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TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS



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CENTRE
TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH

Northboro
Business Notices.
Attorney.
Clark S., Office Main st
Bank.
"Northboro Nat. Bank" .G. O. Davis, Pres, A. W
Boovers, Cashr
Merchants.
Bartlet F. D., Main st
Stone J. & Co., Main st
Wood S., Jr., Main st
Manufacturers.
Bush W., Comb Manufr, Berlin st
Dryden & Crosby, Manufrs of Organ and Piano Fort
Shays, Hudson st
Hildreth M., Manufr of Tortoise Shell Jewelry, Combs,
Bracelets, Watch Chains, Paper Cutters, Lockets,
Napkin Rings, Charms, &c, Plain and Inlaid with
Gold, Main st
Wood D. V., Manufr of Woolen Goods, Hudson st



View from Mt. Assabet c. 1895



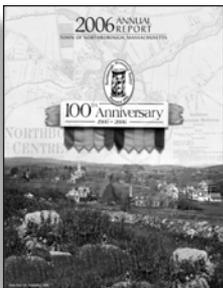
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Northborough Historical Society Turns 100 Years Old!

The front cover depicts the view from Mt. Assabet of an undeveloped, rural Northborough in the late 1800s. The town, originally part of the sprawling frontier town of Marlborough, grew as a village of farms and mills on the Assabet River and other streams. The railroad came to Northborough in 1856 and street railway lines in the 1890s. On the back cover is an historical look at the White Cliffs, once the summer home of millionaire firearms manufacturer Daniel Wesson.

Officers of the United States of America

President	George W. Bush	Texas
Vice President	Richard Bruce Cheney	Wyoming
Senator in Congress (D)	Edward M. Kennedy	Hyannis
Senator in Congress (D)	John F. Kerry	Boston
Congressman, 3rd District	James P. McGovern	Worcester

Officers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

*Governor	Deval L. Patrick	Milton
*Lieutenant Governor	Timothy P. Murray	Worcester
*Secretary of the Commonwealth	William F. Galvin	Boston
*Treasurer	Timothy P. Cahill	Quincy
*Attorney General	Martha Coakley	Medford
*Auditor	A. Joseph DeNucci	Boston
*Governor's Council 3rd District (Pct. 3)	Marilyn Petitto Devaney	Watertown
*Governor's Council 7th District (Pct.1, 2,4)	Thomas J. Foley	Worcester
*State Senator (Pct. 3)	Pamela Resor	Acton
*State Senator (Pct. 1,2,4)	Harriette L. Chandler	Worcester
*State Rep. 12th Worcester District	Harold P. Naughton	Clinton

**May be contacted at the State House, Boston, MA 02133*

Officers of Worcester County

Clerk of Courts	Dennis P. McManus	Paxton
District Attorney	Joseph D. Early Jr.	Worcester
Register of Deeds	Anthony J. Vigliotti	Worcester
Sheriff	Guy W. Glodis	Auburn
Register of Probate	Stephen G. Abraham	Worcester

Political Districts – which include the Town of Northborough

12th Worcester Representative District

Boylston, Northborough (*Pct. 1, 2, 4*), Shrewsbury, Clinton, Princeton, Sterling, West Boylston (*Pct.2*)

4th Middlesex Representative District

Berlin, Northborough (*Pct. 3*), Marlborough

1st Worcester and Middlesex Senatorial District

Grafton, Millbury, Worcester Ward 5, Hopedale, Northborough, Worcester Ward 6, Hopkinton, Southborough, Worcester Ward 7, Leicester, Upton, Worcester Ward 8, Westborough

3rd Worcester U.S. Congressional District

Attleboro, Medway, Swansea, Berlin, No. Attleboro, Upton, Clinton, Northborough, Westborough, Dartmouth, Northbridge, W. Boylston, Franklin, Paxton, Westport, Grafton, Seekonk, Worcester, Holden, Shrewsbury, Wrentham, Holliston, Somerset, Hopkinton, Sterling, (*as well as parts of Auburn, Fall River, Foxborough, Lancaster, Mansfield*)

Elected Officers

Moderator

Frederick A. George (2007)

Deputy Moderator

Gerald Hickman (2007)

Board of Selectmen

Dawn Rand, Chrm (2008)

Jeff Amberson (2009)

Fran Bakstran (2008)

William Pantazis (2009)

Leslie Rutan (2007)

**Kathleen Polanowicz*

Planning Board

Rick Leif, Chrm (2008)

Michelle Gillespie (2007)

Donald Hewey (2008)

George Pember (2009)

Robert Rosenberg (2009)

Assabet Valley Regional Vocational District School Committee

Michael Casaceli (2007)

Northborough School Committee

Nancy Berglund, Chrm (2007)

Cecil Adderley (2009)

Shirley Lundberg (2008)

Karen Richardson (2008)

Susan Sartori (2009)

**Joan Frank*

Northborough/Southborough Regional School Committee

N-Shirley Lundberg, Chrm (2008)

N-Joan Frank (2007)

N-Anthony Poteete (2009)

N-John Reynolds (2008)

N-Susan Sartori (2009)

S-Paul Gaffney (2007)

S-Paul Butka (2008)

S-Janice Hunt (2009)

S-Jack Kessler (2008)

S-Beth Wittcoff (2009)

**Kevin Merchant*

Boards, Committees & Commissions

Council on Aging

Jarl Anderson, Chrm (2007)

Diane Barrile (2009)

Linda Cragin (2008)

Margaret Harling (2007)

Cathy Peterson (2009)

Alice Stapelfeld (2008)

Council on Aging, cont.

**Paula Moore*

**Warren LaBaire*

**Linda Salvucci*

Appropriations Committee

Elaine Kelly, Chrm (2009)

Janice Hight (2008)

Dan McInnis (2009)

Richard Nieber (2007)

Dale Rains (2007)

Helynn Winter (2008)

Assessors

Diane O'Connor, Principal Assessor

Sanders Genna (2007)

Arthur Holmes (2008)

Cable Television Advisory Committee

Kathy Dalgliesh, Ex-Officio

Jeff Ward, Chrm (2007)

John Molnar (2008)

Thomas O'Connor (2007)

**Aaron Hutchins*

Cemetery Commission

Gerard Bourque, Chrm (2009)

William Graham (2007)

Maureen Sargent (2008)

Community Affairs Committee

Virginia Simms George, Chrm (2007)

Elaine Coccari (2007)

Linda Grady-Backholm (2009)

Lisa Hodge (2009)

Louise Houle (2008)

**Emily Cheng*

**Catherine Fleury*

**Nicole Harding*

**Aaron Hutchins*

**Donna Skillings Martin*

CMRPC Representative

Robert DeMattia (2007)

Community Preservation Committee

John Campbell, Chrm

Andrew Clark (2008)

Joan Clowes (2007)

Jane Fletcher

Todd Helwig

Christopher Kellogg (2009)

Arlene Marshall

Robert Rosenberg

Thomas Sartori

Conservation Commission

Wayne Baldelli, Chrm (2007)

Thomas Beals (2008)

Diane Guldner (2009)

Conservation Commission, cont.

Todd Helwig (2007)

Brian McManus (2008)

Maurice Tougas (2009)

**Paul Secord*

Constables

Lawrence Beatty (2008)

Raymond Reynolds (2009)

**William Higgins*

**Tyrone White*

Cultural Council

Mitchell Gordon, Chrm (2007)

Cecil Adderley (2007)

Terry Crean (2007)

Marjorie Hurwitz (2008)

Mirek Kocandrle (2009)

Earth Removal Board

Janet Sandstrom, Chrm (2008)

Thomas Beals (2007)

Richard Hight (2009)

Nicholas Howorth (2007)

Frederic Philcox (2009)

Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund Committee

Adele Beatty (2007)

Mitchell Gordon (2009)

Richard Sweeney (2008)

Financial Planning Committee

Jason Perreault, Chrm (2007)

James Casella (2007)

David DeVries (2008)

James Halpin (2008)

Michael Hodge (2007)

Roger Leland (2008)

Groundwater Advisory Committee

Bryant Firmin

Diane Guldner

Fred Mottle

Robert Rosenberg

Leslie Rutan

Board of Health

Glenn French, Chrm (2007)

Fred Mottle (2009)

Deirdre O'Connor (2008)

Historical Commission

Marie Nieber, Chrm (2007)

Normand Corbin (2008)

Philip Gott (2009)

Donald Haitisma (2007)

Russell Jones (2008)

Arlene Marshall (2009)

Marie Wyman (2009)

Historical Commission, cont.

