann Dufault	2011

Selectmen's Appointments

Administrative

Town Administrator

Lynn Sibley	2010
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Municipal Secretary

Barbara Hancock	2010
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Town Accountant

FrCOG – Joyce Muka	2010
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Treasurer/Collector

Susan Warriner	2010
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Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige	2010
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Public Services

Superintendent of Streets

Keith Bardwell	2010
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Keeper of the Pound

Daniel G. Denehy	2010
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Tree Warden

Keith E. Bardwell	2010
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Public Safety

Chief of Police

James Sevigne, Jr.	2012
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Full-time Officers

Donald Bates	2010	2010
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Part-time Police Officers 2010

Randall Williams
Thomas Clark
Paul Herbert
Diane Wilder
Philip Malone
James Purcell
Marc Bryden
Jeffrey Baker - Reserve
Scott Hutkoski - Reserve
Robert Warger - Reserve
Edwin Zaniewski – Reserve
Heath Cummings – Reserve
James Bernier - Reserve

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

John S. Hannum 2010

Emergency Management Director

Lynn M. Sibley 2010

Assistant Emergency Management Director

Alan E. Sanderson, Jr. 2010

Animal Control Officer

Richard Adamcek 2010

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

William Obear 2010

Municipal Right to Know Coordinator

John S. Hannum 2010

Inspectors and Inspection Services

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program Representative

James Ross 2010

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program 2010

Building Inspectors
James D. Hawkins
James A. Cerone
Wiring Inspector
James Slowinski
Plumbing Inspector
Andy French

Inspector of Animals and Barns

Richard Adamcek 2010

Weights and Measurers 2010

Lyndon L. Scott
Alan Sanderson, Sr.
Joseph Rup
Northampton Coop Auction
Robert Warner
Janet Land
Kim Reardon
John Payne
Samantha Warner

Fence Viewers and Field Drivers 2010

Ai S. Annis, Jr.
David Chamutka
Jonathan Edwards
Richard Adamcek

Veterans Services

Veteran's Agent

Leo Parent 2010
Central Franklin County Vet. District

Town Representative to Franklin County Veterans District

Donald Sluter 2010

Veterans Graves Officer

Raymond Billiel 2010

General Government

Registrars of Voters

Neal B. Sanderson 2010
Nicole Ciesluk 2012
Theresa Billiel 2011
Lynn Sibley, Clerk 2010

Zoning Board of Appeals

Debra Carney, Vice-Chair 2011
Roger P. Lipton, Chair 2012
Robert Smith 2010
Alternates
Frederick Orloski 2010
Vacant 2010

Conservation Commission

Scott Jackson, Chair	2010
Terrence Reynolds	2011
Patricia Devine	2012
George Owens	2010 2
Andrew Ostrowski	2011

Tri-Town Beach Committee

William Skroski, Jr. Chair	2010
Elizabeth Orloski-Perfido	2011
Susan Monahan	2012

Recreation Commission

Charles DeForest, Chair	2010
Nicole Ciesluk	2010
Robert Englehardt	2010
Carrie Fydenkevez	2010
Fred Warren	2010
Todd Jarvis	2010
Jamie Vielmetti	2010

Historical Commission

Alan McArdle, Chair	2010
Judy Markland	2011
Howard Nenner	2012
Darcy Tozier	2010
Jessica Monti	2012

Energy Committee

Lynn DiTullio	
Jonathan Edwards	
Nathanael Fortune	
Melanie Chorak	
Gary Grybko	

Cultural Council

Frances Symanski	2012
Ramsay Klaff, Chair	2012
Julie Sanderson	2012
George Colt	2011
Neal Abraham	2012
Katherine Ross	2010
Marianne Simon	2011
Tom Leamon	2011
Shirley Pielock	2012

Council on Aging

Josephine Wasielewski	2011
Barbara Banik	2010
Bernard Mizula	2009
Virginia C. Allis	2011
Blanche Wojtkielewicz (until Oct 09)	
Vacancy	2009

Vacancy	2008
Vacancy	2010

Agricultural Committee

Timothy Nourse-Chair	2011
William Obear-Secretary	2010
David Chamutka	2011
John Devine	2010
Margaret Christie	2012
Cris Coffin-Consultant	

Implementation Committee

Judy Markland	
Kay Klippel	
Rebecca Jones	
Paul Newlin	

Open Space Advisory Committee

Cris Coffin	
Mary Shanley-Koeber	
Jonathan Edwards	
Tom Litwin	

Building Code Board of Appeals

Ralph Farrick	2013
Joseph Rup	2014
Randy Sibley	2012
Ewan Mikolajczuk	2011
Vacancy	

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Gregory Gagnon, Chair	
John K. Talmage	
Gary Lawrence	
Randy K. Sibley	
Joyce Palmer-Fortune	

Franklin County Overall Economic Development Plan Committee Representative

Harold R. Swift, Jr.	
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**Franklin County Economic Target
Area Representative**
Harold R. Swift, Jr.

**Franklin Regional Council of
Governments Representative**
Lynn Sibley 2010

Committee on Disabilities
Donald Sluter, Chair
Ralph Farrick
Sandra Saunders
Lynn M. Sibley

Franklin County Solid Waste District
Ronnie Williams
Fran Fortino, Alternate

Franklin County Transit Authority
Fred Bardwell

**Whately Waste Management
Committee**
William Obear
Fran Fortino
Gary Lawrence

Municipal Building Committee
Gary Grybko, Chair
Adelia Bardwell
Ralph Farrick
Lynn DiTullio
Virginia Allis
Alan Sanderson, Jr.
Lynn Sibley – Town Administrator

Moderator's Appointments
Finance Committee:
Thomas Mahar, Chair 2012
Gregory Gagnon 2010
Jane Grybko 2010
Robert Fydenkevez 2012
Roger Kennedy 2010
Maryann Sadoski 2011
Joseph Zewinski 2011

Planning Board:
Anita Husted (until June 09) 2009
Donald Sluter, Chair 2012
Fred Bardwell 2010
John Torchia (until June 09) 2009
Vacancy
Nicholas Jones 2011
Judy Markland 2012

**Franklin County Technical School
Committee:**
Donald Sluter 2011

Other Officials

Capital Improvement Planning Committee:
Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator
Jonathan Edwards, Selectmen
Nathanael Fortune, Superintendent Rep.
Vacancy, at-large
Bruce Tutun, at-large
Roger Kennedy, Finance Committee
Bruce Cleare, Planning Board Rep.

Community Preservation Committee – CPC

Andrew Ostrowski, Conservation Comm	2010
Howard Nenner, Historical Comm	2010
Judy Markland, Planning Board	2011
Catherine Roegge, Housing Rep	2011
Nikki Ciesluk, Recreation Comm	2011
Alan Sanderson, Jr., Selectmen	2012
Cris Coffin, Selectmen	2012

Personnel Committee:

Jonathan Edwards - Appt. by Selectmen
Keith Bardwell - Elected by Employees
Jane Grybko - Appt. by Finance Comm.
Patricia Barschenski, Chair - Appt. by Moderator
Janet Korytoski - Appt. by Moderator

Health Agent – Appt. by Board of Health

Jackie Duda

Water Superintendent – Appt. by Water Commissioners:

William Smith

Librarian – Appt. by Library Trustees:

Tiffany Hilton

Emergency Medical Technician Coordinator – Appt. by Fire Chief

Gary Stone

Frontier Regional School Committee – Appt. by Whately School Committee:

Robert Halla

Superintendent of Schools – Appt. by All School Committees

Regina Nash

Principal of Whately Schools – Appt. by Superintendent of Schools

Peter Crisafulli

Transfer Station Attendants:

Alan Thackeray
Lee Felton
Roland Kinsman, alternate
Douglas Scoville, alternate

Anyone wishing consideration for an appointment to any committee may contact the Board of Selectmen.

2009 Report of the Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen, first of all would like to recognize Alan Sanderson, Jr. who after 9 years as a Selectman chose not to run again. Alan's service to the town was greatly appreciated. As a lifelong citizen of Whately he had special insight in the needs and history of the town. In June we welcomed our newest member of the board, Joyce Palmer Fortune, the first woman to serve as a Selectman for the Town of Whately.

We would also like to acknowledge some of the Town Officials who have chosen not to run for office or be reappointed in 2009. Sandra Saunders a Library Trustee since 1989 chose after 20 years of service not to run for an additional term. Assessor Christine Langford and Library Trustee Shelley Futter, did not run for second terms. Fred Orloski was elected as the new Assessor and Barbara Banik and Ellen Brown were elected to fill the open Library Trustee positions. James LaSalle, Jr. chose not to run as the Elector to the Will of Oliver Smith, however, his son John decided to follow in his shoes. We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge, long term members of the Planning Board, Anita Husted and John Torchia who left the board this year. Both members extended their terms long enough to vote on the Pine Plains Estate subdivision project which took almost a year to finalize. We would like to extend our thanks to these town officials who made a commitment of time and energy to the town. Our appreciation is also extended to all of those who serve as elected officials or as volunteers on our Boards and Committees.

The Whately Library and the community in general grieved the loss of Librarian Christine Moulton who passed away earlier in 2009. Christine, who was a long time Whately resident before moving to Northfield, was responsible for the many new programs brought to the library in the last few years. As if Christine's death was not enough, long time custodian for the library, Jim Ostrowski passed away unexpectedly in November. Both of these very committed people will be greatly missed. The Library Trustees have hired a new librarian, Tiffany Hilton and a new custodian Fiona Stryko.

Last year we set a number of goals for the town and we are happy to report that most have been seen to fruition or are well on the way to being completed. Quarterly billing and the implementation of the Community Preservation Act were two of those goals. Susan Warriner, Town Treasurer/Collector has reported that quarterly billing has been initiated with very few bumps along the way. Quarterly billing allowed the town to make it through the August – October revenue slump without having to borrow, saving the town \$2,000 - \$3,000. Collections for the Community Preservation Act were included in tax bills that were sent out July 1st. We anticipate collecting approximately \$63,000 that will be used for historic preservation, open space, or affordable housing projects in town. We will find out what the match from the state will be in October but we are anticipating that we will receive close to a 100% match.

Another goal of the Selectmen was to follow through with the suggestions of Siemen's Building Technology, the Energy Savings Company (ESCO) that was hired to find projects that will offer energy savings to the town. This process has moved along slower than we had anticipated but we had an investment grade audit done in December and should be hearing on a proposed project early in 2010.

The Selectmen would like to compliment the Highway Department on the work they did on Long Plain Road with Chapter 90 money. The next project that will require extensive work is repair and drainage to Haydenville Road. We are presently discussing a possible joint project with the Town of Williamsburg to repair this road from the Whately Inn to Route 9 in Haydenville.

Massachusetts Highway Department, now the Mass. Department of Transportation, has made a commitment to replace the Haydenville Road bridge. Although the project is ready to go, it continues to be postponed by the DOT. The Selectmen, Senator Rosenberg and Representative Kulik continue to put pressure on the DOT to complete this very needed bridge replacement.

The Board of Selectmen would like to report that although it has been a difficult year economically for the entire state, the Town of Whately was able to continue to provide the services that the residents have come to expect over the years. Most of our departments have continued to level fund their budgets even as prices continue to rise. The Town continues to seek grants whenever possible and we are presently waiting to hear on awards for a Hazardous Mitigation Grant to repair flooding issues on Williamsburg Road, an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a new fire tanker, and two Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants; one for insulation, storm window repair and heating system conversion at the Center School and photo voltaics for the Police Station and the other for an owner's agent to serve the town for our energy performance contracting project. All of these grants are very competitive and are not guaranteed. Some grant resources, such as the Community Policing program, are drying up and will definitely affect budgeting and possibly services.

As always, the Selectmen set goals to be worked on in the coming year. The goals for 2010 are:

- Continue to work with Siemen's Building Technology to develop an energy saving project.
- Move forward on the town building consolidation project by creating a formal design, submitting a plan to the voters and seeking funding from various sources such as Community Development Block Grants, Historical Grants and Community Preservation funds.
- Develop a STRAP grant application for drainage and repair of the dirt portion of Conway Road and a joint Transportation Improvement Project with the Town of Williamsburg for repairs to the entire length Haydenville Road in Whately and Mountain Road in Williamsburg.

In closing, the Selectmen would like to thank all the devoted employees who have committed themselves to the Town of Whately. We would also like to thank the voters, residents and taxpayers for their support. As always, we welcome visitors and comments at our Selectmen's meetings on the 2nd and last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Please call 665-4400 to be put on our agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan S. Edwards, Chair

Paul K. Newlin

Joyce Palmer Fortune

2009 Annual Report of the Town Clerk

2009 is generally an off year for elections and this allows Town Clerks to take a little breather before the busy 2010 election season begins. However, with the passing of Senator Kennedy this was not the case. A primary election was held on December 8, 2009 to narrow down the candidates. As soon as that election was certified, planning for the January 19, 2010 Senate election began. Municipal Clerk's were concerned about the costs of these elections on already strapped town budgets and asked the Division of Local Mandates to determine if these elections would be considered an unfunded mandate. DLM did agree that it was an unfunded mandate and informed the legislature of their decision. As of January 2010 no reimbursement funding had been appropriated by the legislature. Clerks were instructed to keep track of all expenses with the hopes of future reimbursement. It is estimated that these two elections could cost over \$7.5 million.

In April, the Town voted a balanced and very modest budget at the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Election was held for the first time in June. Our elected officials were chosen during this election and the townspeople voted a debt exclusion to cover the costs of replacing the elementary school roof.

Special Town Meetings were held on June 30 and October 13, 2009. The June meeting included articles for some land takings for a drainage easement and an end of year transfer. The October meeting included some transfers for unforeseen expenses along with a reduction in the debt for the school roof. This meeting also included motions to approve local meals and rooms taxes which were defeated.

My annual preservation and code book projects were put on hold again this year due to lack of funding. I am hoping that the town will look favorably on using CPA funds to help with the preservation project in the future. The code book will remain on hold until funding becomes available.

The 2010 Federal Census program is gearing up. The Census Bureau is doing training for enumerators at the present time. I encourage all residents to respond to the Federal census either by mail or through a personal visit of a census enumerator. This data is used to calculate not only our representation to the state and federal senate and house but is also used in formulas to calculate funding of various programs and grants.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of my usual hours at the Center School Office building at 218 Chestnut Plain Road:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesdays from Noon – 7 p.m.

If you have special needs that make visiting my office in the Center School difficult, please call me at 665-0054 and I will make arrangements to meet you in a more accessible location.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Town Clerk's Office for the year 2007. Please see www.whately.org for minutes of all town meetings and elections or contact the Town Clerk's office for copies.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Sibley, Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
7	17	13	9	16	11	9

MARRIAGES

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
11	9	7	10	4	6	4

DEATHS

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15	15	4	15	12	15	10

2009 DOG LICENSES

24	Male Dogs @ \$10.00	\$ 240.00
142	Neutered Male Dogs @ \$5.00	710.00
17	Female Dogs @ \$10.00	170.00
<u>167</u>	Spayed Female Dogs @ \$5.00	<u>835.00</u>
359		\$1,955.00
	Plus Fines Charged for Late Licensing	<u>1,400.00</u>
	Total Turned Over to Treasurer	\$3,355.00

2009 FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE RETURN

20	Resident Fishing @ \$27.50	550.00
6	Resident Fishing Minor @ \$11.50	69.00
1	Resident Fishing 65-69 @ \$16.25	16.25
18	Resident Fishing Handicapped – free	--
2	Non- Resident Fishing @ \$37.50	75.00
6	Resident Hunting @ \$27.50	165.00
5	Non Resident Big Game @ \$99.50	497.50
1	Minor Hunting @ \$11.50	11.50
23	Resident Sporting @ \$45.00	1,035.00
2	Resident Sporting 65-69	50.00
11	Resident Citizen Sporting Over age 70 – free	--
1	Duplicate Sporting @ \$2.50	2.50
6	Archery Stamp @ \$5.10	30.60
4	Waterfowl Stamp \$5.00	20.00
11	Primitive Firearms Stamp @ \$5.10	<u>56.10</u>
	Total	2,578.45
	Additional \$1.00 surcharge per license	<u>66.00</u>
	Amount turned over to Town Treasurer	2,644.45
	 Paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	 <u>2,542.75</u>
	Fees Collected by Town of Whately	101.70

OTHER FEES COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK

Zoning Board – Appeals	1,500.00
Planning Board – ANR – Other Filings	425.00
Sale of by-laws and sub-division	94.00
Sale of Street Listing	42.00
Gas Renewal Permits	100.00
Vitals	530.00
Business Certificates	310.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Raffle	10.00
Copying	14.20
Marijuana Fines	<u>800.00</u>

Total Other Fees Paid to	
Town Treasury in Clerk Receipts	\$3,875.20

Board of Assessors

The Board inspected ninety homes and businesses during the spring and summer, mostly homes with new growth—renovations, additions, new construction—and those that had sold in the past year. There have been several changes in procedures which have affected the work of the assessors: the move from semi-annual to quarterly billing, the imposition of the new Community Preservation surcharge and the switch of chaptered land from the commercial to residential/open space category. This was not a recertification year, so although we had to make an interim sales study, it was determined that there were no data supporting any changes in values where new growth had not occurred. The tax rate was set at \$14.51 per thousand for fiscal year 2010. Town valuation by class is as follows:

Residential	\$182,757,899
Commercial	20,211,459
Industrial	18,778,300
Personal	<u>6,350,877</u>
Total	\$228,098,535

Christine Langford was replaced by Frederick Orloski on the Board.