**Tom Reardon*

**Amy Rice*

Housing Authority

Raymond Reynolds (2010)

Jane Fletcher (2009)

Brad Newman (2011)

Rita Osborne (2009)

**Carol Renaud*

Industrial Development Commission

Mark Donahue, Chrm (2009)

Gerry Benson (2008)

Budhinath Padhy (2009)

Karen Scopetski (2008)

Tim Shay (2007)

Industrial Development Finance Authority

George Pember, Chrm (2009)

Charles Anderson (2008)

William McGourty (2010)

Francis McKenna (2009)

Joseph Mondello (2011)

Library Trustees

Michelle Rehill, Chrm (2009)

Jane Clark (2008)

Mary Crowley (2008)

Edward Hurwitz (2009)

Nancy Kellner (2007)

Adrienne Rebello (2007)

John Stoddard (2009)

Jacqueline Teeven (2007)

Richard Tucker (2008)

Municipal Code & Bylaw

Richard Kane (2009)

Telford Knepper (2008)

Lorraine Leland (2008)

**Daniel Burger*

Open Space Committee

John Campbell, Chrm (2008)

Beth Ewy (2007)

Leslie Harrison (2009)

Jeff Amberson

Rick Leif

Martin Murphy

Maurice Tougas

Open Space Alternate

Charles Bradley (2009)

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thomas Sartori, Chrm (2009)

Sean McCann (2009)

Martin Murphy (2007)

David Rawlings (2007)

Michael Vulcano (2008)

Personnel Board

Virginia Simms George, Chrm (2009)

Merrill Bergstrom (2007)

Charles Frankian (2008)

Susan LaDue (2007)

Recycling Commission

Betty Tetreault, Chrm (Indef)

Justin Fisher (Indef)

Ingrid Molnar (Indef)

Brian Swanson (Indef)

Board of Registrars

Andrew Dowd, Ex-Officio

Nancy McNamara (2009)

Joann Sharp (2007)

Claire Swan (2008)

Scholarship Committee

Gregory Young, Chrm (2007)

Melody Cunningham (2008)

Marjorie Hurwitz (2008)

Laurie Klein (2007)

Marjorie Markson (2009)

**Joyce Isen*

Trust Funds Committee

Lorraine Leland, Chrm (2009)

Andrea Leland (2008)

Denise Nadler (2007)

**David Rawlings*

Water & Sewer Commission

John Meader, Chrm (2007)

Bryant Firmin (2009)

David Pepe (2008)

Youth Commission

Rebecca Haberman, Chrm (2007)

Joan Clementi (2009)

Pamela Kane (2009)

Denise Keller (2009)

Mary Maher (2008)

Carol Pettine (2008)

Jason Schaufeld (2007)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard Rand, Chrm (2007)

Richard Kane (2008)

Mark Rutan (2009)

ZBA Alternates

Gerry Benson (2008)

Daniel Ginsberg (2007)

Sandra Landau (2008)

Appointed Officers

Administrative Officer

Barry M. Brenner

Assistant Town Administrator

John W. Coderre

Executive Assistant to Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator

Mary Jean (MJ) Fredette

Executive Assistant to Board of Selectmen

Diane Wackell

Administrative Assistant to Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator

Teresa Kelly

Town Accountant

Ahmed Elmi

Assistant Town Accountant

Carla McAuliffe

Principal Assessor

Diane O'Connor

Part-time Assessors

Arthur Holmes

Sanders Genna

Assessor's Assistants

Pamela Ferrara

Susan Reagan

Town Clerk

Andrew Dowd

Assistant Town Clerk

Hillary Hamilton

Treasurer/Collector

June Hubbard-Ward

Asst. Treasurer/Collector

Cheri Cox

**Robbie Powers*

Asst. Tax Collector

Elaine Dell'Olio

Treasurer/Collector Office

Financial Assistants

Marijane Pescaro

Wendy Ricciardi

Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige

Town Planner

Kathryn Joubert

Planning Department Administrative Assistant

Debora Grampietro

**Marge Pond*

Public Safety

Police Chief

Mark Leahy

Police Lieutenant

Edward Shead

Police Sergeants

James Bruce

Joseph Galvin

William Lyver

Thomas Martin

**Patrick McStay*

**Frank Mueller*

Patrol Officers

Demosthenes Agiomavritis

Kostas Agiomavritis

Justin Faucher

Brian Griffin

William Griffin

Patrick Kelly

Timothy Kleczek

Scott Maffioli

Phillip Martin

Eric Michel

Jeffrey Noel

James Scesny

Jeremy Trefry

**John Noberini*

**Roger Wiseman*

Police Department Administrative Assistant

Karen Taylor

Supervisor Communications & Records

William Toomey

Dispatchers

Nathan Fiske

Amy Oliver

Betty Jo Pasquale

Sarah Roach

Jake Woodford

**Larry Ellis*

Police Department Custodian

Roberto Ortiz

**James Hutchinson*

Fire Chief/Forest Warden

David Durgin

Fire Captains

Paul Bruning

James Houston

David Hunt

Frederick Hurst

Robert Theve

Firefighters/EMTs

Daniel Brillhart

Steven Brosque

Donald Charest

James Clafin

Jamie Desautels

Patrick Doucimo

William Farnsworth, Jr.

Michael Gaudette

Timothy Kleczek

Patrick McManus

Lee Parent

Douglas Pulsifer

Michael Sholock

Thomas Smith

Barry Sullivan

Christopher Tetreault

Todd Yellick

**Christopher Martin*

**Matthew Mullen II*

Firefighters

Christopher Blanchette

Dennis Carlson

Gregory Dowd

Michael Serapiglia

**Paul Desautels*

**Nathan Fiske*

Trainees

Christopher Bishop

Michael Burnell

Matthew Hesek

Shane Pacific

Safety/Fire Prevention

Richard Sargent

Fire Department Photographer

Roger Conant

Fire Department Administrative Assistant

Deborah Bent

Fire Department Chaplain

Richard Martino

Haz Mat Assistant

Nancy Lepore

Ambulance Billing Clerk

Laurie Gaudette

Inspector of Buildings

William Farnsworth, Jr.

Local Building Inspector

Fred Lonardo

Building/Board of Health Administrative Assistant

Louise Leo

Building/Board of Health Office Assistant

**Mary Ellen Rudsit*

Animal Inspector

Kenneth B. Hunt, Jr.