The assessors' office is open Tuesdays from 9 to 5 o'clock, Tuesday evenings 7 to 8:30 and on Wednesdays from 9 to 4. The Board reminds residents that the assessors will be making inspections Tuesday evenings starting in April 2010 and will continue throughout the summer until the evenings are too dark. During the summer the assessors are back in the office shortly before 9 o'clock. From Christmas until the end of March, the Board meets the first and third Tuesdays, although the office is generally open every Tuesday evening.

Katherine E Fleuriel, Chairwoman
Melanie A Chorak
Frederick P.Orloski
Cynthia C.Herbert, Assistant Assessor

**TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
BANK ACCOUNTS – FY 2009**

BANK	BALANCE 7/1/2008	BALANCE 6/30/2009
BANK OF WESTERN MA		
GENERAL CASH	\$ 366,953.89	\$ 333,138.69
SEPTIC PROGRAM	\$ 16,068.62	\$ 16,111.35
HOWARD HOXIE		
GARDEN FUND	\$ 3,569.22	\$ 3,577.32
JAWK, INC.	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,007.05
CITIZEN'S BANK		
GENERAL CHECKING	\$ 1,174.72	\$ 1,176.88
BERKSHIRE BANK		
GENERAL FUND	\$ 8,195.93	\$ 8,334.07
SEPTIC/FEE ACCT	\$ 532.76	\$ 541.74
ARTS LOTTERY	\$ 986.59	\$ 1,003.20
TRUST FUNDS		
MMDT GENERAL REVENUE	\$ 741,792.52	\$ 688,799.06
MMDT		
(FROM PAGE 2)	\$ 476,838.91	\$ 480,675.93
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	\$ (41,912.37)	\$ (112,276.97)
PETTY CASH	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
DUE TO GENERAL FUND:	\$ 3,407.28	\$ 0.00
DUE FROM GENERAL FUND:	\$ (45,000.00)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,563,042.42	\$1,436,588.32

TRUST FUNDS

JAMES FILIPKOWSKI MEMORIAL BOOK FUND	\$ 4,357.07
STABILIZATION FUND	\$239,602.40
A/C S. WHITE DICKINSON LIBRARY	\$112,846.24
JOSEPH & JOSIE MAIEWSKI LIBRARY FUND	\$ 2,949.57
BARNARD FUND FBO WHATELY CONG CHURCH	\$ 1,127.88
A/C PAUL F. FIELD LIBRARY	\$ 11,317.82
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE A/C	\$ 66,421.01
S. WHITE DICKINSON AGED PERS FUND	\$ 8,457.95
A/C DAVENPORT POOR & SCHOOL FUND	\$ 2,825.60
ENA CANE MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 8,185.39
AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT FUND	\$ 141.74
ANNIE C. DANFORTH LIBRARY FUND	\$ 721.87
WHATELY GRANGE MONUMENT FUND	\$ 69.27
ALICE RYAN ROBINSON	\$ 3,467.50
DAMON LIBRARY FUND	\$ 11,527.00
KANDSZ LIBRARY FUND	\$ 1,152.73
SABIN & SOPHIE FILIPKOWSKI	\$ 5,504.89

TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:	\$480,675.93
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REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR
JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

YEAR	TYPE OF TAX	COMMITTED 7/1/2008	TAX PAID	ABATEMENTS EXEMPTIONS	REFUNDS	TAX TITLES	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009
2009	REAL ESTATE	\$3,182,297.59	\$3,074,456.74	\$12,246.85	\$1,616.07	\$6,003.23	\$91,206.84
	PERSONAL						
	PROPERTY	\$85,464.35	\$83,981.54				\$1,482.81
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$172,622.66	\$166,459.80	\$1,792.49	\$920.62		\$5,290.99
	WATER	\$93,496.55	\$91,593.52				\$1,903.03
	FARM ANIMAL, MACH AND EQUIP EXCISE	\$8,108.88	\$8,108.88				\$0.00
2008	REAL ESTATE	\$65,985.48	\$48,391.20		\$25.74		\$17,620.02
	PERSONAL						
	PROPERTY	\$1,827.57	\$879.93				\$947.64
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$28,732.66	\$27,306.49	\$1,130.51	\$1,109.88		\$1,405.54
	WATER	\$1,947.99	\$1,247.63				\$700.36
2007	REAL ESTATE	\$12,032.52	\$12,032.03	\$0.49			\$0.00
	PERSONAL						
	PROPERTY	\$579.26					\$579.26
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$1,823.35	\$1,033.66				\$789.69
	WATER	\$524.30	\$347.20				\$177.10
2006	PERSONAL						
	PROPERTY	\$841.02	\$315.20				\$525.82
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$956.79	\$158.55				\$798.24
	WATER	\$167.65	\$167.65				\$0.00
2005	PERSONAL						
	PROPERTY	\$228.10					\$228.10
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$856.67	\$22.50	\$93.12	\$93.12		\$834.17
2004	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$525.62					\$525.62
2003	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$402.31					\$402.31
2002	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$639.89					\$639.89
2001	PERS. PROP.	\$760.00					\$760.00
2000	PERS PROP.	\$323.67					\$323.67

Town of Whately
FY2009 Year to Date Expense Report
30-Jun-09

		<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Revisions</u>	<u>Total 2009 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
001-114-5100-000-000-0	Moderator	106.00	0.00	106.00	105.58	0.42
001-122-5100-000-000-0	Selectboard Salaries	65,159.00	-1,359.61	63,799.39	63,582.61	216.78
001-131-5400-000-000-0	Finance Committee Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00	126.00	24.00
001-132-5400-000-000-0	Reserve Fund	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-135-5100-000-000-0	Accountant	15,819.00	0.00	15,819.00	13,458.99	2,360.01
001-135-5400-000-000-0	Accountant Expense	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
001-135-5420-000-000-0	Accounting Software Purchase	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
001-135-5800-000-000-0	Audit	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
		23,819.00	1,000.00	24,819.00	15,458.99	9,360.01
001-141-5400-000-000-0	Assessor's Expenses	28,948.00	0.00	28,948.00	26,798.68	2,149.32
001-141-5800-000-000-0	Assessor's Tax Maps	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
001-145-5400-000-000-0	Treasurer's Expenses	38,388.00	0.00	38,388.00	37,781.60	606.40
001-145-5410-000-000-0	Tax Taking Expenses	3,000.00	3,931.09	6,931.09	6,931.09	0.00
001-145-5420-000-000-0	Payroll Preparation	3,055.00	0.00	3,055.00	3,055.00	0.00
001-145-5800-000-000-0	Quarterly Billing Conversion	4,140.00	0.00	4,140.00	3,140.00	1,000.00
001-145-5810-000-000-0	Add'l Quarterly Billing Costs	<u>1,940.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,940.00</u>	<u>1,794.70</u>	<u>145.30</u>
		50,523.00	3,931.09	54,454.09	52,702.39	1,751.70

001-151-5400-000-000-0	Legal Expenses	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	7,253.26	246.74
001-161-5400-000-000-0	Clerk's Expenses	22,520.00	0.00	22,520.00	21,416.97	1,103.03
	Town Clerk Education					
001-161-5410-000-000-0	Incent	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		24,520.00	0.00	24,520.00	23,416.97	1,103.03
001-171-5400-000-000-0	Conservation Comm	502.00	0.00	502.00	130.00	372.00
	Agriculture					
001-172-5400-000-000-0	Protection/Restora	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
001-175-5400-000-000-0	Planning Board	1,786.00	0.00	1,786.00	999.71	786.29
001-176-5400-000-000-0	Zoning Bd of Appeals	1,248.00	0.00	1,248.00	470.53	777.47
001-179-5400-000-000-0	CPA Software	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00	3,000.00	400.00
001-192-5400-000-000-0	Town Hall Building	22,500.00	0.00	22,500.00	20,983.82	1,516.18
	Garage & Public Safety					
001-192-5410-000-000-0	Bldg	<u>31,000.00</u>	-5,000.00	<u>26,000.00</u>	<u>23,897.70</u>	<u>2,102.30</u>
		53,500.00	-5,000.00	48,500.00	44,881.52	3,618.48
001-193-5400-000-000-0	Property Insurance	55,000.00	-12,734.93	42,265.07	39,566.27	2,698.80
001-195-5400-000-000-0	Town Report	2,450.00	0.00	2,450.00	2,193.70	256.30
001-210-5400-000-000-0	Police Dept Expenses	116,606.00	1,694.27	118,300.27	118,300.27	0.00
001-210-5410-000-000-0	PD Quinn Bill	7,260.00	0.00	7,260.00	7,258.52	1.48
001-210-5420-000-000-0	Police Station Design	0.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
001-210-5800-000-000-0	Police Station Construction	0.00	32,403.47	32,403.47	32,403.47	0.00
001-210-5810-000-000-0	Cruiser Lease	<u>13,500.00</u>	<u>13,500.00</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		137,366.00	47,657.74	185,023.74	185,022.26	1.48
001-220-5400-000-000-0	Fire Dept Expenses	38,335.00	0.00	38,335.00	35,531.98	2,803.02

001-232-5400-000-000-0	Ambulance Expense	20,946.00	-3,931.09	17,014.91	13,146.93	3,867.98
001-291-5400-000-000-0	Emergency Management Exp	960.00	0.00	960.00	670.75	289.25
001-291-5800-000-000-0	Emergency Mgmt Connect CTY	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>
		960.00	2,200.00	3,160.00	670.75	2,489.25
001-292-5400-000-000-0	Animal Control Officer	2,451.00	0.00	2,451.00	1,873.61	577.39
001-293-5400-000-000-0	Animal Inspector	<u>420.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>420.00</u>	<u>394.90</u>	<u>25.10</u>
		2,871.00	0.00	2,871.00	2,268.51	602.49
001-294-5400-000-000-0	Tree & Forestry Expenses	6,150.00	0.00	6,150.00	6,139.19	10.81
001-300-5400-000-000-0	Whately Elementary School	1,426,736.00	27,222.67	1,453,958.67	1,363,405.96	90,552.71
001-310-5400-000-000-0	Frontier Regional Operating	935,720.00	0.00	935,720.00	935,621.90	98.10
001-310-5410-000-000-0	Frontier Regional Transport	4,424.00	0.00	4,424.00	4,424.00	0.00
001-310-5800-000-000-0	Frontier Capital - District	<u>9,068.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,068.00</u>	<u>9,068.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		949,212.00	0.00	949,212.00	949,113.90	98.10
001-320-5400-000-000-0	Franklin Cty Tech School	105,738.00	0.00	105,738.00	105,738.00	0.00
001-320-5410-000-000-0	Smith Vocational Tuition	<u>0.00</u>	17,555.00	<u>17,555.00</u>	<u>17,555.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		105,738.00	17,555.00	123,293.00	123,293.00	0.00
001-422-5110-000-000-0	Highway Salaries	102,330.00	0.00	102,330.00	102,330.00	0.00
001-422-5400-000-000-0	General Highway Exp	67,650.00	39,266.73	106,916.73	106,916.73	0.00
001-422-5410-000-000-0	Road Machinery	17,955.00	4,000.00	21,955.00	21,948.36	6.64
001-422-5420-000-000-0	Garage Maintenance	6,080.00	0.00	6,080.00	5,789.24	290.76
001-422-5800-000-000-0	1-Ton Dump Truck	26,000.00	22,807.58	48,807.58	48,807.58	0.00
001-422-5810-000-000-0	Front End Loader Lease	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00	23,999.94	0.06
001-422-5830-000-000-0	Easements 109 Long Plain	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
001-422-5820-000-000-0	Haydenville Road Bridge	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>2,359.00</u>	<u>641.00</u>
		244,015.00	71,074.31	315,089.31	312,150.85	2,938.46
001-423-5400-000-000-0	Winter Roads	100,638.00	<u>17,988.77</u>	118,626.77	118,626.77	0.00

001-430-5400-000-000-0	Solid Waste District	3,895.00	0.00	3,895.00	3,895.00	0.00
001-433-5400-000-000-0	Solid Waste Disposal	36,487.00	0.00	36,487.00	31,550.71	4,936.29
001-433-5410-000-000-0	Hazardous Waste					
001-433-5800-000-000-0	Collection	800.00	0.00	800.00	350.00	450.00
	Repair Recycle Bins	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		37,287.00	0.00	37,287.00	31,900.71	5,386.29
001-450-5110-000-000-0	Water Department Salaries	23,619.00	0.00	23,619.00	22,985.50	633.50
	Water Department					
001-450-5400-000-000-0	Operations	23,000.00	2,968.15	25,968.15	25,968.15	0.00
001-450-5800-000-000-0	Water Department Controls	0.00	20,500.00	20,500.00	11,925.00	8,575.00
001-450-5810-000-000-0	Water 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck	0.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00	27,000.00
001-450-5820-000-000-0	Water Lightening Protection	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
		46,619.00	56,468.15	103,087.15	60,878.65	42,208.50
001-491-5400-000-000-0	Cemetery Commission	4,877.00	390.96	5,267.96	5,267.96	0.00
001-510-5400-000-000-0	Health Agent	14,976.00	0.00	14,976.00	14,959.72	16.28
001-512-5400-000-000-0	Board of Health Expenses	2,333.00	0.00	2,333.00	1,349.92	983.08
001-541-5400-000-000-0	Council on Aging Expenses	4,076.00	0.00	4,076.00	3,024.50	1,051.50
001-543-5400-000-000-0	Veterans Services	4,788.00	4,545.73	9,333.73	8,678.80	654.93
001-610-5400-000-000-0	Library Expenses	38,825.00	0.00	38,825.00	38,453.55	371.45
001-630-5400-000-000-0	Recreation Comm					
	Expenses	4,950.00	0.00	4,950.00	4,940.59	9.41
001-630-5410-000-000-0	Tri-Town Beach	<u>4,067.00</u>	<u>0.50</u>	<u>4,067.50</u>	<u>4,067.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		9,017.00	0.50	9,017.50	9,008.09	9.41
001-691-5400-000-000-0	Historical Commission Exp	200.00	0.00	200.00	33.92	166.08
001-710-5900-000-000-0	Water System Prin & Int	111,512.50	0.00	111,512.50	111,512.50	0.00
001-710-5910-000-000-0	New School Prin & Int	257,500.00	0.00	257,500.00	257,500.00	0.00