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Edward Seidler

Plumbing & Gas Inspector

A. Richard Desimone

Call Assistant Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Henry Pacific

Wiring Inspector

Robert Berger

Call Assistant Wiring Inspectors

Edward Coulombe

Thomas Krouse

John McGrath

William Reilly

Emergency Preparedness Director

**Brad Newman*

Dog Officer

Claudia McGuire

Assistant Dog Officers

Melinda MacKendrick

Ashley Brooks

Public Service

Cable Access Director

Kathleen Dalgliesh

Cable Access TV Studio Assistants

Terry Crean

Jared Morin

MIS/GIS Director

David Kane

Assistant MIS/GIS Director

John Sabatini

Town Engineer

Fred Litchfield

Planning & Engineering**Administrative Assistant**

Debora Grampietro

**Marge Pond*

Conservation/**Earth Removal Board Secretary**

Eileen Dawson

**Sharon Turcotte*

DPW Director

Kara Buzanoski

**John Schunder*

Assistant DPW Director

**Kara Buzanoski*

DPW Administrative Assistant

Lynda LePoer

Robbie Powers

DPW Financial Assistant

**Rani Arsenault*

Highway Parks Supervisors

David Robillard

Gregg Senecal

Heavy Equipment Operators

Christopher Carlin

Edward Faford

Richard Frederick

David Lane

Richard Lane

Donald LeBlanc

David Yellick

**John Lavner*

Mechanic

**Ed D'Acri*

Water/Sewer Supervisor

Paul Corbosiero

Water/Sewer Maintenance Workers

Timothy Davison

Steven Jobs

Jeremy Weeks

Cemetery Superintendent

Timothy Pease

Health & Human Services**Temporary Health Agent**

Dennis Costello

Board of Health**Administrative Assistant**

Louise Leo

Senior Center Director

Kelly Burke

Senior Center Outreach Coordinators

Carol Harrington

Arlene Marshall

Senior Center Office Assistants

Nancy Dragon

Anne Jackson

Family & Youth Services Director

June David-Fors

**Phyllis Oropallo*

FYS Counselor

Lisa Storey

FYS Administrative Assistant

**Carol Dillon*

Veterans Agent

Richard Perron

Housing Authority Director

Lynne Giblin

Culture & Recreation**Library Director**

Jean Langley

Assistant Library Director

Demetrios Kyriakis

Librarians

Deborah Hersh

Patricia Link

Sandra Stafford

Circulation Desk Supervisor

Julie Brownlee

Library Assistants

Sarah Albers

Marjorie Femia

Christie Glynn

Rebecca King

Kelly McGuirl

Judith Sugarman

Danielle Yanco

**Kellie Karpouzis*

**Amelia Peloquin*

**Grace Posluszny*

Library Financial Assistant

Kathleen Whitman

Library Pages

Daniel Auger

Michael Bissett

Lisa Coates

Ryan Dawe

James Pini

Fletcher Tibert

**Marci Leveille*

**John Pini*

Custodian for Senior Center & Library

Lyman Maccabee

Recreation Director

Allison Dettorre

Recreation Administrative Assistant

Michelle Lyseth

**Resigned/Retired/Term Expired/Other*

Town Offices, Boards, Committees & Commissions Meeting Nights

COMMITTEE	MEETING NIGHT	TIME	LOCATION
Appropriations Committee	As needed	7:00 PM	Selectmen's Meeting Room
Board of Assessors	As needed		Assessors Office
Board of Health	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Conference Room B
Board of Selectmen	2nd & 4th Mondays	7:00 PM	Selectmen's Meeting Room
Cable TV Advisory Committee	As needed		Town Offices
Cemetery Commission	3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Selectmen's Meeting Room
Community Affairs Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Conference Room B
Community Preservation Committee	As needed		Town Offices
Conservation Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Conference Room B
Council on Aging	2nd Thursday	7:00 PM	Senior Center
Cultural Council	As needed		Town Offices
Design Review Committee	As needed		Town Offices
Earth Removal Board	1st Wednesday	7:30 PM	Conference Room B
Elderly/Disabled Taxation Fund Comm.	As needed		Town Offices
Financial Planning Committee	As needed	7:00 PM	Selectmen's Meeting Room
Groundwater Advisory Committee	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Conference Room B
Historical Commission	3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Conference Room C
Housing Authority	1st Thursday	7:00 PM	Colonial Village Community Room
Housing Partnership	As needed		Town Offices
Industrial Development Commission	2nd Tuesday - As needed	7:00 PM	Selectmen's Meeting Room
Industrial Development Finance	As needed		Town Offices
Library Trustees	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Library Meeting Room
Municipal Code & Bylaw Committee	As needed		Town Offices
Northborough School Committee	1st Wednesday	7:00 PM	Melican Middle School
Open Space Committee	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM	Conference Room B
Parks & Recreation Commission	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Selectmen's Meeting Room
Personnel Board	4th Wednesday - As needed	7:00 PM	Selectmen's Meeting Room
Planning Board	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	7:00 PM	Conference Room B
Recycling Committee	As needed		Town Offices
Regional School Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Algonquin High School Library
Scholarship Committee	1st Thursday	7:00 PM	Conference Room C
Trails Committee	3rd Monday	7:00 PM	Police Station
Trustees Special Benevolent Funds	As needed		Town Offices
Water & Sewer Commission	1st Wednesday	7:00 PM	Selectmen's Meeting Room
Youth Commission	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM	Conference Room B
Zoning Board of Appeals	4th Tuesday	7:00 PM	Selectmen's Meeting Room



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Town Officers' Reports

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Board of Selectmen

The following individuals served on the Board of Selectmen during the 2006 Calendar Year: Kathleen Polanowicz, Jeff Amberson, Dawn Rand, Leslie Rutan, Fran Bakstran and William Pantazis. Kathleen Polanowicz served on the Board until William Pantazis was elected as the newest member of the Board in May. At that time, Dawn Rand was elected to serve as Chairperson, William Pantazis as Vice-Chairperson and Leslie Rutan as Clerk.

The Board of Selectmen meet regularly on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The meetings are broadcast live, as well as recorded, and are presented publicly on Northborough's Cable Television Channel 12. For those of you who may not have access to cable television, VHS tapes of the Selectmen's Meetings are available for rental at the Library. The Agenda and Meeting Minutes are also posted on a regular basis on the Town's website at www.town.northborough.ma.us.

We strongly encourage your participation in your local government, including your attending any of the various board meetings within the community, by visiting the Town Hall or volunteering one's services by becoming a member of a Committee, Board or Commission. If you are interested in volunteering your services, please contact Diane Wackell at 508-393-5040 for more information. The volunteers in this community make a very significant and important contribution to the future of our community. Your input is important to us and is of the utmost importance to the success of our community.

In our continued efforts to improve communication, the Board of Selectmen held its first Listening Session in December 2006. Listening Sessions will be held by the Board on a periodic basis and are for the purpose of providing an opportunity for any citizen to come before the Board for any reason.

The Board of Selectmen proposed and achieved a Budget goal for the Town's portion of the FY 2007 Budget of not more than a 6% increase in expenditures. The Board wishes to thank all of the municipal departments for their presentations throughout

the later part of 2005. The presentations provided an opportunity for the Board to hear information and ask questions about the duties and responsibilities of each department, what their current staffing levels are and whether or not their current staffing is at a level that can effectively serve the community. The needs of all municipal departments were considered in the development of the Municipal portion of the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget.

The Massachusetts Liquor Control Act places a quota or limit on the number of on-premise (restaurant) and off-premise (package store) licenses a city or town can issue. This quota is based on the population of the community as determined by the most recent federal census. In May, the Board granted its last All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant License to Lazio Italian Grille for premises located at 318 Main Street and in August granted its last Beer & Wine Restaurant License to the Mikaku Restaurant for premises located at 290 West Main Street. Because the needs of the community in respect to future economic development continues to be a priority, the Board agreed to place an Article on the 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to petition the State Legislature for five additional All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant Licenses for the Loop Retail Development project on Route 20. These additional licenses have since been approved.

In 2006, the Town said farewell to several employees upon their retirement. The Board of Selectmen would like to extend its deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to retiring employees DPW Director John Schunder, Call Firefighter Paul Desautels, Emergency Preparedness Director Brad Newman and Police Sergeant Frank Mueller. Their roles as public servants to the people of this community will always be remembered and appreciated.