001-710-5920-000-000-0	Frontier Bond	<u>91,234.00</u>	0.00	<u>91,234.00</u>	<u>81,769.00</u>	<u>9,465.00</u>
		460,246.50	0.00	460,246.50	450,781.50	9,465.00
001-752-5900-000-000-0	Int-Temporary Loans	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	3,486.74	513.26
001-820-5631-000-000-0	School Choice	71,795.00	0.00	71,795.00	88,333.00	-16,538.00
001-820-5640-000-000-0	Air Pollution District	399.00	0.00	399.00	399.00	0.00
001-820-5646-000-000-0	RMV Marking Surchg	980.00	0.00	980.00	1,060.00	-80.00
001-820-5650-000-000-0	Strap Repayment	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
001-820-5663-000-000-0	Reg Transit Authority	<u>1,592.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,592.00</u>	<u>1,592.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		89,766.00	0.00	89,766.00	106,384.00	-16,618.00
001-830-5400-000-000-0	Fr Reg Council of Govt Assmnt	15,686.00	0.00	15,686.00	14,765.50	920.50
001-830-5410-000-000-0	Fr Reg Council of Govt Inspect	<u>40,016.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40,016.00</u>	<u>40,016.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		55,702.00	0.00	55,702.00	54,781.50	920.50
001-911-5400-000-000-0	Franklin County Retirement	96,269.00	0.00	96,269.00	96,269.00	0.00
001-912-5400-000-000-0	Worker's Compensation	10,000.00	7,724.65	17,724.65	16,773.00	951.65
001-913-5400-000-000-0	Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	137.94	862.06
001-914-5400-000-000-0	Group Insurance	288,649.00	2,400.00	291,049.00	291,005.44	43.56
001-914-5410-000-000-0	Life Insurance	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00	1,338.66	61.34
001-914-5420-000-000-0	Physicals & Tests	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>295.00</u>	<u>455.00</u>
		290,799.00	2,400.00	293,199.00	292,639.10	559.90
001-916-5400-000-000-0	Town Share of Medi & FICA	16,900.00	2,600.00	19,500.00	19,467.36	32.64
001-970-5962-000-000-0	Tfr to Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>Totals</u>	<u>4,568,353.50</u>	<u>219,733.94</u>	<u>4,788,087.44</u>	<u>4,608,227.27</u>	<u>179,860.17</u>

Town of Whately – Budget Versus Revenue Report
June 30, 2009

	<u>Account</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>YTD Revenues</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Taxes</u>				
001-001-4110-000-000-0	Personal Property Taxes	85,464.34	85,176.67	-287.67
001-001-4120-000-000-0	Real Estate Taxes	3,152,444.81	3,133,238.16	-19,206.65
001-001-4142-000-000-0	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	1,248.55	1,248.55
001-001-4146-000-000-0	Rollback Taxes	0.00	262.52	262.52
001-001-4150-000-000-0	Motor Vehicle Excise	175,000.00	192,857.38	17,857.38
001-001-4162-000-000-0	Farm Animal Excise	5,000.00	8,108.88	3,108.88
001-001-4163-000-000-0	Classified Forest Excise	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4165-000-000-0	Water Revenue Received	90,000.00	103,356.00	13,356.00
001-001-4170-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Prop Taxes	15,000.00	12,847.20	-2,152.80
001-001-4171-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Excise Taxes	0.00	704.40	704.40
	Pen & Int Tax Title			
001-001-4173-000-000-0	Accounts	0.00	388.01	388.01
001-001-4175-000-000-0	Pen & Int Water Accounts	0.00	633.22	633.22
001-001-4180-000-000-0	Pmts In Lieu of Taxes	3,000.00	3,307.50	307.50
	Abated Motor Vehicle			
001-001-4195-000-000-0	Recov	0.00	23.75	23.75
	<u>Total Taxes</u>	3,525,909.15	3,542,152.24	16,243.09
<u>Fees-Transfer Station</u>				
001-433-4320-000-000-0	Fees - Transfer Station	20,000.00	27,465.50	7,465.50
<u>Fees - Ambulance</u>				
001-232-4320-000-000-0	Ambulance	28,000.00	30,015.41	2,015.41
<u>Fees</u>				
001-141-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Assessors	0.00	51.00	51.00
001-145-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Treasurer	0.00	220.00	220.00
001-146-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Collector	15,000.00	4,089.10	-10,910.90
001-149-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Registry Markings	0.00	780.00	780.00
001-161-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Town Clerk	0.00	604.75	604.75
001-171-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Conservation Comm	0.00	174.10	174.10
001-175-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Planning Board	0.00	150.00	150.00
001-176-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Zoning Board	0.00	349.00	349.00
001-210-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Police	0.00	1,977.93	1,977.93
001-220-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Fire Dept	0.00	1,435.00	1,435.00
001-439-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Electronic Disposal	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-512-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Health Board	0.00	7,770.00	7,770.00
	<u>Total Fees</u>	15,000.00	17,600.88	2,600.88
<u>Other Charges</u>				
001-001-4360-000-000-0	Rentals	27,000.00	35,509.65	8,509.65
001-001-4380-000-000-0	Other Charges for Service	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>Total Other Charges</u>	27,000.00	35,509.65	8,509.65

Licenses & Permits

001-122-4410-000-000-0	Licenses-Liquor	28,000.00	7,705.00	-20,295.00
001-122-4420-000-000-0	Licenses-Other	0.00	1,475.77	1,475.77
001-210-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Police Dept	0.00	825.00	825.00
001-241-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Building Insp	0.00	36,510.00	36,510.00
001-243-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Plumbing Insp	0.00	6,340.00	6,340.00
001-245-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Electrical Insp	0.00	11,745.00	11,745.00
001-422-4450-000-000-0	Permits- Highway Dept	0.00	325.00	325.00
<u>Total Permits</u>		28,000.00	64,925.77	36,925.77

State Revenue

001-001-4610-000-000-0	Reimb for Loss of Taxes	23,913.00	23,913.00	0.00
001-001-4613-000-000-0	Veterans Abatements	6,012.00	6,453.00	441.00
001-001-4616-000-000-0	Elderly Abatements	2,512.00	2,008.00	-504.00
001-001-4620-000-000-0	School Aid Chapter 70	229,515.00	226,968.00	-2,547.00
001-001-4622-000-000-0	School Construction	211,405.00	211,405.00	0.00
001-001-4661-000-000-0	Lottery Aid	167,028.00	150,752.00	-16,276.00
001-001-4670-000-000-0	Police Career Incentive	3,700.00	3,462.67	-237.33
001-001-4680-000-000-0	Other State Revenue	0.00	1,801.00	1,801.00
<u>Total State Revenue</u>		644,085.00	626,762.67	-17,322.33

Fines

001-001-4685-000-000-0	Fines - RMV	48,000.00	48,695.00	695.00
001-001-4771-000-000-0	Fines - District Court	0.00	3,702.00	3,702.00
001-001-4775-000-000-0	Marijuana Fines	0.00	400.00	400.00
<u>Total Fines</u>		48,000.00	52,797.00	4,797.00

Other Revenue

001-001-4815-000-000-0	Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4820-000-000-0	Earnings on Investments	12,000.00	10,024.73	-1,975.27
001-001-4840-000-000-0	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	10,380.61	10,380.61
001-001-4971-000-000-0	Tr Fr Special Revenue	43,266.73	43,266.73	0.00
001-001-4973-000-000-0	Tr Fr Capital Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4974-000-000-0	Tr Fr Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Total Other Revenue</u>		55,266.73	63,672.07	8,405.34

Total Year To Date
Revenue

4,391,260.88	4,460,901.19	69,640.31
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Town of Whately Special Revenue Report

		<i>Beg Bal</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Balance</i>
231	Wetlands Protection Fund	5,364.11	430.00	-730.00	5,064.11
232	Dog Revolving Fund	1,000.00	2,880.00	-2,880.00	1,000.00
235	Recreation Revolving	7,418.19	11,424.00	-7,034.01	11,808.18
236	Library Fees Revolving Fund	530.15	0.00	0.00	530.15
237	Firewood Revolving	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
238	Trench Permit Revolving	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
251	Public Hearing Revolving	344.13	6,037.50	-1,612.98	4,768.65
253	Sale of Cemetary Lots	11,380.00	375.00	0.00	11,755.00
258	Road Machiner Fund	13,446.68	0.00	-4,000.00	9,446.68
269	PD-Station Renovation	1,180.00	7,690.80	-8,870.80	0.00
270	PD Yankee Candle Donation	1,000.00	2,000.00	-2,501.14	498.86
271	PD - Dare Donations	692.52	0.00	-635.50	57.02
272	Cruiser Fees for Details	97.19	0.00	0.00	97.19
273	Law Enforcement Trust	86.38	0.00	-86.38	0.00
274	FD Yankee Candle Donation	63.95	0.00	0.00	63.95
276	Cemetery Kandsz Donation	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
277	Ambulance Donations	5.58	2,000.00	0.00	2,005.58
278	Master Planning Grant	1,834.72	0.00	0.00	1,834.72
279	Strategic Planning Grant	439.47	0.00	0.00	439.47
281	Septic Repair Program	14,047.56	42.73	0.00	14,090.29
282	Library Lions Club Donations	14.07	0.00	0.00	14.07
283	Library General Donations	646.97	2,727.50	-2,427.37	947.10
284	Summer Reading Program	262.44	0.00	0.00	262.44
285	Hoxie Memorial Garden Fund	3,569.21	8.10	0.00	3,577.31
286	Non-Resident Circulation	1,338.45	0.00	0.00	1,338.45
287	Div of Medical Assistance	13,359.92	9,962.68	-773.31	22,549.29
288	CDAG Fund Balance	181.74	0.00	-181.74	0.00
289	Insurance Proceeds	608.73	26,502.08	-11,558.70	15,552.11
291	PEG Access Fund	30,756.68	17,689.13	-6,313.22	42,132.59
292	PEG Access Capital Fund	1,578.15	0.00	-95.98	1,482.17
293	Pager Rebates	0.00	1,725.00	0.00	1,725.00
294	ConCom Escrow	0.00	17,007.15	-16,048.00	959.15
295	Cemetery Revolving	0.00	1,150.00	-1,150.00	0.00
296	Whately Operation Delivery	0.00	1,110.00	-596.66	513.34
298	FCSWMD Grant	0.00	0.00	-221.29	-221.29
404	Comm Policing Grant FY05	30,381.60	21,717.00	-26,375.64	25,722.96
405	DWI/Speeding Grant FY06	407.99	4,328.08	-5,268.45	-532.38
406	Police Station Grant	0.00	59,987.00	-59,987.00	0.00
407	Gov Highway Safety Grant	0.00	766.72	-234.96	531.76
411	FEMA Storm Emergency Funds	41,284.04	80.69	-39,266.73	2,098.00
412	Council on Aging Grant	0.00	3,300.00	-2,403.06	896.94
414	Library State Aid	9,324.48	3,027.13	-2,121.05	10,230.56
415	Cultural Council	3,279.01	4,316.61	-3,250.00	4,345.62
417	Barn Pres. Markland	5.00	0.00	-5.00	0.00
418	Library Mitigation	325.86	0.00	0.00	325.86
419	Failed Septic System Grant	-50.00	0.00	-360.00	-410.00
420	Fire Dept SAFE Grant FY05	34.19	0.00	-34.19	0.00

423	MRF Mini Grant	930.76	0.00	0.00	930.76
501	Circuit Breaker Grant	-18,628.51	32,926.00	-36,278.75	-21,981.26
502	School Choice	41,399.94	244,129.00	196,833.70	88,695.24
503	REAP Grant	1,878.23	16,953.75	-17,853.95	978.03
504	Early Literacy Grant - ELI	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
505	SPED Assist	-5,494.95	52,829.35	-41,438.32	5,896.08
506	CCLC Grant	0.00	19,788.89	-20,751.47	-962.58
507	Grant Funded Teacher Stipends	-955.90	2,935.90	-1,980.00	0.00
508	FB Full Day Kindergarten	0.00	6,742.00	-6,742.00	0.00
551	After School Tuition	15,335.56	40,272.94	-27,182.87	28,425.63
552	Early Childhood Tuition	2,211.14	17,326.23	-15,928.00	3,609.37
553	School Lunch	-416.57	34,910.25	-34,497.03	-3.35
554	Nature's Classroom	1,473.00	5,200.00	-3,982.00	2,691.00
555	Damaged School Books	-0.92	0.00	0.00	-0.92
556	School Building Use	67.58	50.00	0.00	117.58
557	Blazer Wish List	7.94	0.00	-7.94	0.00
560	Orloski Library Donation	467.66	0.00	-467.66	0.00
561	Helstowski Donations	60.24	0.00	-60.24	0.00
562	Dog Fund - School	347.69	0.00	-347.69	0.00
563	Playground Fund	312.50	0.00	0.00	312.50
564	Palmer-Fortune Donation Acct	112.60	0.00	-112.60	0.00
565	Walmart Gift Account	340.00	0.00	-340.00	0.00
567	Yankee Candle Donation	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
811	Bernard Church Expendable	105.27	22.61	0.00	127.88
812	Davenport School Expendable	2,568.92	56.68	0.00	2,625.60
813	Whately Grange Expendable	17.86	1.41	0.00	19.27
814	Ambulance Replacement Expend	138.91	2.83	0.00	141.74
815	Cemetery Trust Expendable	17,703.36	1,642.65	-4,843.75	14,502.26
816	Filipkowski Expendable	4,269.37	87.70	0.00	4,357.07
817	Dickinson Library Expendable	35,582.50	2,263.74	0.00	37,846.24
818	Annie Danforth Expendable	272.07	0.00	0.00	272.07
819	J & J Maiewski Expendable	1,890.41	59.16	0.00	1,949.57
820	Paul Field Expendable	10,729.84	254.88	-4,666.90	6,317.82
821	Robinson Trust Expendable	317.94	69.56	0.00	387.50
822	SW Dickinson Aged Expend	3,288.28	169.67	0.00	3,457.95
823	Ena Cane Expendable	8,021.19	78.37	0.00	8,099.56
830	Stabilization Fund	208,497.90	31,604.50	0.00	240,102.40
850	Barnard Church Non-Exp	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
851	Davenport School Non-Expend	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
852	Whately Grange Non-Expend	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
853	Cemetery Trust Non-Expendable	46,925.00	150.00	0.00	47,075.00
854	Damon Library Non-Expendable	11,295.76	231.24	0.00	11,527.00
855	Kandsz Library Non-Expendable	1,129.60	23.13	0.00	1,152.73
856	Dickinson Library Non-Expendab	75,000.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
857	A. Danforth Library Non-Expend	435.25	14.55	0.00	449.80
858	J & J Maiewski Non-Expendable	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
859	Paul Field Non-Expendable	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
860	Robinson Trust Non-Expendable	3,080.00	0.00	0.00	3,080.00
861	S.W. Dickinson Aged Non-Expend	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
862	S & S Filipkowski Non-Expend	5,394.47	110.42	0.00	5,504.89

891	Off Duty Police Detail	0.00	21,226.10	-21,226.10	0.00
892	Firearm ID Cards	-1,750.00	2,425.00	-675.00	0.00
895	State Wildlife Permits	-76.00	2,119.75	-2,124.75	-81.00
896	Ambulance Intercept	650.00	6,675.00	-5,950.00	1,375.00
898	Deputy Collector Fees	12.00	1,687.00	-1,687.00	12.00

2009 WHATELY AMBULANCE REPORT

On behalf of the Whately EMS team, I am pleased to report the 2009 activities of the ambulance and its staff. Whately's ambulance is an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and operates at an Intermediate Level, with its staff of five paramedics, four Intermediates and nine Basic level EMTs. The ambulance responded to a total of 116 calls that were activated by the emergency 911 system.

The types of emergency calls were:	20 Motor vehicle accidents (mva)
	1 Off road motorcycle accident
	1 ATV Accident
	12 Traumas from various accidents
	82 Medical calls

Inclusive of these calls were a number of mutual aid responses to and from our neighboring towns. Because of Whately's location we are fortunate enough to be located within a short distance of two local hospitals. Also because of our close proximity to these hospitals, we are able to have the choice of a Paramedic intercept ambulance for the more critical calls come from either north or south. With a major highway going through the center of our town, we can be on the highway relatively quick, to transport a patient to a level 1 trauma hospital (Baystate Medical Center) in Springfield.

All emergency medical personnel spend numerous hours of training to maintain their certifications. The state requires that an EMT must attend twenty eight hours of continuing education classes and attend a twenty four hour DOT refresher class every two years, as well as recertify for CPR and Defibulator qualifications every year, to maintain their EMT status. All of this training is the soul responsibility of the individual EMT, and for all of this along with dropping whatever they are doing at the time to respond to an emergency in the town of Whately, they deserve a special Thanks.

Again, I would like to thank our fire department and police department personnel for assistance when needed for Ambulance calls which required either traffic control or lift assist, etc.

The following is a list of Whately EMTs who responded to at least one Medical Emergency during 2009.

Gary Stone
Jayson Clemons
James Bernier
Wendy Bardwell
Matt Marchand
Alexander Ross
Robert Grant

Robert Engelhardt
Jason Dorval
Greg Gagnon
Brenda Clemons
John Dubois

John Hannum
Ken Handfield
John P. Kennedy
Randall Williams
Georgeann Dufault

I would like to stress the point that if you feel that you might need an Ambulance, Please call 911 as soon as possible, it could mean the difference between life and death or a long stay versus a short visit in a Medical Facility.