In closing, we are very thankful for the many conscientious citizens and volunteers who serve on our many Boards, Committees and Commissions. We are also grateful for the dedicated employees who work diligently to make Northborough a great community, especially the administrative staff in

our office – Barry M. Brenner, John Coderre, MJ Fredette, Diane Wackell and Teresa Kelly.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn L. Rand, Chairman
Northborough Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

The accomplishments of the Town in 2006 are detailed in the report of the Board of Selectmen, as well as the reports of the various Town Boards, Committees, Commissions and Departments. The accomplishments are due to the dedicated efforts of the Board of Selectmen, the Town's Boards, Committees and Commissions, and the employees of all Town Departments that provide the services to our community. The Town is indeed fortunate to have many citizens who generously volunteer their time and effort to serve on the Town's Boards, Committees and Commissions, as well as in other volunteer capacities.

Town finances continue to present a challenge with respect to our ability to continue to provide Town services within the confines of Proposition 2-1/2, as well as the lack of the State fully restoring the 15% reduction in State Aid that occurred by action of the State Legislature in FY 2004.

At the April 2006 Annual Town Meeting, the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget was set. The table below shows the difference in Budgets between Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007.

Property Values

This year has been a Revaluation year. The Board of Assessors has made market adjustments, based on actual market sales, to property values for FY 2007 to bring all properties to 100% of fair market value. These adjustments, as well as the new growth that has occurred, result in the overall valuation of the Town increasing from \$2,339,091,220 in FY 2006 to \$2,481,010,960 for FY 2007. This represents an increase of 6%.

Tax Rate

The tax rate for FY 2007 has been set at \$12.39 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This represents an increase of 1% from the FY 2006 tax rate of \$12.27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

BUDGET	FY 2006	FY 2007	Increase
Northborough Schools K-8	\$ 14,883,343	\$ 15,776,324	6%
Algonquin Regional			
High School 9-12	\$ 6,657,825	\$ 7,123,439	6%
Override	\$ 62,400	\$ 362,734	5.4%
	\$ 6,720,225	\$ 7,486,173	11.4%
Debt Exclusion	\$ 1,273,801	\$ 1,691,427	32.8%
Subtotal High School	\$ 7,994,026	\$ 9,177,600	14.8%
Assabet Valley Regional	\$ 662,427	\$ 631,520	(4.7%)
Vocational School			
TOWN*	\$ 13,067,543	\$ 13,851,596	6%
Zeh School Debt Exclusion	\$ 648,393	\$ 581,702	
Colburn Street Debt Exclusion	\$ 92,448	\$ 89,623	
Other Funds	\$ 236,373	\$ 313,098	
Adjustments	\$ 53,323	\$ (29,294)	
TOTAL	\$37,637,876	\$ 40,392,169	7.3%

* For FY 2006 and FY 2007 Town Expenditures are exclusive of Water and Sewer. The Water and Sewer Utilities were established as Enterprise Funds for Fiscal Year 2000, separate from the General Fund. On January 1, 2003, the cost of solid waste collection and disposal services began to be financed by fees, and was no longer included within the Town Budget financed by property taxes.

Tax Rate	Increase
FY 2006	\$ 12.27
FY 2007	\$ 12.39 1%

Residential Property Values

On average, single-family residential property values increased 4% due to the market adjustments. The values of individual properties may have increased more or less dependent upon fair market value. Please note that the FY 2007 market adjustments were based on sales activity of calendar year 2005 for the Town assessment date of valuation as of January 1, 2006.

When the 1% increase in the Tax Rate is factored with the 4% increase in property values, the average tax increase for single-family residential properties is 5%.

This increase compares favorably with the estimated tax rate impact presented at the April 2006 Annual Town Meeting based on an increase in expenditures approved at the Annual Town Meeting. That estimated tax increase was 6.2%.

The Tax Rate actually would have decreased for FY 2007 would it not have been for the Override approved for the

Regional High School and the increase in debt service for the Regional High School Addition/Renovation Project.

For a single-family residential property valued at \$413,900 in FY 2006, the property tax bill at the FY 2006 tax rate of \$12.27 was \$5,079. For the same property now valued at \$432,200 for FY 2007, the property tax bill at the FY 2007 tax rate of \$12.39 will be \$5,355. This represents an increase of \$276 or 5%.

The \$362,734 Override for the Regional High School and the 33% increase in debt service for the Regional High School Addition/Renovation Project represents 32¢ of the tax rate. Without these costs, the tax rate increase would have been a decrease. Without these costs, the average tax bill would have only been a 3% increase rather than a 5% increase.

Personnel Changes

There were some personnel changes among Town Department Heads in 2006.

MIS/GIS Director David Kane had resigned in 2005 to relocate to Washington State to assist with a family illness; and, following completion of family obligations, we were

	Property Value	Tax Rate	Tax Bill	Increase
FY 2006	\$413,900	\$12.27	\$5,079	
FY 2007	\$432,200	\$12.39	\$5,355	\$276 5%

pleased to welcome him back this year.

Part-time Emergency Preparedness Director Brad Newman retired after 20 years in the position. We thank him for his dedicated service to the Town.

Assistant Public Works Director Kara Buzanoski was appointed as Public Works Director.

June David-Fors was appointed as Family & Youth Services Director.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Assistant Town Administrator John W. Coderre, Executive Assistant M. J. Fredette, Part-Time Executive Assistant Diane Wackell, and Part-Time Administrative Assistant Teresa Kelly of the Office of the Board of Selectmen for their assistance during the year, as well as that of the Town Department Heads.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry M. Brenner, Town Administrator

Planning Department

Members of the Planning Board Rick Leif (Chairman), George Pember (Vice-Chairman), Bob Rosenberg, Michelle Gillespie and Don Hewey and Town Planner, Kathy Joubert spend a significant amount of time each month reviewing new lot submissions, primarily for the creation of residential lots. In 2006, the following applications were submitted to the Planning Board for review and approval: fourteen (14) Form A applications resulting in the creation of twenty-eight (28) residential lots; two Form B (preliminary residential subdivisions) applications totaling ten (10) lots; two Form C (definitive residential subdivisions) applications totaling seven lots; one common driveway petition for five residential lots; two scenic road applications; one wireless telecommunication facility; and one industrial site plan application for a 24 acre parcel resulting in a 102,000 square feet warehouse/distribution facility on Bartlett Street. The Board also held hearings to review an application for a supermarket proposed for the center of Town. This application was denied and the applicant has filed an appeal with Land Court.

The Planning Board continues to place a high priority on balancing the ongoing growth of residential development with

expanding the industrial and commercial tax base. The Board seeks to encourage industrial and commercial development in a manner which maintains the existing character of the town and preserves and protects our natural resources.

In the summer of 2006, the Planning Board created a Zoning Subcommittee to work with the planning and land use consulting firm Community Opportunities Group Inc. on formulating a series of zoning amendments based on the Community Development Plan. The project is also focusing on reorganizing the current zoning bylaw and providing updates based on recent amendments to the State Statutes which govern land use regulations. The Subcommittee has been meeting weekly to develop proposals for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting. These proposed changes focus on the business/commercial districts. Subcommittee members include a member of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Industrial Development Commission, and Design Review Committee.

The Northborough Housing Partnership has begun meeting and will focus on the creation of affordable housing and methods in which to increase housing options. The Partnership consists of representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Housing Authority, Council on Aging, and four additional members of the community.

The Planning Department continues to schedule development review meetings with prospective companies interested in locating in Northborough. Several staff members participate in these meetings with the applicant which involve a review of available parcels and buildings, any previous filings for the property, the various permits that may be necessary for the proposed use, a review of the Town's regulations and to answer any questions of the applicant.

The Town Planner also maintains an inventory of available industrial land and buildings for development. This list contains map and parcel, address, availability of water & sewer and the contact person for the site. It is available in the Planning Department to any interested party and has been utilized by many developers.

The Planning Board and the Town Planner belong to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA), and the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors Inc. (MAPD). The Town Planner serves on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Chapter of the APA as the Central Massachusetts representative; has served as past president of MAPD, having served on the Board of Directors in various capacities for the past several years; represents the Town as a member of the Corridor Nine Area Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee; served on the State's 40R Committee, responsible for developing regulations for the implementation of the newly adopted Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40R; and serves as staff to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Open Space Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Housing Partnership, and Trails Committee and attends the meetings of the Board of Selectmen and Industrial Development Commission as needed.

Board members participated in the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) this past year. The CPTC is a major undertaking by MAPD, the Massachusetts Federation of Zoning Appeal and Planning Boards, UMass and the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). These agencies are working together to provide effective and comprehensive training consistent across the State for Planning Board members. Training is offered in the fall and an annual conference is held in March.

The Planning Board meets at the Town Hall on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month. If you have questions for the Board or Town Planner, please contact us at planning@town.northborough.ma.us or 508-393-5019.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Richard Leif, Chairman
Kathy Joubert, Town Planner**

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors is comprised of a full-time Chairman/Principal Assessor and two part-time Assessors. Diane O'Connor is the Chairman/Principal Assessor. Arthur Holmes and Sanford Genna are the part-time Assessors. The office also has two Assessors' Assistants, Pamela Ferrara and our newest Assessors' Assistant, Susan Reagan. Sue worked in a similar capacity for the Town of Medway's Assessing Department. She holds a Real Estate License and had passed the State's minimum course requirements for Massachusetts Assessors. Prior to working for Medway she was employed by Putnam Investments in Franklin.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2007

The Board of Assessors has completed the Fiscal 2007 adjustments to value as mandated by Massachusetts General Laws. All property valuations have been revised to meet a standard of full cash valuation as of the Fiscal 2007 assessment date of January 1, 2006 using 2005 property sales to establish price levels.

How the New Values Were Established

According to Department of Revenue (DOR) guidelines, property values should fall within a range of 10 percent above or below their full cash value in any year. The assessing staff reviewed valid sales of homes which occurred from January 1, 2005 through January 1, 2006 to establish the new valuations for the January 1, 2006 assessment date. These sales were classified and analyzed by style of building, age, condition, lot size, price-range, and location. Market trends were derived, house base rates were updated and land prices by neighborhood type were adjusted. These new parameters were applied consistently to all properties to arrive at the new Fiscal 2007 valuations.

The Fiscal 2007 revaluation has resulted in an increase of approximately 4% for residential properties, 6% for commercial properties and 5% for industrial properties due to market conditions between January 1, 2005 and January 1, 2006. An increase in property valuations does not in itself cause an across-the-board increase in taxes. Since the total

town value had increased, the tax rate was adjusted to the point necessary to fund the Town budget voted at the 2006 Town Meeting.

It has always been our belief that the taxpayer should be fully aware of how the assessing operations are performed to assure that they are being treated fairly. Should anyone ever need or want additional information concerning assessments or exemptions or the laws governing them, please contact the Assessors Office.

OUR GOALS

1. Continue to improve data accuracy in order to achieve fair and equitable assessments.
2. Successful and timely completion of tax certifications and data preparation for tax billing.
3. Keeping data current and sharing updates for others to utilize.
4. Continue assisting the MIS/GIS department to achieve shared goals.
5. To further public awareness to legislative changes of tax laws affecting local citizens.

DATA SYNOPSIS

The Town has 6,184 taxable accounts in Northborough, of which 3,988 are single-family residences. The total value of all assessed real and personal property for Fiscal Year 2007 is \$2,481,010,960.

STATUTORY REAL ESTATE EXEMPTIONS – FISCAL 2006

Clause 17D, Widow	4
Clause 18, Hardship	0
Clause 22, Veteran	54
Clause 22E Veteran	9
Paraplegics	0
Clause 37, Blind	11
Clause 41C, Elderly	94
Clause 41A, Deferred	3
Chapter 59, Sec. 5K, Senior Workoff	6

THESE 181 EXEMPTIONS AMOUNT TO **\$125,969.61**

ITEMS USED IN COMPUTING TAX RATE – FISCAL 2007

LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Appropriations \$42,860,025.00

OTHER LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Total cherry sheet offsets 26,302.00
 Worcester County Retirement 1,089,985.00

TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES

\$1,116,287.00

STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

State & County Charges 282,081.00

OVERLAY

Allowance for abatements and exemptions 262,427.80

TOTAL AMOUNTS TO BE RAISED

\$44,520,820.80

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

Total estimated receipts from State	5,123,958.00
Local estimated receipts	3,836,219.00
Enterprise funds	2,667,130.00
Community Preservation Funds	655,690.00
Free Cash	1,000,000.00
Other available funds	498,098.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS **\$13,781,095.00**

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

Total amount to be raised	44,520,820.80
Total estimated receipts & available funds	13,781,095.00

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

BY TAXATION **\$30,739,725.80**

Real Property Valuations	\$2,430,018,900
Personal Property Valuations	50,992,060

TOTAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS **\$2,481,010,960**

TAX RATE FISCAL 2007 12.39

BREAKDOWN OF RECEIPTS: (LOCAL ESTIMATED)

Motor Vehicle Excise	1,933,000
Other Excise	70,000
Penalties & Interest on	
Taxes & Excises	140,000
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	91,000
Trash Disposal	525,000
Fees	125,000
Rentals	38,110
Departmental Revenue - Cemeteries	25,000
Licenses & Permits	400,000
Investment Income	427,500
Miscellaneous recurring	51,609
Miscellaneous non-recurring	0,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

\$3,836,219

As always, the Assessors Office is available to answer any questions or explain any process used to perform our statutory duties. We are here to help and serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane M. O'Connor, MAA,
Chairman & Principal Assessor
Arthur K. Holmes, MAA, Assessor
Sanford Genna, Assessor
Pamela Ferrara, Assessors' Assistant
Susan Reagan, Assessors' Assistant

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office was the hub of much activity throughout the past year. Just after the 1st of the year the Town Census is mailed out to each household in town. This results in approximately 5,500 census forms being returned to our office to be processed and updated. During this same period dog licenses are issued by our office, 1,653 dogs were license during 2006. Just as these activities begin to subside, we begin preparation in the spring for the Annual Town Meeting. Immediately following Town Meeting we begin preparation for the Annual Town Election which is held on the 2nd Monday of May each year.

After the Town Meeting and Town Election many reports are required to various state agencies including submitting any by-law changes to the Attorney General's office for there approval. The State Election preparation begins well before the September Primary and November General Elections. Nomination papers and petitions are certified, voter registration activity increases, multiple requests for absentee ballots are received and processed. Election days are a blur with a predawn beginning and late evening tabulation of results with hopes that all voter activity goes smoothly in between. With Passports, Hunting/Fishing licenses, Business certificates, Birth, Marriage, Death certificates and various other duties mixed in, the year is over before we know it. We look forward to serving the residents of the community during the coming year.

The Town Clerk serves you in a variety of ways.

Chief Election Official

- Oversees polling places, election officers, and the general conduct of all elections.
- Directs preparation of ballots, polling places, Voting Equipment, Voting lists, administers Campaign finance laws, Certifies Nomination Papers and Initiative petitions, and serves on the local Board of Registrars.
- Supervises voter registration and Absentee Balloting, and prepares, records, and reports official election results to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
- Conducts the annual town census, prepares the street list of residents and school list, and furnishes the jury list to the Office of the Jury Commissioner.

Town Meeting

- Records the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting and any Special Town Meetings that transpire. These records are the Town's permanent; official records of what was voted on at these meetings.

Recording Officer

- Records and certifies all official actions of the Town, including town meeting legislation and appropriations, Planning and Zoning Board Decisions, signs all notes for Borrowing, and keeps the Town Seal.
- Records state tax liens.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

- Registers all vital events occurring within the Community and those events occurring elsewhere to local residents.
- Records and preserves original birth, marriage, and death records providing the basis for the Commonwealth's Central Vital Registration System.