As always the Whately EMS is looking for new recruits who are over the age of 18 and interested in helping your fellow neighbors in a time of need. If this is you, Please contact Gary Stone at gstone@gwprecision.com or any one of the above EMTs for more information.

We are currently in need of people who are willing to get out of bed in the middle of the night or on weekends to respond to Any Type of Emergency.

If you have any questions regarding billing, you should contact Lynn Sibley, the Whately Town Administrator at 665-0054 during normal business hours. All other questions regarding the Ambulance Service, you can contact myself at 665-0983.

In case of an emergency PLEASE call 911 as soon as possible and clearly state your emergency, your name and address, as well as your house number. Make sure your house number is visible from the street so that your house can be found quickly. SECONDS COULD MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!!!

Respectfully Submitted
Gary Stone
Whately Ambulance Director

Animal Control Officer's Report

The Animal Control Officer received 99 calls for service this year. Again, most calls were for stray or missing dogs. Please follow the state leash law, which states all dogs must be under control of their owner at all times. The breakdown of calls received is as follows:

Stray dog	17	Kennel dog	4
Missing dog	8	Police Assists	1
Found dog	13	Fire Dept. Assists	1
Aggressive dog	9	Injured deer	1
Dog bites	10	Skunk	2
Injured dog	4	Bear	3
Dead dog	2	Raccoon	2
Animal cruelty	2	Fox	1
Animal distress	1	Woodchuck	1
Transport dog animal hospital	5	Found duck	1
Unwanted dog	1	Goat noise	2

Animal Inspector's Report

The Animal Inspector issued 5 quarantines; 2 for dog bites and 3 for cats with wounds of unknown origin. I also did 3 inspections of animals imported from out-of-state. The barn inspections were done and the results are as follows:

Dairy cattle	124	Horses/ponies	43
Beef cattle	67	Chickens	400
Oxen	12	Turkeys	2
Goats	30	Water fowl	17
Sheep	3	Rabbits	6
Swine	5	Pea fowl	4
Llamas/alpacas	65	Game bird	9

If I missed you for a barn inspection, please contact me at 665-8027. The state relies on this information in developing and implementing a response plan to an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Adamcek
Animal Inspector

2009 Emergency Management Report

Emergency preparedness remains a top priority for local, regional, state and federal officials. Work continues on updating the various plans and reports required under Homeland Security, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

With the outbreak of Swine Flu (H1N1), much of the planning in 2009 revolved around the possibility of a pandemic and how the town was going to provide vaccine to our residents. Whately's Board of Health along with the town's other emergency personnel met on a regular basis with their counterparts in Deerfield, Sunderland and Conway to prepare for H1N1. The delay in getting the vaccine out to the towns caused cancellation of a flu clinic scheduled in November. A number of small clinics were held for critical populations such as children and young adults. The four towns held a full EDS drill on December 19th to vaccinate any residents who wanted either an H1N1 or Seasonal flu vaccination. Smaller clinics continue to be offered to any resident who wishes either an H1N1 or Seasonal flu vaccination.

On April 18, 2009, Whately emergency personnel conducted their first Door 2 Door drill. This Door 2 Door plan would be used if the town found it necessary to provide medication in the homes of our residents rather than having a community or regionally based clinic. For this particular drill, teams of three members went door to door delivering information, candy that simulated medication and the town report to every household in Whately. We originally planned for 12 teams to run two 4 hour shifts. The process was quicker than we had anticipated and all but a few households were visited by Noon. In an actual emergency dispensing situation, it is likely to take longer at each household, however, this drill gave us a good indication of how our plan would work. The Board of health and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Whately volunteers and emergency personnel who took the time to attend pre-drill meetings and gave up their Saturday to help us out. We would also like to thank members of CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team), MRC (Medical reserve Corp.), the local HAM radio operators and the evaluators for their help the day of the drill. A special thanks needs to go out to John Peterson and Nina Martin-Anzuoni, Public Health Planners from the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) for their help in the creation of our plan and helping us organize the drill. Post drill evaluations identified areas that worked well and some that needed some tweaking. We are presently updating our plan to address these issues.

In November, Whately signed on with Blackboard Connect for Government, a notification service called Connect CTY that will allow the town to send town wide phone or email notifications. This service will generally be used for emergency situations such as evacuations, or other health and safety related messages. If you did not receive a test notification in November please call me at 665-0300 our dedicated Connect CTY phone line and we can add your phone numbers or visit www.whately.org, click on Connect CTY on the home page and follow the instructions.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in any of the work that we are doing to become better prepared in an emergency, please let me know at 665-4400.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Sibley
Emergency Management Director

WHATELY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The officers and members of The Whately Fire Department continue to proudly serve and represent the citizens of our great community. In 2009 the Whately Fire Dept. responded to 66 emergencies. They included Emergency Medical Services, motor vehicle accidents, rescues, and even fires. Only two were actual structure fires in Whately, again numerous mutual aid calls assisting our neighboring communities keeps the system functioning. Tri State Fire Mutual Aid is a valuable system that benefits everyone; there is an endless list of resources available in an every emergency situation.

Twenty four % of our emergencies calls were to support and assist the Whately Ambulance. Motor vehicle accidents, rescues, and assistance through manpower continue to be the majority of our emergencies. I would like to thank the officers and members for a job well done. All members are listed below the* indicating certification as an Emergency Medical Technician.

DC Keith Bardwell
Lt. Donald Dufault
Jason Dorval *
Randy Sibley
James Bernier *
Gregory Gagnon *
John LaSalle
Charlie Tenanas
John DuBois *
Brandon Stacy
Duane Meehan

DC Gary Stone *
Lt. Chris Sibley
Jeffrey LaValley
Peter Hannum
John Hannum III
Scott Hutkoski
William Smith
Mary Baronas *
Ken Handfield *
Alex Ross

Capt. Wayne Hutkoski
Lt. Jason Clemons *
William Gagnon
Matt Marchand *
Joshua Clemons
J P Kennedy *
John Talmage
Brenda Clemons *
Georgeann Dufault *
Chris Sullivan

The Whately Firefighters Association deserves special thanks as they continue to support the officers and members of the Department in numerous ways. Yankee Candle again donated to the operations of the Fire Dept. The Dept was able to purchase two explosion proof electric smoke ejectors with kits and hose attachments. This new equipment will allow a safer working environment at numerous emergencies. I would also like to thank anyone who has helped the Fire Department or any of its members in any way.

Franklin County is in the process of changing the issuance of Burning Permits, Whately is part of this new system. The new system is electronically operated and managed on the internet. In 2010 the system remains as in the past and the new internet site www.fcburnpermits.com is user friendly. Today Burning Season opens January 15 and closes May 1 each year. Hazardous weather conditions may shorten the season so don't procrastinate, open burning should be completed early in the season.

The Whately Fire Department is always searching for interested citizens that would like to become involved with any aspect of the Department. In special need are Emergency Medical Technicians of any level of certification. If anyone would like to join or has any questions about the Department please contact either me (JSHannum@comcast.net) or one of my officers.

I would like to remind everyone to report a Fire or Emergency to dial 911, please be clear and concise with your message. Also answer all the questions that the Dispatcher asks and stay on the line as long as necessary. For any other Fire Department related communications the Dispatch Center business number is 625-8200.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief John S. Hannum
Whately Fire Department

REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

The annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day, coordinated by the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD), was held on Saturday September 26, 2009 from 9 AM to noon at Greenfield Community College and the Athol transfer station. 313 households participated in the collection. 16 Whately households were among the participants and delivered for safe disposal an estimated 200 gallons of hazardous materials. In addition, 11 “very small quantity generators” (businesses, churches, hospitals, schools and highway departments) participated in the collection. Whately’s cost for HHW disposal services was \$1,021.

The next HHW Collection Day will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010. Contact the FCSWMD for pre-registration details beginning in August - by phone 772-2438 or email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org.

All residents are encouraged to utilize year-round the Hazardous Waste facilities established by the FCSWMD at the transfer stations of Bernardston, Colrain, Conway and Orange. Whately residents will most likely use the Conway site located off Old Cricket Hill Rd. The wastes accepted at these facilities include mercury thermometers, waste oil products such as used motor oil, hydraulic oil, gear oil etc., oil based paints, oil filters, antifreeze, fluorescent lights and ballasts, rechargeable (NiCad) batteries, lithium batteries and button batteries (found in cameras, watches etc.). Additional information about these disposal sites (dates and hours of operation etc.) is posted on the bulletin board at the transfer station as well as the FCSWMD website:
<http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/supersites.html>

Rechargeable batteries, button batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs can also be recycled at the Whately transfer station.

Questions concerning the proper disposal of and alternatives to hazardous materials can be directed to either your Hazardous Waste Coordinator (665-2894) or the FCSWMD (772-2438).

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Obear
Hazardous Waste Coordinator

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOOTHILLS HEALTH AGENT WHATELY

The 2009 building season was again less hectic than previous years, allowing me time to participate in Whately's emergency planning. I was fortunate to take part in the "door-to-door" exercise in April, meaning I was one of many people who drove door-to-door along specified routes to simulate the distribution of medication to each and every household in town in the event of a public health emergency. It was a great opportunity to work with the Board of Health, who manned the simulated Emergency Operations Center as Incident Commanders, and I was impressed at the energy and organization of town officials and the many volunteers who participated. Bravo, Whately!

The number of new cases of Lyme Disease reported in Whately is decreased over previous years, but this diagnosis is very concerning, and residents should take precautions against tick bites: keep grass cut, check your dogs and cats daily, wear light colored clothing so that ticks on clothing are visible, use an insect repellent, keep your body covered when in tall grass or wooded areas, and check children and yourself daily for the presence of ticks, whose bite is anesthetized and may not be otherwise apparent. These guidelines apply in spring, summer, and fall.

Altogether in 2009 I witnessed 16 perc tests and 11 Title V inspections; I issued 12 new septic system permits, and inspected 22 new septic systems. Eight inspections or reinspection of food establishments were done. Housing and nuisance complaints resulted in 10 inspections/reinspections or investigations. No well permits or beaver removal permits were issued in 2009. A total of \$4695 was collected in fees.

This year I received additional training in emergency planning—that seems to be a focal point these days—and I also had the opportunity to attend a conference on food safety, as well as many other topics. These trainings are a vital link in gaining the knowledge I need to serve Whately residents.

I may be reached at 268-8404. In-person help must be scheduled in advance. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at PO 447 Haydenville, MA 01039. 2009 marks the end of my 5th year on the job here, and it is always a pleasure to serve Whately. Thank you.

Jackie Duda
Health Agent
Foothills Health District

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The winter of 2009 came without any major challenges. However with the amount of storms it did cause us to declare an emergency to allow deficit spending. There were no late winter storms so that allowed us to begin spring cleanup in early April. The whole town was swept by the end of April.

The shoulder work and reseeded on Long Plain Rd was finished. The culvert crossing on Long Plain Rd was completed except for the paving of the small section. The paving will be done at a later date.

The portion of Haydenville Rd. from Masterson Rd. intersection to 236 Haydenville Rd. was reclaimed and paved.

The section of Haydenville Rd. from the intersection of Chestnut Plain Rd. and #236 will need to have a Notice of Intent filed with DEP since there are wetland issues in this area. This is going to increase the cost of the necessary repairs significantly. With the limited funds (Chapter90) that we receive from the state, keeping up with resurfacing of our roads gets further behind each year.

The bridge on Haydenville Rd. over Westbrook was to be replaced in 2009. Well that didn't happen and we have been assured that it will be done in 2010. However the state keeps postponing it so until construction actually begins there are no guarantees. It has been my desire to have construction begin in the spring so that it can be completed in one season. Once construction begins there will only be one lane traffic controlled by signals. It is in the best interest of Whately to have it completed in one season so that we don't go through a winter with the lights in place.

We did not receive the Hazard Mitigation grant for work on Williamsburg Rd. We will apply for it again. The grant is approximately \$160,000 to replace and improve a culvert crossing so that it will not washout every time we have a severe storm.

Our roads as a whole are deteriorating faster than we receive money to re pave them. We are looking into other means of funding like STRAP grants and Transportation Improvement Program. We are applying for a STRAP grant for Conway Rd. Masterson Rd was the last road that was funded under this grant. As for the TIP we are looking to join forces with Williamsburg to apply to the state to rebuild Haydenville Rd along with Mountain Rd. in Williamsburg Rd. This project requires the towns to do the design work and then the state pays for all of the construction cost. It would be a big benefit to us as it would allow us to use the other funds we receive to pave other roads in town.

We continue to offer wood chips delivered to residents and limited amounts of cord wood. I can be reached at 665-2983 if anyone has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Bardwell
Highway Superintendent

Police Department Report 2009

In September 2009 we celebrated our one year anniversary in our new police station. Things are going very well. We have been making minor adjustments throughout the year to get settled in. We had another successful year with our Whately Police Triathlon. Thanks again to Sue Monahan and all the hard working volunteers for continuing this event, and thanks to all the sponsors for their continued generosity. As a result we were able to put some finishing touches on the station as well as purchase paint and a sign for the outside of the building. We will be working on these projects in early spring of 2010. If anyone is interested in lending a helping hand, please, come join us.

In 2009 we saw a dramatic increase in crimes of Breaking & Entering and Larceny. This increase was in both homes and vehicles. It is very important to remember that even in a small community we can become victims of these crimes. So it is important that you secure your vehicles and your homes. This doesn't prevent crime, but it is a very good deterrent against becoming a victim. We also need to keep an eye out for each other. If you suspect something suspicious or out of the ordinary in your neighborhood please don't hesitate to call the police. We have a very large network, and by working with surrounding agencies we have been able to solve crimes in multiple towns with just one phone call from a concerned citizen. The majority of the crimes Whately suffered in 2009 have concluded with suspects being apprehended and charged, and property being returned to its rightful owner.

This coming year is going to be a difficult year financially for Whately as it is for many towns. The Police Department has lost over \$20,000 worth of Community Policing grant funds that we have been receiving for many years. This funding has been vital to our agency. These funds have been used for specialized and mandatory training, equipment, as well as special programs for the community. I feel that without these funds in our budget, we will lose the ability to maintain the standard of service we strive to provide to the community. By supporting this year's budget, you will help us be able to maintain that same level of professionalism and service we are committed to.

With a police department that has a number of "part-time" officers we will continue to see new faces come and go. This year is no exception. Officer's Diane Wilder and Phillip Malone have joined our department and look forward to becoming part of our community. I'm confident that both officers will serve Whately well.

Respectfully,

Chief James A. Sevigne Jr.

Police Department Report 2009

Activity Report 2007, 2008, 2009

	2007	2008	2009
Abduction	1	0	0
Abuse Prevention Orders	6	5	4
Accident – Motor Vehicle	65	62	44
Alcohol/Drug Violation	15	11	10
Animal Complaints	21	27	28
Arrests (Including Motor Vehicle)	35	31	32
Assault & Battery	4	8	6
Assist Ambulance	58	53	61
Assist Fire Department	29	38	47
Breaking & Entering	7	4	19
Disturbance	10	11	6
Domestic Problem	11	12	7
Harassment	7	5	4
Homicide (Motor Vehicle)	0	0	0
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0
Intrusion Alarm	72	84	76
Identity Theft		4	3
Larceny	13	15	22
Property damage/vandalism	9	8	13
Missing Person	3	2	2
Motor Vehicle Charges	726	415	626
Of those the following were issued			
Civil Fines Issued	481	209	336
Written Warnings Issued	245	206	290
Protective Custody	2	4	2
Robbery	0	0	0
Suspicious Activity	8	7	3
Suspicious Person	6	6	4
Suspicious Vehicle	17	16	12
Trespass	5	3	4
Unattended Death	4	2	1
Unwanted Person	4	5	8

REPORT OF THE SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

In calendar year 2009, 119.96 tons of paper, glass, cans, and plastic containers were collected at the Whately Transfer Station and sent to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). 158.38 tons of residual waste was disposed of at the Springfield incinerator.