Public Records Officer

- Administers the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local committees and boards and ensures that all elected and appointed officials are informed in writing of the State's Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Laws. Posts meetings of all governmental bodies.
- Provides access to public records in compliance with State Public Records Law and corresponding regulations.
- Provides certified copies of vital records and conducts or assists with genealogical

research for members of the public, and is responsible for maintenance, disposition, and preservation of municipal archival records and materials.

- Maintains records of adopted municipal codes, local bylaws, oaths of office, resignations, and appointments, petitions, publications, budgets, meeting minutes, and financial statements.
- Submits bylaws and zoning ordinances to Attorney General for approval.

Licensing Officer

- Issues state licenses and permits: including marriage licenses, hunting fishing and trapping licenses, and permits for raffles and bazaars. Issues county or local licenses, permits, and certificates as mandated by statute or bylaw, which include burial permits, business certificates, dog licenses, and fuel storage permits.

Passport Agent

- Both the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk are passport agents. This enables those citizens wishing to apply for a passport to visit the Town Clerk's office. For each passport that is executed by this office, the Town receives \$30 compensation.

Public Information Officer

- Responds to inquiries from the general public, frequently serving as facilitator with departments, providing knowledge and assistance in a fair and impartial manner to all.
- Often considered the core of local government, the Town Clerk's Office serves as the central information point for local residents and citizens at large.

The following is a financial report of the receipts reported to the Town Treasurer and Town Accountant:

Marriage Licenses	\$ 1,400.00
Birth Certificates	\$ 3,660.00
Death Certificates	\$ 5,295.00
Marriage Certificates	\$ 1,160.00
Dog/Kennel Licenses	\$ 30,645.00
Uniform Commercial Code Transactions	0
Business Certificates	\$ 4,470.00
Utility Pole Recordings	\$ 270
Street Listings	\$ 422.00
Raffle/Bazaar Permits	\$ 180.00
Gasoline Storage Fees	\$ 1,550.00

Hunting and Fishing Licenses	\$ 3,641.00
Miscellaneous (includes passports)	\$ 11,773.40
Tickets	\$ 50.00
Receipts for Planning Board	\$ 13,550.00
Receipts for Zoning Board	\$ 3,725
Receipts for Earth Removal Board	\$ 2,550.00

**Total receipts of the Town Clerk
Including the Planning Board,
Earth Removal Board, Zoning
Board of Appeals \$84,341.40**

List of Jurors, 2006

Pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 234A, all jury selections and drawings and lists thereof, are handled by the Office of the Jury Commissioner for the Commonwealth. At this time, no list of Northborough residents who were drawn for jury duty is available.

Registrar of Voters

The Registrars of Voters are: Nancy M. McNamara, Joann M. Sharp, Claire M. Swan and Andrew T. Dowd. 3 elections were held in 2006; the annual Town Election on May 8th, the State Primary Election on September 19th, and the State General Election on November 7th. The Annual Town Meeting was held on April 24th and April 25th.

As of January 2007, the following information applies:

Population	14,727
Registered Voters	9,297

Precinct 1 -

Proctor School, 26 Jefferson Road

Active Voters	2289
Inactive	1
Non-voters	1332
Total	3622

Precinct 2 -

Lincoln Street School, 76 Lincoln St.

Active Voters	2335
Inactive	0
Non-voters	1294
Total	3629

Precinct 3 - Peaslee School, 31 Maple St.

Active Voters	2316
Inactive	0
Non-voters	1412
Total	3728

**Precinct 4 – Marion Zeh School,
33 Howard Street**

Active Voters	2357
Inactive	0
Non-voters	1391
Total	3748
Total Residents	14,726

(Totals broken down)

Active Voters	9297
Inactive Voters	1
Non-Voter	5329

The definition of inactive is a person who hasn't voted in two (2) State Elections, signed any nomination papers, or any petitions. By law, they remain on our list for four years and then are removed if no activity has taken place.

**Respectfully submitted,
Andrew T. Dowd
Northborough Town Clerk**

Conservation Commission

The Town of Northborough has little open space land left and faces a future where less-desirable parcels will be developed. Many of these parcels are near wetlands or have steep slopes. Therefore, it is imperative that run-off be carefully controlled through the regulations of the Wetland Protection Act, our local Wetland Protection Bylaw and federal stormwater management policies. It is equally incumbent on each of us as residents to protect these resources as well and to contact the Town Engineer with any concerns. Many of our storm drains are marked to indicate that water flowing into them drains directly to the Assabet River. It is important that chemicals and fertilizers are not dumped into drains.

This year most prevalent among our applications were projects concerning room additions, pools and septic system up-grades. An outside engineering firm was hired to assist the Commission in handling the review of The Loop and AvalonBay projects, thus assuring all aspects of the wetland regulations and stormwater policies were appropriately handled. We are monitoring the following projects:

- Laurence Place on Whitney Street
- Post Road Marketplace at 318 Main Street
- The Pines on Lincoln Street
- Church Street Village on Church Street
- The continuation of Winn Terrace
- Sunnyside Estates off South Street

In addition, the Town of Northborough's Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Northborough Trails Committee bring projects before the Commission.

Current members of the Commission are Wayne Baldelli, Chairman; Maurice Tougas, Clerk; Tom Beals, Todd Helwig, Brian McManus and Diane Guldner. We are one member short at this time after accepting the resignation of Paul Secord, whom we wish well in all his future endeavors.

The Conservation Commission strongly encourages everyone to make use of the trails located on land the Conservation Commission owns. We thank the Trails Committee for all the work they have done to make so much of the town walkable. There are paths on Mt. Pisgah, Edmund Hill Woods and Watson Park. Bartlett Pond has access for boats as well as trails that skirt the edge of the pond.

The Commission would like to thank Kara Buzanoski, DPW Director, for all her help throughout the year. For many years this Commission has benefited from the able assistance of the staff of the Department of Public Works.

We wish to welcome our new Board Secretary, Eileen Dawson. She is a Northborough resident who attended 4th grade in the Town Hall.

**Respectfully submitted,
Diane Guldner
Conservation Commission**

Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee is comprised of representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, three additional members, and three alternate members. Kathy Joubert, Town Planner, provides staff support. The Committee serves to coordinate the prioritization of the protection and purchase of open space parcels for both active and pas-

sive recreation; to explore alternate funding sources for the purchase of these parcels; and to educate and inform the public of the benefits of preserving open space. The Committee is comprised of citizen members John Campbell (Chairman), Beth Ewy, and Leslie Harrison, and board representatives Jeff Amberson/Board of Selectmen, Mo Tougas/Conservation Commission, Don Hewey/Planning Board (new for 2006), Sean McCann/Parks & Recreation Commission (new for 2006). Charlie Bradley also joined the committee in December, 2006 as an alternate member. We are currently in need of two additional alternate members. The Committee typically meets at the Town Hall on the third Thursday of each month, or at alternate times as scheduled.

Accomplishments in 2006

In February, the Committee applied to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for \$230,000 in CPA funds to be banked in the Open Space Reserve account. The CPC voted to allocate \$175,000 for this purpose, and an article approving the measure was approved at Town Meeting in April 2006.

In November, the Committee submitted another proposal to the CPC recommending the use of CPA funds to acquire approximately 17 acres on Main Street, a portion of the former Haitzma farm property that was previously purchased by the Water and Sewer Commission Enterprise Fund. However, after the proposal was submitted, it was determined that CPA could not be used for what was determined to be a transfer of land between Town entities.

Continuing Initiatives

In 2007, Committee members will continue to explore other avenues of funding open space acquisitions, including ongoing recommendations to the CPC to bank CPA funds into the Open Space Reserve. The Committee will continue to work with the Sudbury Valley Trustees, a local non-profit land trust, to identify key parcels to protect, either by acquisition or conservation easement. The Committee also will continue outreach to large landowners in town to educate them about the benefits of conservation restrictions and other protection tools.

The Trails Subcommittee, created approxi-

mately six years ago by the Open Space Committee, continues to work on mapping and creating new trails throughout the town. Members include: Charlie Bradley, Marielle Stone, Art Cole, Nancy Gale, George Curtis, Jim Stein, John Hall, Betty Tetreault, Forest Lyford, John Clancy, Marilyn Drisko, Ellie Guild, and Claude & Scott Guerlain. For a complete list of the trails, a map of each trail and related information, please refer to the town's website www.town.northborough.ma.us.

At the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, the town voted to acquire the property located at 119 Colburn Street for a multi use recreational site. A portion of the site is contaminated and is in the process of being cleaned and restored. The Town was awarded a brownfields grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a \$65,000 brownfields grant from the State, both of which will be applied towards the remediation costs.

As land continues to be developed in this community and providing services for this additional growth continues to strain town budgets, it is imperative to permanently protect as much open space for both passive and active recreational uses as possible. If you are interested in working with the Open Space Committee or Trails Committee, please contact Kathy Joubert, Town Planner at kjoubert@town.northborough.ma.us or 508-393-5019.

**Respectfully submitted,
John Campbell, Chairman**

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is an appointed Board comprised of three members (Richard Rand, Chairman, Mark Rutan, Clerk, and Richard Kane) and three alternates (Sandra Landau, Gerry Benson, and Dan Ginsberg). In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 40A Section 14, the Board is responsible for the following: 1.) to hear and decide appeals in accordance with MGL Chapter 40A Section 8; 2.) to hear and decide applications for special permits which the board is empowered to hear; 3.) to hear and decide petitions for variances; and 4.) to hear and decide appeals from decisions of the Zoning

Administrator. In accordance with MGL Chapter 40B Section 21, the Board also hears and decides applications for comprehensive permits.

Thirty-eight (38) petitions were filed in 2006. Twenty (20) variance petitions were filed, fifteen (15) were granted, two were denied, and public hearings for three have been continued to 2007. The petitions continued all relate to the redevelopment of the Grange on School Street. Sixteen (16) special permit petitions were filed, fourteen (14) were granted, and public hearings for two have been continued to 2007. The continued hearings are for the redevelopment of the Grange and the redevelopment of the CVS site at 14 West Main Street for a larger CVS building. Two comprehensive permits, continued from 2005, were approved. Twenty-eight (28) town houses, seven of which will be affordable, were approved for a parcel on Hudson Street and three hundred fifty (350) rental units, seventy (70) of which will be affordable were approved for a parcel located on the Southwest Cutoff (Route 20). A special permit site plan review was approved for a large retail complex (560,000 square feet), "The Loop", for a parcel located also on the Southwest Cutoff. Two appeals were heard and both were denied – an appeal of a Planning Board decision was denied because the Zoning Board of Appeals lacked jurisdiction and an appeal of the Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer decision was denied.

The Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Town Hall and the meetings are open to the public. Questions relating to the filing of applications and public hearing dates should be directed to the Administrative Assistant in the Planning Department and zoning questions should be directed to the Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer.

**Respectfully submitted,
Dick Rand, Chairman
Kathy Joubert, Town Planner**

Earth Removal Board

The Earth Removal Board in 2006 completed its 35th year of service. It was formed to implement the Earth Removal By-Law,

which at the time, was passed primarily to prevent soil stripping and generation of unsafe and unsightly conditions in Town.

In as much as most of the easy-to-develop sites have long since been built-out, the areas available today are the more difficult ones to develop. They require greater engineering skills, more subsurface information, strong geologic analysis and on-going oversight.

In addition, because of the resulting proximity to abutters, greater concern must be exercised at the property boundaries, particularly in regard to runoff and slope stabilization. Safety is always a primary concern. Furthermore, general economic conditions have resulted in a slowdown and some projects have not been completed in a timely fashion. Some contractors do not have an established reputation or the experience to design and build upon technically difficult sites.

The Board had a challenge this year with the upcoming construction of Avalon Bay and the Loop due to the size and scope of the project. With the help of our advisor Fred Litchfield and the construction engineers we were able to establish a bond amount with everyone in agreement.

At this time we are fortunate to have a full compliment of board members. This year, the Board met 9 times, held 11 public hearings, issued 4 new permits and 7 renewal permits.

We wish to extend our gratitude to Eileen Dawson, Board Secretary, for her behind the scenes support.

If you have any question regarding Earth Removal, please do not hesitate to contact us or attend one of our meetings.

**Respectfully submitted,
Janet Sandstrom, Chairman**

MIS/GIS Department

The MIS/GIS Department is charged with two main responsibilities. The first is to oversee the acquisition, implementation and support of information technology, and the second is to develop, distribute and keep current the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS).

The Town's web site use continues to grow. More than 40,000 pages are viewed

each month. Significant events during the year, such as Town Meetings, Applefest and various employment opportunities have boosted these numbers even higher. The Department has placed an emphasis on the currency of material on the site. Continue to visit the Town's website for meeting agendas, meeting minutes and a wide variety of other pertinent information.

In 2006 the Town made available its "GIS Online Viewer". This service on the website allows visitors to search for a parcel by owner name, address or map and lot and then create a custom map with features such as roads, buildings, topography and hydrography, amongst others. Commonly requested maps are also available for each parcel without the need to customize the features shown on the map. Additionally, aerial photography for the entire Town, both from 1997 and 2006 is available all through any computer with an internet connection and a web browser. Check it out and send the webmaster an e-mail to share your thoughts.

In 2007, the manner in which the Town's Municipal Code and Bylaws are used on the internet will be revamped. A more friendly user interface and new search abilities will be among the enhancements. Other upcoming projects include transitioning to a VoIP phone system and new licensing software in the Town Clerk's office.

Point your browser to www.town.northborough.ma.us for the latest news and services available on the Town's web site. Residents interested in learning more about the Town's MIS and GIS efforts are encouraged to call (508) 393-1524 or e-mail mis@town.northborough.ma.us.

**Respectfully submitted,
David Kane, MIS/GIS Director**

Northborough Police Department

I am pleased to provide you with the Annual Report of the Northborough Police Department, a full-service, full-time police agency that serves our residents twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. As one of only fourteen Massachusetts police departments that have been awarded the coveted Certificate of Accreditation by the

Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission, we pride ourselves on continuing a proud tradition of excellence, dedication and professionalism to our community. The Northborough Police Department has been actively involved in police accreditation initiatives since 1988, and will continue to remain on the cutting edge of law enforcement progress.

As of December 31, 2006, the Northborough Police Department is staffed as shown here.

- 1 Chief of Police
- 1 Lieutenant
- 4 Sergeants
- 1 Detective Sergeant
- 10 Patrolmen
- 2 Detectives
- 1 Administrative Assistant
- 1 Communications Supervisor
- 5 Public Safety Dispatchers

26 Total Employees

All police department employees are full-time, career employees. The fine reputation of this agency has attracted a significant number of top-quality applicants to any hiring process we hold. We will continue to strive to attract the best and brightest people to join our agency.

During 2006, the Northborough Police responded to 16,639 calls for service (which includes self-initiated traffic stops by our Officers). This represented a statistically insignificant decrease (of forty calls) over calendar year 2005. Multiple personnel vacancies during the year contributed to fewer self-initiated calls for service. The larger or significant categories were:

9-1-1 hang-up calls	246
Alarms	
<i>(burglar, fire, panic, hold-up, etc.)</i>	718
Ambulance calls	697
Assault	11
Assist Fire Department	305
Auto theft	7
Breaking and entering	28
Death investigations	14
Disturbance	129
Drunkenness <i>(Protective Custody)</i>	35
Family Offenses	97
Homicides	0

Larceny	143
Missing persons	6
Motor vehicle accidents	372
Narcotics violations	20
Operating under the Influence arrests	88
Robbery	0
School intervention	20
Sex Offenses	1
Suspicious persons/vehicles	735
Traffic citations issued	5028
Vacant house checks	828
Vandalism	73
Verbal traffic warning	1749

To ensure prompt service, we responded to and arrived at ninety (90) percent of all calls for service in less than five (5) minutes, with 76.4% of our calls responded to in less than one (1) minute. (These numbers include calls of both emergency and non-emergency natures.)