Two Clean Sweep or Bulky Waste days were held at the transfer station this year, the first on May 16, 2009 and the second on October 17, 2009. Both bulky waste days were coordinated by the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD). These collections provided for the recycling and disposal of a number of hard to manage wastes. These wastes include tires, scrap metal, appliances, TV's, computers and other electronics, construction and demolition materials (C&D) as well as bulky household items such as broken furniture, old carpets and mattresses. Modest fees were charged for most items to cover recycling and disposal costs. In addition to Whately residents, people from other FCSWMD communities participated in both bulky waste collections. For both collections Whately residents recycled an estimated 4 tons of appliances and scrap metal, 4 tons of TV's and electronics, and 1 ton of tires. In addition, 10 tons of C&D and bulky items were disposed of at a landfill.

A total of 147 tons of waste materials were recycled by Whately residents in calendar year 2009 which includes the items recycled at the MRF, the bulky items recycled, approximately 2 tons of clothing collected and recycled by Salvation Army, an estimated 12 tons of food waste collected at both the transfer station and elementary school and 4 tons of books collected by Got Books. A total of 168.38 tons of residual and bulky wastes were disposed of at the incinerator or landfill. These recycling and disposal numbers resulted in a calendar year 2009 recycling rate of 46.6%.

The Town's recycling program in calendar year 2009 resulted in a net recycling savings of \$7,674. This figure includes \$3,147 in guaranteed and revenue sharing recycling income from the Springfield MRF operator. The solid waste disposal cost for 2009 (excluding trucking) was \$11,087. Revenue from the sale of Whately trash bags was \$27,466.

Once again the Solid Waste Committee thanks Alan Thackeray (our Tuesday transfer station attendant) and Lee Felton (our Saturday transfer station attendant) for their dedicated service, pleasant attitudes and general helpfulness that makes the operation of Whately's transfer station extremely efficient and cost effective.

For current information on solid waste disposal options, we encourage you to look at the FCSWMD website, www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Fortino, Gary Lawrence, Bill Obear
Whately Solid Waste Committee

WHATELY IS THE TOP RECYCLING TOWN IN THE WASTE DISTRICT

Recycling Rates For Calendar Years 2007 & 2008
Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Member Towns

Town	CY 2007 Recycling Rate	CY 2008 Recycling Rate	Change
Bernardston	34.3%	31.9%	-2.4%
Buckland	37.6%	38.5%	0.9%
Charlemont	36.7%	35.8%	-0.9%
Colrain	35.7%	36.8%	1.1%
Conway	31.2%	31.1%	-0.1%
Deerfield	32.3%	30.4%	-1.9%
Erving	32.5%	30.3%	-2.2%
Gill	28.4%	41.0%	12.6%
Heath	21.3%	22.2%	0.9%
Montague	38.0%	37.8%	-0.2%
New Salem	35.6%	34.5%	-1.1%
Northfield	41.1%	40.3%	-0.8%
Orange	42.5%	40.9%	-1.6%
Rowe	22.3%	24.7%	2.4%
Shelburne	31.5%	33.0%	1.5%
Sunderland	27.8%	32.9%	5.1%
Warwick	37.9%	37.7%	-0.2%
Wendell	34.5%	35.2%	0.7%
Whately	45.9%	44.2%	-1.7%
<i>District Average</i>	<i>34.1%</i>	<i>34.7%</i>	<i>0.6%</i>

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

It has been fairly quiet in the Tree department. In 2009 there were a few trees that blew down in storms but nothing like in years past. The town has set up a revolving fund that gets revenue from the sale of cord wood. In turn new trees can be purchased with that money.

Our trees continue to be stressed and attacked by diseases and pest. With pest like the Asian Longhorn Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer and the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid the trees are under stress. The Emerald Ash Borer is working its way to the east. Presently it is in western New York. The Asian Longhorn beetle primarily attacks Maples, Elms, and Willows. However it will infest other hardwoods such as Birch, Poplar and Ash. Presently it is in the Worcester area. The state and Federal agencies have clear cut many neighborhoods in the quarantined area. There are a lot of efforts to keep this beetle in check. It is also causing many states to ban the transportation of logs or cord wood. If anyone has any questions I can be reached at 665-2983

Respectfully Submitted,
Keith Bardwell
Tree Warden

Water Department

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

This year's consumption was slightly higher than the previous year rising nearly 4%.
The table below shows the monthly consumption figures:

January	2,497,837
February	1,884,612
March	1,812,342
April	2,241,369
May	3,321,025
June	2,874,469
July	2,725,240
August	3,401,101
September	2,915,120
October	2,290,283
November	1,741,153
December	<u>1,833,565</u>
	29,541,125

The revenue generated from water rates and fees was \$98,662.70

We continue to upgrade our system as part of a phased capital plan. The Westbrook pumping station is being upgraded and some methods of lightning protection are being installed at the pump house.

As part of the capital plan the department received a new GMC pickup in October.

The department in conjunction with area fire departments held a tanker shuttle exercise on Westbrook Road this summer. Those involved were able to gain valuable information on water capacity at the top of the hill as well as at the booster station.

Meetings of the Water Commission are now on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the basement office of the Center School. We can be reached at 665-3080.

Respectfully submitted

GeorgeAnne Dufault, Chairman
George Bucala Dufault
Paul Fleuriel

WHATELY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION REPORT

The Whately Agricultural Commission had another productive year with its members actively working on farmland protection projects. Commission members reviewed, and commented on three new APR (Agricultural Preservation Restriction) projects that were submitted for funding to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. The Agricultural Commission carefully reviews each project taking into account the project's size, location, soil types, proximity to protected land, local funding requirements and the project's general impact upon Whately's agricultural community.

The bulk of the Commission's time was spent moving forward with our initiative to protect Whately's farmland with innovative zoning changes. After meeting with the Selectboard and Planning Board in the fall of 2008 to discuss the Commission's proposed Agricultural Overlay District, it was decided by the Planning Board that some sort of positive zoning changes were needed to promote sensible development in the years ahead. In March of 2009 an ad hoc committee, The Zoning Task Force (ZTF), was established with representatives of the Planning Board, the Implementation Committee, the Open Space Committee, the Selectboard and the Agricultural Commission.

With professional planning assistance from the Franklin Council of Governments, this committee has worked tirelessly reviewing zoning changes implemented by other local towns and proposing and reworking zoning solutions that will be in the best interest of maintaining Whately's rural character. A large part of the work of the ZTF was spent modifying the requirements in the Open Space / Cluster Development section of the zoning bylaws. All members of the ZTF felt that to preserve the most farmland and open space from traditional large scale subdivision projects, it was imperative to rewrite the Cluster Development section to include incentives for developers to opt for Cluster projects instead of the traditional subdivision project. The Agricultural Commission believes that the zoning changes proposed by the ZTF are very much in line with what the Commission was trying to achieve through its proposed Agricultural Overlay District. The Agricultural Commission further encourages all Whately residents to support the zoning changes recommended by the Zoning Task Force at the annual town meeting in April.

The following Disclosure Notification (Section 4 of the Whately Right To Farm By-Law) is required to be published by the Town of Whately on an annual basis in the town report

DISCLOSURE NOTIFICATION

“ It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform landowners and occupants of the Town of Whately that the property they own or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Landowners and occupants are also informed that the location of their property may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations by existing right of ways or rental agreements already in place for such property under certain circumstances.”

Members of the Agricultural Commission:

David Chamutka

Margaret Christie

John Devine

Timothy Nourse (Chair)

William Obear

2009 Capital Improvement Planning Committee Report

Established in 1995, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) is responsible for long range planning for capital projects ensuring adequate funding on an ongoing basis. The CIPC studies the need for proposed capital projects and improvements and makes recommendations on the priority of each proposed item. The CIPC also considers the relative impact, timing and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the town.

A five year plan has been developed by the Committee and is updated each year based on changing needs of town departments. Last year the town was able to fund a number of projects using our free cash account. The following projects were funded in FY10:

- 2nd half of cruiser \$13,500
- Replace ¾ ton pickup for Water Department \$27,000
- Westbrook Pump Station \$8,000
- Lightning Protection for Pump Station \$6,000

FY 2011 brings new challenges to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Over the past three years, many projects have been pushed forward on the plan resulting in a large number of projects on this year's list. The CIPC met and prioritized a few of the projects that might be able to be handled through the FY11 budgeting season. The Committee recommended the following:

1. Fire Station Roof replacement \$25,000
2. Town Hall scrap and prime \$5,000 – (Complete renovation project planned in 2012)
3. Replace 2004 Police Cruiser \$30,000
4. Stabilization Fund \$20,000 earmarked for ambulance replacement

The Capital Planning Committee also recognizes that the debt excluded second year payment for the elementary school roof of \$66,300 will also need to be funded this year.

These suggestions will be submitted to the Finance Committee. It is still too early in the budget season to know which will be approved by the Finance Committee for funding. If there are major changes to this report we will submit a supplemental report as an insert to the town report in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Dan Kennedy, Chair
Jonathan Edwards
Nathanael Fortune

Bruce Cleare
Bruce Tutun

2009 Cemetery Commissioners' Report

What has been happening in the cemeteries? We started out the year with the regular duties-mowing and trimming. Rain kept our new mower busy. A brand new mower was purchased with the hope that it will last many years.

Families are choosing cremation as opposed to full burials recently. The cost is \$75.00 versus \$500.00. In the East Cemetery a large monument was knocked over by a branch of a tree that sits on our neighbor's property. A family descendent wanted to get it repaired and called Fred Oakley for advice. She found out that it could not be repaired and became involved in the repairs of other stones. Fred Oakley offered to instruct a group of volunteers in cleaning and resetting fallen stones. He is well-known throughout the U.S. as a consultant. We appreciate his involvement and leadership. Several stones were cleaned, and many were straightened. Fred has special equipment which allowed us to raise a large monument which went down in a microburst in the Center Cemetery. Broken stones were bonded together. New bases were set where necessary. This work is slow and those who were there felt a sense of accomplishment. If you feel you can join a work crew, call Adelia before she calls you. The hours donated are appreciated and the results are great. Fred was paid for his mileage and the materials he furnished for the project. He was invaluable to the cause.

The next time you drive through the cemetery, notice the repairs. Fewer stones are lying on the ground. More work to be continued.

There were four burials in the Center Cemetery.

Fred W. Bardwell
Peter Hannum
Roland Kinsman

2009 Conservation Commission Annual Report

The Conservation Commission is charged with implementing the state's Wetlands Protection Act using regulations written by the MA Department of Environmental Protection.

Over the course of the past year the Commission considered and issued five Determinations of Applicability (determinations as to whether or not a wetlands permit is required), reviewed seven Notices of Intent and issued five Orders of Conditions (wetland permits). One Certificate of Compliance was issued. It took action in a variety of instances to ensure compliance with Orders of Conditions and address work being done without necessary permits. The Commission also addressed numerous questions from residents about the wetland regulations and the permitting process. In 2009 the Commission voted to endorse four applications for the MA Agricultural Restrictions Program.

This past year the Commission received notice from the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions that George Owens had successfully completed all eight units in its Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners certificate program. This represents a significant contribution of time and effort (travel) above and beyond that expected of Commissioners in the course of normal responsibilities. Andrew Ostrowski was selected as the Commission's representative to the Community Preservation Committee.

Scott Jackson, Chair
Terry Reynolds
Pat Devine
Andrew Ostrowski
George Owens

REPORT OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE – 2009

The Whately Energy Committee is always looking for ways to assist the town and its residents in saving money and our environment. The Committee supported the efforts of the Selectmen as they entered into an Energy Performance Contract with Siemen's Building Technology. Siemen's conducted an Investment Grade Audit in December and the town is waiting to hear the results of that audit and a recommended project.

Members of the Energy Committee also contributed many hours of time in writing a grant under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. The grant program is funded through economic stimulus money (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act- ARRA) voted by Congress. If funded, this money from this grant would allow us to convert the existing heating system in the Center School Office building from steam to hot water, place additional heating zones, and add insulation and more efficient storm windows to the building. Photo voltaics would also be placed on the Police Station. This grant program is very competitive but we are hoping that these projects will be funded. Many thanks to Lynn DiTullio, Nicholas Jones, Frank Marchand and Gary Grybko for using their expertise in engineering, construction and HVAC to complete the necessary data required under this grant.

We also applied for an Owner's Agent grant under the same EECBG program. An owner's agent will watch out for the town's interest during the Energy Performance Contracting program. We are awaiting news on this grant as well.

For 2010 the Energy Committee is looking to do outreach with residents to help them find resources to make energy improvements in their homes and their lives. If you would like information or would like to be on the Energy Committee please contact the Selectmen's Office. We also post various resources on the Whately website at www.whately.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn DiTullio
Nathanael Fortune
Jonathan Edwards
Gary Grybko
Lynn Sibley

Whately Historical Commission Annual Report for 2009

Last year most of our time was spent on the Heritage Landscape Inventory project. Our participation in this project means that Whately now has available a new resource to help us protect, maintain and preserve the landscapes that make our town unique and give our town its special character. Over the past year, the Historical Commission was joined by town residents and representatives from the Historical Society and other local organizations who worked with staff from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) to produce an inventory of heritage landscapes in Whately.

The Landscape Inventory project identified five areas of the town for special attention. These are Whately Center, the three town cemeteries, North Street, tobacco barns in general and the Westbrook Mill Corridor. Specific recommendations are provided for each of these areas ranging from assessing damage to gravestones to writing National Register of Historic Places nominations. The Selectmen and several town boards and commissions have copies of the report and will be drawing on its recommendations for planning and assessment purposes. The final report is now available to everyone in town. Copies can be found at the Dickinson Library or on the Historical Society web site.

The Commission is seeking nominations, including self-nominations, for the Historic Preservation award for this year. To be eligible for an award, the commission looks for structures that are located in Whately, are at least 50 years old, are in good condition and are preserved or restored consistent with its historic style. Last year, it was awarded jointly to the Congregational Church and Nicholas B. Jones for the restoration of the Carriage Shed on the church property.

Part of our mission is to review plans for construction projects of various kinds that affect our town. We provided comments during the past year to the town Planning Board and to various state agencies planning work in Whately. In this process we try to support the goals of the town's Master Plan and the Community Development Plan. Both of these aim to preserve the rural character of our town in part through historic preservation.

Members of the Historical Commissions were also appointed to the Community Preservation Committee and to the building committee which is examining planning and funding for town hall renovations.

As always, I want to thank the members of the Commission for their willingness to serve. We also encourage more volunteers to join us. We currently have one vacancy since one of our number moved to Belchertown. The commission can have as many as 5 members so another volunteer would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan McArdle, Chair
Judy Markland
Howard Nenner
Darcy Tozier

Implementation Committee/Zoning Task Force – 2009

The Implementation Committee was appointed by the Selectmen back in 2005 to work towards achieving many of the goals of the Community Development and Master Plans for the town. Over the last two years we have concentrated on the passage of the Community Preservation Act. We are now concentrating our efforts on proposed zoning bylaw changes primarily around open space preservation, subdivision and cluster development.

The Implementation Committee has joined forces with the Planning Board and Agricultural Commission to create a Zoning Task Force (ZTF) charged with proposing changes to the zoning bylaws. Peggy Sloan, Director of Planning & Development at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments guided the ZTF as we made our way through these changes. The objectives of the Zoning Task Force are:

- Protect the farmland and rural character of Whately
- Promote better designed development that will help protect water quality and natural resources including farmland
- Encourage the provision of affordable housing
- Support working forests and farms
- Avoid impacting traditional roadside building lots known as “Approval Not Required” (ANR) lots

The Zoning Task Force held an informational session with all town departments in October. Input from this session was brought back to the Zoning Task Force and the proposed bylaws were updated to incorporate suggestions from this meeting. In January the ZTF held a public forum to introduce the proposed changes to the residents of the town and seek input. Although this session was not well attended, residents did offer additional comments and the proposed bylaws were updated once again. The ZTF’s draft bylaws will now go to the Planning Board and Selectmen for their approval. A public hearing will be held on March 30th for final public input before they are presented to Town Meeting in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul K. Newlin
Cris Coffin
Kay Klippel
William Obear
Lynn Sibley

Judy Markland
Nicholas Jones
Rebecca Jones
Margaret Christie
Mary Shanley Koeber

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE – 2009

The Municipal Building Committee took a hiatus for much of 2009. Now that the Community Preservation Act has passed, the Committee may be in a much better position to move forward with a Town Hall consolidation project which has been put on hold during this economic downturn. It is possible to use CPA funds for a portion of the Town Hall renovations.

In November, the Committee met to discuss new ideas for this consolidation project. The ownership of the Post Office building has recently changed and the Municipal Building Committee felt that it might be an opportune time to look at different options for the whole Town Hall and Post Office complex. A letter was sent to the United States Postal Service to see if they would be interested in moving into a new building if we incorporated space in to a Town Hall addition. At the time of this report, no response had been received from the Post Service.

In 2010 we will try to finalize our ideas for a project design and look for grant money to help fund the design phase for the building and landscape as well as the actual reconstruction.

Respectfully submitted,

Municipal Building Committee

Gary Grybko
Adelia Bardwell
Ralph Farrick
Lynn DiTullio
Virginia Allis
Alan Sanderson, Jr.
Lynn Sibley – Town Administrator



TOWN OF WHATELY, MASSACHUSETTS

WHATELY PLANNING BOARD, Donald Sluter – Chair
Fred Bardwell, Nicholas Jones, Judy Markland – Members

PLANNING BOARD YEAR END REPORT- 2010

The bulk of the Planning Board's time this year has been taken up in the approval of the Pine Plains Estates subdivision on Long Plain Road. After numerous meetings and two extensions, all of the details and conditions were worked out with input from other town boards, the developer, interested abutters and other residents, the members of the Board, and our engineering representative, Aharon Sharff, of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. The plan was approved by the Board on August 25, 2009.

The Board continues to monitor the progress of completion of common driveways to make sure they comply with the approved plans.

Over the year, the Board received numerous Approval Not Required applications for its review and approval. We also had several applications for site plan approval. The board supported APR applications for four parcels of land owned by three landowners. We hope the state is able to fund these applications and permanently protect more farm land in Whately.

The Board met with and continues to meet with the Zoning Task Force relating to the implementation of cluster zoning for the purposes of updating the cluster zoning by-laws. Judy Markland and Nicholas Jones have been the Board's representatives, and the proposed zoning changes should be ready for a public presentation in early 2010.

Anita Husted and John Torchia submitted to the Board their letters of resignation, effective August 25, 2009, and were presented plaques in recognition and thanks for their many years of service by Fred Bardwell. Donald Sluter had been attending board meetings as a nonvoting incumbent for several months, and was appointed to take over the chair from Anita Husted.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Sluter – Chair

WHATELY CULTURAL COUNCIL 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The Whately Cultural Council met on December 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The following members of the Council were present: Ramsay Klaff (Chair), Katie Ross (Co-Chair), George Colt (Recording Secretary), Marianne Simon (Treasurer), Tom Leamon, Neal Abraham, and Shirley Pielock. Frances Symanski was unable to attend.

The Council had \$4300 in state grant money to disburse for 2010 plus \$2075 unspent funds from the 2009 grant cycle for a total of \$6375. The Council received a total of 24 applications requesting a total of \$9150. The Council awarded 18 grants totaling \$6375.

The Council voted unanimously to distribute the available funds as follows:

GRANTS FOR 2010

1. WHS Mem. Day Fest (Partoons) \$350
2. WHS Mem. Day Fest. (Piano Music) 100
3. WHS Mem. Day Fest. (Performance) 300
4. WHS Fall Fest (Spring Kicks Band) 300
5. Music in Deerfield (Concerts) 200
6. Arena Theatre (To Kill a Mockingbird/Student tickets) 200
7. Children's Museum (Ticket Subsidy) 200
8. Old Maps (Whately) 300
9. Greening the Valley: Sustainable Architecture (Exhibit) 500
10. Arcadia Players (Concerts) 500
11. Turners Falls River Cult. (Art Exhibit) 100
12. Watermelon Wednesdays (Concerts) 400
13. Dickinson Library (Holiday PopUp Workshop) 250
14. Dickinson Library (Adult Programs) 800
15. Dickinson Library (Kids Summer Reading) 200
16. Dickinson Library (Theater for Kids) 750
17. Dickinson Library (Cooking Demo) 100
18. Frontier Senior Center (Theater) 800

Respectfully submitted,

Ramsay Klaff

Frontier Community Access Television, Inc.

8B Elm Street

South Deerfield, MA 01373

2009 was an eventful year at FCAT. Sadly we started the year with the temporary loss of our executive director due to a severe illness. For several months we managed to keep Channel 12 on the air with the help of our landlord Leo (of Leo's TV) and board members pitching in. We especially thank Wayne Shaw, Board Chair for 2009 for his outstanding leadership during this period. We were VERY HAPPY when Marty recovered and got back to work in the summer of 2009.

Since then, channel 12 has been offering more of everything – all locally produced and a vast majority produced by citizens of the towns of Whatley, Deerfield and Sunderland. We have launched a website that includes the schedule and information for people who want to become community producers – and see their stories aired on channel 12. Try taking a look at <http://www.fcat12.org> sometime to learn more and get involved.

In January, the board said goodbye to Bob White, long time board member from Sunderland, who stepped down after many years of work helping get FCAT off the ground. We welcomed Joe Leonard of Deerfield and Matt Fortune of Whatley to the board. Joe is a GCC student who is also generous with his time helping out at the studio, and Matt is the first Frontier student to join the board, he has been active organizing collaborative projects between Frontier and FCAT. Currently the officers of FCAT are: Chair: Joyce Palmer Fortune, (Whatley); Clerk: Joe Leonard (Deerfield), and Treasurer Marianne Simon (Whatley). Other members of the Board include: Mark Gilmore (Deerfield); Darius Modestow (Frontier Regional School District); Jan Sadler (Sunderland) and Wayne Shaw (Sunderland). The executive director is Marty McGuane, 665-0012, mail@fcat12.org

By the time this Annual Report is published, FCAT will have successfully completed the first of what we hope will be a regular Spring event: the Frontier Music Department Telethon! Featuring current music students alongside Frontier alumni, professional musicians and local bands, the Telethon was designed to supplement funding for special extracurricular activities for the Music Department. Local businesses generously provided “underwriting” funds, and residents of the district towns pledged additional dollars during the live program from the Frontier auditorium.

Other “firsts” for 2009 include the recording and rebroadcasting of Frontier Football and Basketball games, thanks to parents and teachers who volunteered to tape and edit the footage for broadcast. A big thanks goes to Kevin Murphy, a Frontier technology teacher who has been particularly generous with his time and energy on these projects and more.

We look forward to a productive 2010!

Sincerely,

Joyce Palmer Fortune
Chair, Frontier Community Access Television, Inc.

FRONTIER SENIOR CENTER

General Services and Information

The Frontier Senior Center is a joint enterprise of the Councils on Aging of Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately. The Board of Oversight, represented by one Selectman from each of the three towns, oversees the Frontier Senior Center. The Center is located at 67 North Main Street in South Deerfield. Through the Senior Center and its programs, the Board of Oversight strives to meet the social, health, intellectual and safety needs of elders in the three communities it serves. The Senior Center provides a central location for socializing, outreach and numerous services. A wide variety of programs are offered, including educational topics such as nutrition, health, and elder law as well as entertainment and recreational activities. The director works 25 hours a week managing daily operations, grant writing and reporting, providing fiscal management, conducting community outreach, and addressing program planning and implementation. The social worker works 10 hours a week to provide information about a wide range of social services, assist with program planning and implementation. She is also available to visit seniors at home.

Hours of Operation

The Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., with occasional programs held outside of these hours.

Nutrition and Socialization

The Franklin County Home Care Corporation Meal Program serves lunch at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Before lunch, seniors socialize, play card games and BINGO, assemble puzzles, read the morning paper, enjoy a snack, play Wii bowling, join a group crossword game, make crafts, or exercise. Diabetic meals are always available for seniors. We are the host site for the South County FCHCC Meals on Wheels program. Volunteers and the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts distribute bags of food to income-eligible members of the monthly Brown Bag Program. CISA (Communities in Support of Agriculture) makes generous grants of food to the Center. Our tradition of offering holiday lunches now includes monthly Birthday Lunches, where we celebrate the birthdays of seniors in our community and have cake and ice cream. We provide two local van trips each month, as well as opportunities to take multi-day trips with a partner Senior Center.

Community Support and Volunteers

Various groups and businesses generously contribute time and resources to the Center. Students from local schools regularly visit and participate in activities with seniors. Many residents from Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately support the Center through donations of time, materials, and financial contributions. Work teams help with conservation and beautification projects. Crews from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department have cleaned and painted the building. Community groups who use the Center also volunteer their skills and resources. We also partner with RSVP (the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) to encourage volunteering at the Center. Over 80 volunteers contribute to the success of the Center, but there is always room for more.

Health, Wellness, Safety and Finances

We host an annual flu and pneumonia clinic and this year, we held an H1N1 clinic for seniors in the community. We offer monthly blood pressure and foot clinics. We offer two professionally facilitated exercise classes and a self-directed one. We also organize presentations on topics such as fall prevention, Alzheimer's care, osteoporosis, home security, emergency services, and other topics related to the well-being of seniors. We provide assistance with and organize public presentations on health insurance, fuel assistance, energy conservation, and tax abatements. AARP Tax Preparers come to the

Center to help seniors file their state and federal income taxes. We partner with the SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) program to provide free health insurance counseling both at our Senior Center and in senior homes.

Entertainment and Intellectual Enrichment

We host hands-on craft activities, musical and dance performances. With the recent donation of a piano, musical entertainment will certainly increase. Plans for a monthly Prayer Shawl group are in the works, as well as a haiku poetry class. We will continue to host educational speakers on topics mentioned above.

Transportation

We work with regional transit organizations to ensure that seniors receive safe and reliable transportation. In addition, we are seeking to expand transportation options available to seniors that will allow them greater access to social, medical, commercial, and entertainment destinations. We would like to obtain a vehicle that will allow us to economically and flexibly meet more of the transportation needs of elders. In the meantime, we coordinate with other senior centers to organize joint trips. In addition, Allied Waste Services has donated funding to subsidize round-trip PVTa ParaTransit bus fares for Sunderland seniors. Wrisley Funeral Home has generously donated the use of their van for our bi-monthly local outings.

Who Do We Serve?

Through our various programs, we interact with elders of Sunderland, Deerfield and Whately over 20,000 times annually. Some elders, such as those who come to the center for a flu shot, receive only one service. Others, such as those who visit the Center regularly, receive hundreds of services over the course of a year. We want every elder who needs and wants our services to receive them. With your support, we will succeed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Ballou
Director

S. WHITE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

STATISTICS:

Materials checked out: 8,763

Number of Patrons: 997

Collection size: 17,027 items

STAFF: The library grieved the loss of former director Christine Moulton to cancer in May 2009. There was a memorial fund established in her name from which we purchased a new book display unit for the Children's Room with a plaque that reads, "For the love of children and books, in memory of Christine Moulton, 2009." Sadly, we also lost James Ostrowski suddenly in November 2009. Jim had been our custodian for over fifteen years.

Tiffany Hilton of Greenfield, MA was hired May 11th 2009 as the new director. Fiona Stryszko was hired as the new custodian December 9th 2009. Betsy Cook continues to work as Assistant Librarian after filling in as Acting Director for many months during Christine's illness.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: 2009 theme was "Starship Adventure" created by the Western Mass. Regional Library System. Three grants from the Whately Local Cultural Council allowed us to hire magicians, storytellers, and book artists, which added exceptional summer programs to our schedule of events. Sixty four children and adults attended our Magic Show – and 30 children signed up for the summer reading program. Prizes and craft supplies were provided by the Friends of the Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Tiffany started a monthly book discussion group in June 2009 and it has grown into a lively meeting of community members. Our first title was Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson. Meetings are the last Monday of each month and are open to everyone.

BOOK SALE: Sponsored by the Friends of the Whately Library, the book sale was held again in conjunction with the Whately Harvest Festival on Sept. 27. Thank you to the Whately Congregational Church for the use of their tables, Ken Moulton, the Friends, and the Chamutka family for moving them. Thanks also to Jeannine Atkins, Jeanne Kocsis, Sara Cooper, Natalie and Tom Chamutka, Betsy Cook and Shawn Spencer for help with the sale. All proceeds will be used for future children's programming.

STORY TIME: Deborah Ploof volunteered to offer story times all summer with several children attending each week. Low turnout to Wednesday morning programs have us considering Saturday story times for 2010.

MOVIETIMES: Thanks to the Friends for funding our Movie License and refreshments for these programs. The library will continue to offer free movie times for the whole family to enjoy.

WEBSITE/COMPUTERS: The library is pleased to have added a wireless network to our resources. Patrons may bring their own laptops to use in the library or sit on the lawn and enjoy the view. Two public access computers offer high-speed internet access, database searching, and word processing software. Our website is maintained by Judy Markland with current events and recent acquisitions updated frequently. Regular computer maintenance will require funding and ongoing attention. We will be working with Grace Edwards of Advanced Systems Integrators for this support as needed.

YOGA: Gentle Yoga classes taught by Alexandra Mello continue to be popular. Class times have changed from Wednesday evenings to Saturday mornings at 9am.

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to Deborah Ploof, Barbara Banik, Bryanne McDonough, Judy Markland and Bobby Kieras for donating their time and talents to the library. Thanks also to Sharon Young for her hard work maintaining the flowerbeds.

DONATIONS: Signature Sounds President and Whately resident, Jim Olsen, generously donated the entire Signature Sounds library of recorded music on CD to the library. The Lions' Club funded \$500 of new audio books. Thank you to LaSalle's for maintaining our flower boxes all year and to the Chamutka family for the beautiful fall decorations and Christmas wreathes.

THANK YOU: Thanks to the library patrons, Betsy Cook, the Trustees and the Friends for their continued support and dedication to the library, the community, and to me during my first year.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Hilton
Library Director
12/31/09

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission had another successful year serving the youth of Whately through the organization and staffing of recreational sports and community activities. We continue to offer programs in baseball, softball, basketball and soccer.

Participation in our programs has grown dramatically during 2009. We had over 70 kids participate in our soccer program. Also, girls' softball has seen increased participation with the addition of another grade.

Improvements at Herlihy Field continued this year with the enclosing of the old pavilion to bring much needed storage space. The commission installed a new softball infield and proper fencing at the Blue School field. The field was repositioned to provide a much safer environment to play. We would like to thank the highway department for their efforts to skin the field and install the new infield dirt. The new dirt was donated by All State/Warner Bros.

The Recreation Commission is planning additional improvements in 2010. We plan to bring in more infield dirt to top off the infield at the Blue School and the large field at Herlihy. We are also going to rebuild the infield and sod at the small field which is in desperate need of repair. Another goal we have for this year is to secure the proper sponsorship to purchase new and additional uniforms for the baseball program. New soccer goals will be installed on the small field.

Herlihy Field continues to host men's and co-ed baseball teams from May to September on the larger varsity baseball diamond. These teams, especially the Whately Pioneers of the vintage baseball league, provide great entertainment on a weekend afternoon or evening.

We would like to thank the townspeople for supporting our programs throughout the year. Those individuals that volunteer to coach, officiate and help with field maintenance are extended special thanks. We look forward to your continued support and volunteerism with this year's youth and adult programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Ciesluk, Chip DeForest, Bob Englehardt, Carrie Fydenkevez, Todd Jarvis, Jamie Vielmetti and Fred Warren

TRI-TOWN BEACH DISTRICT

William Skroski – Co-Chair
Elizabeth Orloski
Susan Monahan

Edie Ostrowski – Co-Chair
Sharon Paciorek
Dana Lavigne

The 2009 beach season was very successful. Just under 300 passes were sold to residents of Whately, Deerfield, Sunderland, Conway, and Hatfield. The price of passes remained the same as they have been for over 7 years, \$35.00 for residents of Whately and Deerfield, and \$50.00 for the residents of Sunderland, Conway, and Hatfield. Passes for senior residents of all 5 towns were still \$10.00.

The District had weekly water testing, as is mandated by the board of health. This kept the beach a very safe and pleasant community resource. We did have some beach closings due to the failure of a few of the water tests. The weather was not extremely cooperative all summer, with much rainfall and cloud cover. We are researching ways to resolve the possibility of any future water issues. Unfortunately, one of these failed tests occurred right before the last week of the season, so the beach closed earlier than scheduled.

In 2009 Tri-Town Beach was home base to Whately's 2nd Annual Triathlon, organized by Sue Monahan. This event raised \$4,000.00 to benefit the Whately Police Department. Many thanks to all of the residents of Whately and Deerfield who participated, volunteered, or came out to cheer. Special thanks to the Whately Police and Fire Departments, Hatfield Police and Fire Departments and the Northfield Dive Teams for donating their time and resources to make this a successful community event. The combined efforts and support of the local community make this event very rewarding and enriches our 'small town' appeal.

The District also held its annual "Appreciation Day". This is a great event held every season, and it brings the surrounding communities together. The Frontier Senior Center was welcomed at this event as well. The beach was also host to many birthday parties and family gatherings for pass holders. Deerfield Recreation Swim Program held swim lessons at the beach, offering many skill levels to both children and adults.

The commissioners are looking forward to the 2010 season. Please feel free to contact any of the commissioners with feedback, questions, or comments. We strive to keep this very valuable town recreational facility enjoyable to all residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Monahan
Tri-Town Beach Commission

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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Richard K. Lane
Superintendent

Franklin County Technical School District **2009 Annual Report to Towns**

We submit this annual report for 2009 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2009 was 512 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	13	Erving	14	Montague	68	Sunderland	17
Buckland	15	Gill	11	New Salem	8	Warwick	7
Colrain	21	Greenfield	132	Northfield	23	Wendell	8
Conway	10	Heath	6	Orange	65	Whately	8
Deerfield	23	Leyden	5	Shelburne	18	Non-District	40

Franklin County Technical School awarded 110 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2009. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 49% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 38% joined the area work force, 5% planned to join the military, 2% went on to a post secondary trade/technical school, and 6% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2009.

All schools in the Commonwealth are required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) to meet or exceed specific student performance standards in English/language arts, mathematics and beginning with the Class of 2010, science also. The Franklin County Technical School is proud to note that, in the aggregate, it met these adequate yearly progress determinations for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

During 2009, the students from various vocational programs performed a variety of service projects benefiting many of our member towns and the city of Greenfield. We plan to continue supplying our constituent towns with these services as they offer both the ideal learning laboratory for our students as well as an opportunity to contribute back to the communities that have supported us so well over the years. A small sample of recent projects include a timber-frame boathouse for the Orange Riverfront Park, a Spanish cedar sign for the Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne/Buckland, a lawn and driveway installation at the Habitat for Humanity home in Turners Falls, a complete furnace upgrade for a resident of Warwick provided in collaboration with the National Association of Heating Oil Service Managers' "Oil Heat Cares" program, a camera installation for the Bernardston police department, and the complete repainting of a cruiser for the Sunderland fire department. Students from many shop areas also continue to routinely assist our building maintenance department, supplying services that would otherwise be contracted to outside agencies.

We have completed a performance contract with the Energy Service Company (ESCO), Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. This project included the installation of energy efficient lighting and sensors, the conversion to high efficiency natural gas-fired boilers and roof top units for heating and ventilation, the sealing of the building envelope, and the installation of energy saving controllers for our computer network and the walk-in coolers/freezers along with a state-of-the-art energy management system to ensure our ability to maximize our savings throughout the life of these new systems. This project had a major beneficial impact on the comfort level of the working and learning environment while significantly cutting energy use. The lease payments for this investment in infrastructure are completely paid for by the savings in energy costs and we believe that the greater level of control afforded by the state-of-the-art energy management system will allow us to squeeze the most out of our energy dollars for a long time to

come. Prior to the project, our energy star rating (on a scale of 1 to 100) was a dismal 13. The post project rating is an outstanding 71. Thank you Siemens Building Technologies for providing the expertise and attention to detail necessary for this immense reduction in our carbon footprint!

A team of evaluators from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges were present in mid-October of 2009 for our five year focused visit. The team spent two and a half days reviewing our progress in addressing the recommendations that were outlined during the last decennial visit. They were pleased with our improvement in most areas and wrote in their summary "The Franklin County Technical School exhibits many characteristics of a school on the verge of excellence, such as school atmosphere, student pride, strong ties to the community and an administration who is forward looking." Overall, the report issued by the visiting team attests to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and administration and the quality programs we offer with the support of our member towns.

We continue to work with Greenfield Community College to offer evening courses at Franklin County Technical School. We offer an after-school program in conjunction with GCC that enables our seniors to experience the college environment first hand while obtaining three college credits. We also offer an EMT basic course for six college credits during the school day to our seniors in our Health Technology program. Many of our classroom instructors have completed taking the renewable coursework offered at GCC and two of our instructors have been enlisted by GCC to teach introductory courses in piping and HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) as part of their pioneering renewable energy/energy efficiency program.

We also continue to work with Franklin County businesses, the Regional Employment Board and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to make sure that our graduates are part of the economic development for Franklin County. We thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard K. Lane
Superintendent

Franklin County Technical School District Committee

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Buckland
Laura J. Earl

Colrain
Vacancy

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Annual Report
From the
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Frontier Regional School

For 2008 - 2009

FRONTIER SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Robert Halla, Chair
Frontier Regional School District Committee
South Deerfield, MA 01373

Dear Mr. Halla:

I respectfully submit the 2009 Frontier Regional School Annual Report.

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE - TERM EXPIRES

* Robert Halla, Chair, Whately	2010
* Mary Ramon, Vice Chair, Deerfield	2010
William Smith, Secretary, Whately	2012
Robert White, Member, Sunderland	2011
Alexis Toy, Member, Deerfield	2012
* Lynn Cook, Member, Sunderland	2010
Robert Decker, III, Member, Deerfield	2011
Cyndie Ouimette, Member, Conway	2010
* Elaine Rogers, Member, Conway	2011

*Representing the local Elementary School Committees for one-year term.

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Media Center, Frontier Regional School, South Deerfield, Massachusetts at 7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.	Superintendent of Schools
Donald M. Scott	Business Manager
Karen Ferrandino	Director of Special Education
Patricia Stachelek	Frontier Regional Bookkeeper/Treasurer
Stephan Shepherd	Grants Bookkeeper
Donna Hathaway	Administrative Secretary
Sherie Gervais	Administrative Secretary
Diana Capuano	Special Education Secretary

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL

Martha Barrett	Principal
Darius Modestow	Assistant Principal
Kelly Blanchette	Special Education Secretary
Deborah Coons	Administrative Secretary
Debbie Mason	Attendance Officer
Roberta Reiter	Administrative Secretary
Karen Siwicki	Guidance Secretary

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2009

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Conway</i>	<i>Deerfield</i>	<i>Sunderland</i>	<i>Whately</i>	<i>School Choice</i>	<i>Tuitioned In</i>	<i>Total</i>
7	5	53	29	14	18	0	119
8	20	46	27	18	24	0	135
9	10	35	18	16	23	1	103
10	12	37	29	20	24	0	122
11	12	36	22	17	20	0	107
12	8	47	34	11	14	0	114
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Total	67	254	159	96	123	1	700

FRONTIER REGIONAL

SALARY SCHEDULE

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

STEP	Bachelors	Masters	M+30	CAGS/Doctorate
1	35,930	37,660	39,783	41,772
2	37,781	39,298	41,287	43,352
3	39,349	40,975	42,845	44,987
4	40,317	42,714	44,457	46,680
5	41,730	44,081	46,090	48,395
6	42,821	45,526	47,820	50,211
7	44,665	46,977	49,399	51,869
8	45,843	48,469	50,990	53,540
9	47,057	49,691	53,293	55,957
10	49,398	52,514	55,662	58,445
11	51,989	55,557	58,104	61,009
12	52,851	57,606	60,786	63,826
13	54,905	59,734	62,965	66,113
*20L	55,405	60,234	63,465	66,613
**25L	55,905	60,734	63,965	67,113

* Placement on Step 20L occurs when an individual has completed 19 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

** Placement on Step 25L occurs when an individual has completed 24 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

January 2010

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

I am proud to report that I continue to see a commitment to high standards on the part of students, parents, faculty, and community members. Evidence of this has been apparent in our students, as well as in our students' success on local and state assessments, and in the work that students and teachers accomplish in our school every day.

ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE

The October 1, 2009 enrollment for Frontier Regional School District totaled 700 students. This is an increase of 6 from the October 1, 2008 enrollment figures. Of the 700 students, 123 were School Choice, which is an increase of 21 students from the School Choice enrollment of October 2008.

The Frontier Regional School graduated 109 students in the Class of 2009.

STAFF

Newly hired faculty members at Frontier Regional School this year are Gian DiDonna, HS English Teacher; Richard Pavlick, Part-Time HS Life Skills Science Teacher; Joseph Costello, HS English Teacher (one-year); Nicole Stier, Part-Time Life Skills Adaptive Physical Education Teacher and Elaine Campbell, Special Education Team Leader.

Ms. Barbara Furtek (English Department) retired this year. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

ASSESSMENT

In the class of 2010, ninety-nine percent of students passed both the English and Mathematics MCAS, achieving the competency determination for graduation. Ninety-six percent of grade seven students passed English Language Arts MCAS and Eighty-eight percent of students passed the Mathematics MCAS. Ninety-eight percent of grade eight students passed English Language Arts and eighty-eight percent passed the Mathematics MCAS.

Twenty-eight students in the class of 2010 (twenty-five percent of the senior class) qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Students who qualify for this scholarship achieved one advanced score on the MCAS exam and no less than proficient on the second MCAS. The top twenty-five percent of students at Frontier were given a scholarship that entitles them to four years of free tuition at any state college or university.

Students in grades eleven and twelve took the college Accuplacer exam in school. The scores are being analyzed to determine if additional topics need to be added to the math curriculum. We hope this initiative will better prepare students for this college entrance exam and reduce or eliminate a student's enrollment in remedial college math courses.

Using local funds and several grant sources the Frontier Regional School continued to provide an after school math support program. Forty students in grades seven, eight, and nine enrolled in the program. The program was designed to meet the needs of students who need additional support in mathematics and help students achieve a passing score on the MCAS Mathematics exam.

In addition to the after school math support program, Frontier continues to offer a summer support program in math and English Language Arts. This program is funded by a small grant from the Department of Education as well as local funding. Data has confirmed the success of this program.

CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks continue to be a central theme in all curriculum discussions. This year teachers in all academic areas were involved in the completion of a curriculum mapping project. The faculty will continue to refine their individual as well as grade level maps by content area. The project was completed in August of 2009 in preparation for the upcoming New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) reaccreditations process. Our visit for this accreditation is scheduled for April, 2010.

All faculty members were and continue to be part of on an NEASC committee and are in the process of working on the self study in preparation for the April, 2010 reaccreditation visit. The visiting team will examine seven areas of the school: Mission and Expectations for Student Learning, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment of Student Learning, Leadership and Organization, School Resources for Learning and Community Resources for Learning. Each committee is responsible for preparing a report for the visiting team in each of the seven areas of evaluation.

The Title I program in math continues to serve students in the middle school. Approximately 50 students in grades seven and eight are working with the Title I teacher in small groups to improve their math skills.

Seventy students took part in independent study projects. At the completion of their studies students are now expected to make a final presentation to faculty and administrators.

A new grade reporting system was added which allows students, families and faculty to easily access grades. This system has increased communication between school and home as well as reducing the amount of postage and mailing expenses. The use of the website for communication has also reduced the amount of paper used to communicate with families and the community.

Frontier teachers are continually engaged in professional development activities to strengthen their skills. Curriculum development, state standards and data driven analysis are central themes and a focus of professional development. Faculty were involved in several professional development activities this year that focused on differentiated instruction. Landmark school representatives have discussed strategies for students to become more proficient note takers. Carol Kosnitsky, a national level speaker presented an overview of how the Federal mandate of “Response to Intervention” can assist struggling learners by provided the right kind of support at the right time.

SPECIAL THANKS

I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of Frontier Regional School Committee Members: Chair, Robert Halla, Mary Ramon, William Smith, Dr. Robert White, Alexis Toy, Lynn Cook, Robert Decker, III, Cyndie Ouimette and Elaine Rogers. I look forward with pleasure to continuing our work together.

I would like to acknowledge all of the faculty and staff members who work tirelessly to create a highly effective and supportive learning environment in the Frontier Regional School. I appreciate their professionalism, their willingness to meet the needs of individual students, and the care and concern they bring to their classrooms every school day.

I am proud of the efforts of our administration, teaching and support staff, students and central office support and administrative staff as they are accountable to the high standards that are so important to the success of today’s schools. I am also extremely grateful for the ongoing support of parents; the communities of Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately; our school councils, town officials and employees. Without this team effort, we could not obtain the educational excellence for which our schools are known and admired.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Annual Report
From the
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Whately Elementary School
for 2008-2009

January 2010

WHATELY SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Nathanael Fortune, Chair
Whately School Committee
Whately, MA 01093

Dear Mr. Fortune:

I respectfully submit the 2009 Annual Report for the Whately Elementary School.

WHATELY SCHOOL COMMITTEE	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Nathanael Fortune, Chair	2012
Donald Skroski, Vice Chair	2011
*Robert Halla, Member	2010

*Representative to the Frontier Regional School Committee

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent	Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.
Business Manager	Donald M. Scott
Special Education Director	Karen Ferrandino
Administrative Secretary	Donna Hathaway
Administrative Secretary	Sherie Gervais
Special Education Secretary	Diana Capuano
Receptionist	Brenda Antes
Bookkeeper, Union #38	Paula Light
Bookkeeper, Grants	Stephan Shepherd
Principal	Peter Crisafulli
Secretary	Sarah Williams

WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2009

Grade	Boys	Girls	School Choice	Tuitioned In	Total
PreK	0	0	0	14	14
K	7	6	4	0	17
1	4	3	8	0	15
2	10	3	5	0	18
3	4	7	8	0	19
4	2	1	9	0	12
5	7	3	5	0	15
6	8	7	6	0	21
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Total	42	30	45	14	131

UNION #38 TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE
CONWAY, DEERFIELD, SUNDERLAND, WHATELY

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

1 st HALF

<u>STEP</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B+15</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>M+15</u>	<u>M+30</u>	2%
2	35,489	36,600	37,740	38,920	40,137	
3	36,600	37,740	38,920	40,137	41,391	
4	37,740	38,920	40,137	41,391	42,686	
5	38,920	40,137	41,391	42,686	44,019	
6	40,137	41,391	42,686	44,019	45,393	
7	41,391	42,686	44,019	45,393	46,811	
8	42,686	44,019	45,393	46,811	48,274	
9	44,019	45,393	46,811	48,274	49,785	
10	45,393	46,811	48,274	49,785	51,338	
11	46,811	48,274	49,785	51,338	52,942	
12	48,274	49,785	51,338	52,942	54,598	
13	49,785	51,338	52,942	54,598	56,306	
14	53,164	54,771	56,743	58,451	60,766	
20	54,815	56,451	58,465	60,206	62,568	

January 2010

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OPENING STATEMENT

The Whately Elementary School continues to offer a strong, effective learning community in which all children are welcomed, respected, and given the tools they need to help them learn and grow. Our students enjoy a dedicated teaching faculty, up-to-date school facilities, access to current technology, and outstanding educational programs. The educational opportunities available to students are possible because the people of Whately continue their commitment to fund their school's budget and to support its faculty and programs.

The high standards set for our students by their families and teachers are evident daily in classrooms throughout our school. Our students continue to demonstrate strong performance on local and state assessments.

ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE

The October 1, 2009 enrollment for Whately Elementary School totaled 132 (PreK-6) students. This is the same number of students from the October 1, 2008 enrollment figures. Of the 132, 46 are School Choice. This is an increase of 5 from the School Choice enrollment of October 2008.

CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the 2008/09 school year Whately teachers, in conjunction with teachers in the neighboring schools of Conway, Deerfield, and Sunderland, piloted a new computer based assessment from the Northwest Educational Association called Measured Academic Progress. This assessment, used in grades 3 – 6, gives teachers specific and detailed information about the developing reading and mathematical skills of each student when compared to

their peers across the nation. Teachers are using this information to tailor their instruction to match the particular learning needs and strengths of their students. Teachers met with colleagues to analyze the data from these assessments and to plan together how to use the information to strengthen teaching and learning.

Teachers from kindergarten through grade six continue to evaluate students' writing skills through the administration of writing assessments which require students to write an essay in response to a particular question. The goal is that students develop the ability to respond clearly and concisely in writing using sufficient detail to make their ideas easily understood. The ability to write well is an essential academic skill that is critical to school and later to professional success.

ASSESSMENT

Under the No Child Left behind Act each school receives an annual report measuring a school's "Adequate Yearly Progress" toward the goal set by the federal government that 100% of students reach proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics by the year 2014. Whately students continue to enjoy success on the state MCAS tests administered in grades 3-6 each spring. The Whately Elementary School continues to make Adequate Yearly Progress toward the goal set by the federal government that 100% of students reach proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics by the year 2014.

All students' test scores in a particular discipline across all grade levels tested on the MCAS are averaged over two years to determine each school's score. The good news is that Massachusetts students scored well above other states in student progress in both areas tested and Whately Elementary School's scores were well above the average scores in Massachusetts! In all areas tested; Mathematics, Language Arts, and Science Whately students once again scored among the top in the state.

STAFF

I am delighted to welcome Peter Crisafulli as Principal of the Whately Elementary School. As of September 1, 2009, newly hired faculty members at the Whately Elementary School are: Terrance Ezold, Instrumental/Band Teacher.

There were no retirees this year.

SPECIAL THANKS

I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication of Whately School Committee members Chair, Nathanael Fortune, Donald Skroski and Robert Halla. They take their responsibilities very seriously and work extremely hard for the students of the Whately Elementary School District.

I look forward to continuing our work together.

My sincere thanks to the Whately School Council and PTO. Their tireless efforts for the students at Whately Elementary School significantly enhance the many opportunities available to our students and staff. I want to thank all those town departments that help us keep our students and staff safe. I especially wish to recognize the Police, Fire, and Highway Departments for their dedication and vigilance.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to the citizens of Whately for their support. All members of the community are welcome to visit our school and encouraged to participate in the wide range of school activities and programs that are available to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

2nd HALF

<u>STEP</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B+15</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>M+15</u>	<u>M+30</u>	1%
2	35,844	36,965	38,117	39,309	40,538	
3	36,965	38,117	39,309	40,538	41,805	
4	38,117	39,309	40,538	41,805	43,113	
5	39,309	40,538	41,805	43,113	44,459	
6	40,538	41,805	43,113	44,459	45,847	
7	41,805	43,113	44,459	45,847	47,279	
8	43,113	44,459	45,847	47,279	48,757	
9	44,459	45,847	47,279	48,757	50,283	
10	45,847	47,279	48,757	50,283	51,851	
11	47,279	48,757	50,283	51,851	53,471	
12	48,757	50,283	51,851	53,471	55,144	
13	50,283	51,851	53,471	55,144	56,869	
14	53,696	55,319	57,311	59,035	61,374	
20	55,363	57,016	59,050	60,808	63,194	

Nature's Classroom Teacher: \$275 per teacher unit.

Workshop Presenters: \$30 per hour of presentation and reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

Head Teachers: \$400

Placement on 20 occurs when a teacher has completed 19 years of service as a teacher in the District.

FINANCIAL REPORT

TOWN OF WHATELY **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

SUMMARY OF BUDGET RELATED EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

CATEGORY

School Committee	\$4,098
Central Office	65,782
Principal's Office	102,098
General Instruction	496,214
Kindergarten	55,304
Pre-School	14,588
Art	11,903
Music	20,005
Physical Education	15,720
Special Education	265,364
Library/Media	65,079
Guidance	38,595
Psychologist	12,363
Student Services	2,283
Health	31,830
Cafeteria	7,456
Buildings & Grounds	164,063
Fixed Costs	15,025
Transportation	32,436
Fixed Assets	<u>1,172</u>
Total	\$1,421,378

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2009

Dear Member Town:

Thank you for your continued participation in the FCCIP. This letter/report provides a summary of our program=s activity in fiscal year 2009.

Fiscal Year 2009 showed further decline in dwelling units constructed. The number of dwelling units for all towns was 31, the lowest since 1977. However, permit values were up, totaling \$31,154,593, and commercial work remains steady. Total permit fees collected amounted to \$203,811, with commercial work accounting for 25% of the fees. Total number of permits issued remained stable at 992, with a significant number of wood stove permits and renovation work.

Our newsletter is sent to all member towns and builders. If you wish to have a copy, please contact this office.

James D. Hawkins
Inspector of Buildings

07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009 FISCAL YEAR REPORT

TOWN	PERMITS	VALUE	DWELL UNITS*	PERMIT FEES	CERT OF OCC	CERT OF INSP	C.I. FEES	OTHER FEES	TOTAL
Ashfield	90	2,184,435	1	14,900.00	42	10	370.00	85.00	15,355.00
Bernardston	89	2,976,872	3	19,004.00	45	21	708.00	420.00	20,132.00
Buckland	97	1,874,944	1	12,344.00	30	9	520.00	0.00	12,864.00
Charlemont	73	2,112,553	3	12,702.00	26	22	728.00	90.00	13,520.00
Conway	89	2,554,278	6	16,782.00	42	6	250.00	0.00	17,032.00
Erving	77	1,389,478	0	9,162.00	33	13	469.00	205.00	9,836.00
Gill	73	3,710,188	1	21,944.00	35	31	1,491.00	250.00	23,685.00
Hawley	25	1,075,910	2	7,352.00	13	2	50.00	0.00	7,402.00
Heath	45	927,398	3	5,668.00	19	1	0.00	0.00	5,668.00
Leverett	69	2,757,649	3	17,246.00	27	7	180.00	550.00	17,976.00
Leyden	28	2,300,284	4	11,568.00	12	4	190.00	100.00	11,858.00
Shelburne	94	1,287,276	0	8,160.00	39	32	1,525.00	350.00	10,035.00
Shutesbury	57	768,581	0	5,722.00	37	6	80.00	0.00	5,802.00
Whately	86	5,234,747	4	32,060.00	44	14	526.00	100.00	32,686.00
TOTALS	992	31,154,593	31	194,614.00	444	178	7,087.00	2,150.00	203,851.00

*2-Family and Multi-dwellings are issued only one permit per building.

**These figures reflect only those inspections which receive Certificates, but for various reasons no Certificates are issued.

"Other Fees" reflect reinspections and duplication of permits and C.O.'s.

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
COOPERATIVE WIRING INSPECTION PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

Dear Member Town:

I have included the Fiscal Year 2009 report at the bottom of this letter which reflects wiring permits and fee activity for all member towns.

We are seeing more solar installations in our towns. All of these projects need an electrical permit and inspections. Electrical cords are only for temporary use, not for permanently plugging in solar hot water pumps and controls.

I have received a lot of complaints about contractors, most of who were not from the local area. I strongly urge you to hire local qualified contractors and ask for references before you sign a contract.

If you have any questions I can be reached during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7AM-9AM at 772-2026, ext 126 or by email at electric@frcog.org. You will find permits, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at www.frcog.org, under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

James Slowinski
Wiring Inspector

07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009
FISCAL YEAR REPORT

PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS FROM TOWNS:

<u>Towns</u>	<u>Reinspection Fees</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ashfield	0.00	33	3,535.00
Bernardston	0.00	43	4,210.00
Buckland	0.00	41	3,745.00
Charlemont	0.00	37	4,010.00
Conway	210.00	40	3,600.00
Erving	0.00	48	8,035.00
Gill	100.00	36	5,175.00
Hawley	50.00	20	2,315.00
Heath	0.00	28	2,430.00
Leverett	0.00	60	7,500.00
Rowe	0.00	22	2,060.00
Shelburne	0.00	61	4,995.00
<u>Whately</u>	<u>140.00</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>11,045.00</u>
TOTAL:	500.00	521	62,655.00

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED 63,155.00

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
COOPERATIVE PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTION PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

Dear Member Town:

I have included the Fiscal Year 2009 report at the bottom of this page which reflects plumbing/gas permits and fee activity for all member towns.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind town residents that the Mass State Plumbing & Gas Code and our inspection program are in place for the health and safety protection of all residents. Protection of potable water, proper installation of drainage systems and code compliant gas systems are three major responsibilities of licensed plumbers & plumbing/gas inspectors. After an accident insurance companies may not pay claims if a permit has not been issued for any repairs. Permits shall only be issued to licensed plumbers. You can contact me during office hours on Tuesday & Thursday mornings 7a.m.-9a.m. at 772-2026, ext. 125 or email me at plumbing@frcog.org. You will find permits, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at www.frcog.org, under Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

Once again, I would like to extend my appreciation to all town officials for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Andrew French
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009
FISCAL YEAR REPORT

PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS TO TOWNS:

<u>Towns</u>	<u>Reinspection Fees</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>
Ashfield	0.00	55	5,105.00
Bernardston	0.00	31	3,325.00
Buckland	30.00	40	3,905.00
Charlemont	15.00	45	4,820.00
Conway	0.00	53	4,780.00
Erving	0.00	24	2,155.00
Gill	0.00	45	4,535.00
Hawley	0.00	8	1,020.00
Heath	10.00	20	1,770.00
Leverett	0.00	67	7,350.00
Leyden	0.00	21	2,245.00
Rowe	0.00	10	800.00
Shelburne	0.00	42	3,735.00
<u>Whately</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>7,035.00</u>
TOTAL:	50.00	521	52,580.00
TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED		52,635.00	

2009 REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

The downturn in the economy resulted in less trash and recycling tonnage in 2009. Both decreased by approximately 10% in 2009. District residents still showed their commitment to recycling by diverting 2,100 tons of paper and 1,200 tons of mixed containers from regional disposal facilities. The 3,300 tons of recycling was processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Although recycling market prices were low in 2009, District towns received the contract guarantee of \$15.67 per ton of recyclables.

In 2009, the District sponsored a spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collection for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 89 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2009. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. Over 300 households participated in this event.

We continue to work with public schools to improve their recycling programs as well as to implement programs to collect food waste for composting. The District also provides hands-on assistance to businesses and institutions that want to recycle or compost their waste. Recycling and composting assistance was also provided to 30 public events, including the Franklin County Fair.

The District was involved in a feasibility study to identify closed municipal landfills that could support the installation of solar photovoltaic panels. This is an exciting project that could generate alternative energy on otherwise unusable property. Further exploration of this option will occur in 2010.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 772-2438, visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Chair*

Becky Jurek, Bernardston - *Vice-Chair*
Andrea Donlon, Buckland - *Treasurer*

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The FRCOG was created by the towns of Franklin County in 1997. The preamble of the Charter that created the FRCOG states:

We, the people of Franklin County, in order to serve the interests of the citizens of our region, do hereby affirm that the 26 municipalities of Franklin County have vital common concerns that transcend the borders of individual municipalities and that the ability of our municipalities to address important public issues often depends on our local governments acting together. We therefore establish for ourselves and for our communities the means to effectively serve our towns and to deal with regional issues that transcend the existing boundaries of town governments.

Twelve years later the FRCOG is proud to report on the accomplishments, projects and services that we have provided to the people and communities of Franklin County. Each year since our formation we have grown, improved and have served the region proudly. The FRCOG is now considered the model of regionalism in Massachusetts. A summary of our accomplishments include:

Through advocacy and outreach the FRCOG helped to bring millions of dollars of ARRA funding to Franklin County including Brownfields funding to assess and cleanup sites contaminated by hazardous materials; \$19.2 million for safety improvements along Route 2 in Orange; \$12.8 million for the construction of the Franklin Regional Transit Center; and another \$10 million for road improvements to Routes 5/10 and Route 2.

The FRCOG's efforts on behalf of 22 towns and 5 regional school districts to secure the services of an Energy Services Company to assess and identify energy savings capital improvements, made the region uniquely qualified to apply for ARRA energy efficiency funding. Fifteen towns took advantage of this funding opportunity and grant awards are expected to be announced in February or March of 2010.

The Cooperative Purchasing Program helped member towns procure highway products, fuel, elevator maintenance services, tradesperson services, IT support, and conducted numerous local bids. The total amount of contracted highway products and services in FY09 was \$7,283,815 for 21 Franklin County Towns and 1 Hampshire County Town.

The Regional Preparedness Program worked with the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition to address the H1N1 outbreak and was responsible for receiving and distributing H1N1 vaccines for the region and coordinating vaccination clinics. Boards of Health got access to local planning nurses, funding for supplies and vaccinations clinics. Over 5,000 H1N1 vaccinations were administered between Thanksgiving and mid-January.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF WHATELY

During Smith Charities' fiscal year, February 2, 2009 – January 31, 2010, the following applicants from Whately were paid as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will:

4 Widows received gifts totaling \$1,400.00

1 Nurse (LPN) received a gift
\$700 additional distribution \$ 700.00

John C. LaSalle, Elector
Under the Oliver Smith Will

During the past year twenty tradespersons were enrolled. Loans of \$600 each were made to twelve apprentices; the notes of seven tradespersons have been surrendered and the benefit of \$600 granted to each. Two student nurses have enrolled under the Nurses' Program; two nurses who earned their degree have received the nurse's gift of \$600. Seven tradespersons and three nurses received an additional distribution of \$700 each. Thirty-eight widows have been paid a total of \$13,933 and ten brides have received the marriage gift of \$100 each. The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$36,662 which includes \$9,329 that was paid to the City of Northampton for the account of Smith's Agricultural School, being the new income from the permanent fund established for the school. Additionally, \$6,064 was placed in the Reserved for Beneficiaries account.

Since provision of the Will went into effect, the beneficiaries of the nine communities have been paid:

* Tradespersons	\$2,859,200
** Nurses	801,433
Widows	1,724,195
*** Brides	1,492,400
Smith's Agricultural School	1,475,834
Annuities	35,374
Taxes	<u>613,717</u>
Total Payments	\$9,002,153

*Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Boys
**Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Female Children
***Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Young Women

Trustees
John E. Devine, Jr.
Eric Cerreta
John Coull

Northampton, MA February 1, 2010

Department of Veterans Affairs to Expand enrollment for Priority 8 Veterans.

The \$375 million provision was included in the fiscal 2009 VA spending bill measure to allow the department to bring into the system more "Priority" 8 Veterans, those who typically earn more than \$30,000 a year. The funding aims to expand the enrollment of Priority 8 veterans by 10%. If you are a Priority 8 and you have been denied VA health services since 2003 Please call the VA 1-413-582-3091 Eligibility.

Many Veterans have been call looking for the VA Web Sites here are a few for you.

Educational Benefits. www.gibill.va.gov
Home Loan Guaranty. www.homeloans.va.gov
Federal Jobs www.usajobs.opm.gov
Returning Veterans www.seamlesstransition.va.gov
VA Home Page. www.va.gov
Government Jobs. www.usajobs.gov/opm
Dog Tags: 1-800-308-0859 www.usmadals.com. www.qmuniforms.com.

HOME OF THE BRAVE:

Mass Housing's Home for the Brave loan program provides affordable, no-down payment mortgages for veterans of the U.S. Armed Services living in Massachusetts.

**To apply for a Home of the Brave loan, contact a participating lender.
For a complete list of Home for the Brave lenders,
visit: www.masshousing.com/veteran.**

You can call Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency at 888-672-7562.

Sincerely,
Leo J. Parent, Jr
Director
1-413-863-3205

TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire, Ambulance, Police

911

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

<i>Department</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Assessors	Town Hall	665-3470
Health Agent – Jackie Duda	Foothills Health District	268-8404
Animal Control Officer		665-8027
Emergency Management	Center School	665-4400
FAX for Center School		665-9560
FAX for Town Hall		665-5064
Fire Department		665-2230
Burning Permits (Jan 15- April 30)		625-8200
Highway Department		665-2983
Highway Department Fax		665-2984
Inspection Services		772-2026
Building	Courthouse	x123
Plumbing & Gas	Courthouse	x125
Wiring	Courthouse	x126
Police (non-emergency)	77 Christian Lane	665-0430
Police Dispatch (non-emergency)		625-8200
Schools:		
Whately Elementary		665-7826
Frontier Regional		665-2118
Franklin County Technical		863-9561
Selectmen	Center School	665-4400
S. White Dickinson Library	Library	665-2170
Town Collector/Treasurer	Town Hall	665-2595
Town Clerk	Center School	665-0054
Town Accountant	Town Hall	665-2595
Water Department	Center School	665-3080

OFFICE HOURS

Assessors	Tuesdays 9 am – 8 pm, Wednesdays 9 am– 4 pm
Library	Mondays and Wednesdays 1pm– 8 pm Saturdays 10 am – 3 pm
Selectmen	Monday - Tuesdays 9 am– 6 pm; Wednesday -Friday 9 am. – 4 pm
Town Clerk	Mondays Noon – 7 pm Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 4 pm
Treasurer/Town Collector	Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:45 AM – 2:45 PM Mondays 3 – 7 PM
Transfer Station	Tuesday, Noon – 5 PM Saturdays 7 AM. – 5 PM