2006 saw several important changes in our personnel roster. In April, veteran Patrolman Frank Mueller was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, replacing Sergeant Michael Y. Edmonds, who retired on September 15, 2005. April also saw the departure of Sergeant Patrick McStay to the Massachusetts State Police, and Patrolman Joseph Galvin was promoted to the rank of Sergeant to replace him. In February, Patrolman John Noberini left to join the Boston Police Department. Patrolman Roger Wiseman left to join the Worcester Police Department in April. Four new Patrolmen joined our ranks to refill existing vacancies. Jeffrey Noel came to us from the Berlin Police. Eric Michel came to us from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell Police. Jeremy Trefry came to us from the Stow Police. Justin Faucher came to us from the Rutland Police. All four new Patrolmen had previously attended the Municipal Police Academy before being hired in Northborough, a savings of over \$75,000.00 in training salaries and expenses. The month of December saw the retirement of Sergeant Frank Mueller after more than thirty years of service to the Town of Northborough. We wish him a long and happy retirement! The popular Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program continued this year at our elementary schools. Despite the

loss of state grants to pay for this important course, and recognizing that we can't wait for such funding to return, we were able to consolidate a former seventeen-week curriculum into a concise ten-week program. Private contributions came forth to ease the financial burden, and we are so grateful to those benevolent persons and groups who came to our aid!

In 2003 we introduced a new program aimed at our elementary school-age children. The "Officer Phil" Program returned again this year and delivered a fun-filled and non-threatening course of instruction that addressed issues of stranger-safety and personal safety to our youngsters. This wonderful program is wholly funded by contributions from the Northborough business community, and no taxpayer dollars are used.

Our "RUOK" Program (which stands for "Are You Okay?") continues, wherein at-risk members of our senior community receive a telephone call every morning from the Police Department, and are simply asked if they are okay. Please remember this helpful program for any senior citizens that you believe could benefit from a daily check.

Our corps of citizen-volunteers known as the STOP Team (or "Special Teams on Patrol") continues to provide a town-wide neighborhood watch, as well as assisting the Police Department at fireworks displays, educational programs and matters of community safety.

Recognizing the changed post-9/11 world in which we live, the Northborough Police has trained and equipped a C.E.R.T. Team. This stands for Community Emergency Response Team, and consists of a group of dedicated residents who are receiving specialized training in disaster response. Their intended role is to help stabilize their neighborhoods in the event of a significant disaster – whether natural or otherwise. Team members assisted police personnel at Applefest, the town fireworks and on Election Day, to name just a few. We applaud their community spirit!

The Civilian Youth Police Academy was another success of 2006, with a week-long session in which young men and women found a highly constructive way to spend

part of their summer vacation. In its' eleventh year, the one-week program is designed after the academy curriculum that our Police Officer's follow during their basic training. We hope to encourage our future police officers to explore this rewarding public service career.

We continued our popular police bicycle and motorcycle programs in 2006 – both of which were funded through grant monies. These programs were met with wonderful public support, and we thank you for the many kind, appreciative words we received. Our Officers genuinely enjoy the more direct personal contact with our residents.

In 2006 we once again participated in the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's "Click It or Ticket" and "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" programs. Traffic safety will be a top priority of this agency, in a strong and visible attempt to reduce needless injuries and deaths on our highways.

As I say each year, please remember that we are your Police Department. Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you. We maintain a vast network of contacts in the social service fields, and we will strive to either help you or direct you to aid. We are available to speak to school, civic and related groups. Do not ever assume that we are too busy to help you – that is exactly what you pay us to do! Your eyes and ears can be a real asset to us. If you see, hear or smell anything that makes you uncomfortable or fearful, please pick up your phone and call us. You may help avert a tragedy. Northborough is a beautiful community in which to live, work and enjoy life and we will strive to help our residents maintain and enjoy the highest quality of life possible.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mark K. Leahy, Chief of Police**

Northborough Fire Services

The following information and statistics are provided for the Northborough Fire Department for 2006:

Department Staffing

The department membership is categorized as follows:

1	Fire Chief
4	Career Captains
10	Career Firefighter/EMTs
7	Call Firefighter/EMTs
4	Call Firefighters
4	Call Firefighter Trainees
3	Call Support Personnel
1	Full-Time Administrative Assistant
2	Part-Time Administrative Personnel

36 Total

When benchmarked against other similar communities, Northborough's career firefighter staffing is 42% below average or provides 56% fewer career and call firefighters per one thousand population.

Department Retirement

I wish to acknowledge the retirement of Call Firefighter Paul A. Desautels in May of 2006. Paul served the Town of Northborough faithfully and unselfishly as a call firefighter for over forty-one years – a truly remarkable achievement of service! It should also be noted that Paul was a founding member of the Northborough Ambulance Committee which provided the town with its first ambulance service in the 1960's.

Emergency Incident Response

During the year, the Northborough Fire Department responded to 1,873 emergency incidents, performed 922 inspectional services, and issued 930 open burning permits. Comparative analysis of fourteen other similar sized communities reveals the fire department operates at a 10% below average cost per capita.

Fire loss during the year totaled \$103,900, with \$30,800 from structure losses, \$62,600 from vehicle losses, and \$10,500 from other unclassified losses. I am pleased to report that there were no fire-related civilian or firefighter injuries or fatalities during 2006.

Ambulance/Advanced Life Support

The fire department continues to operate two Class One state-licensed ambulances at the paramedic advanced life support level. These units responded to 1,020 requests for emergency medical services in 2006.

The Worcester Medical Center - Saint Vincent's Hospital is the department's affiliate hospital, which provides medical direction for advanced EMTs intermediates and

paramedics. At the local level, medical oversight and credentialing is provided by Doctor Joseph Currier, a Northborough resident.

Federal Firefighter Safety Grants

In 2006, a Federal Fire Fighter Safety Grant was awarded to the department in the amount of \$98,280 with a five percent town match of \$4,914. This grant replaced thirty sets of personal protective clothing and fifteen self-contained breathing apparatus air bottles and upgraded thirty-two self-contained breathing apparatus to the National Fire Protection Association Standards and breathing regulators to weapons of mass destruction response quality. Upgrades for the department's rapid intervention emergency breathing rescue pack were also made.

In addition to the Fire Fighter Safety Grant, the department was awarded a Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program Grant which provided a Jaws of Life Heavy Extrication Tool. This equipment included a spreader, cutter, ram extension, hydraulic gasoline pump, and hoses, and the estimated value of this equipment is \$22,375. This grant provides equipment for enhancement and support of regional response, mutual aid, and interoperability of responder equipment.

Fire Prevention and Public Education

The department continues to be proactive in fire safety, first aid, CPR, and fire extinguisher training throughout the community. Fire education, safety training programs, and the S.A.F.E. program and grant are under the direction of Captain Robert Theve. To take advantage of any of our safety or educational opportunities, please contact us at (508) 393-1537.

Regional Firefighting Collaborations

At the regional level, the department continues to be involved through Massachusetts Fire District Fourteen in the coordination of mutual aid resources, hazardous materials mitigation responses, dive rescue, confined space and trench rescue, weapons of mass destruction, decontamination, and ten alarm/disaster dispatching. In addition, the department provides rapid intervention team support services to Berlin, Shrewsbury, and

Westborough, and as in the past, the department continues to participate in state and county group purchasing bids.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days were held in May and October in cooperation with United Industrial Service/Zecco, Incorporated, and the town's engineering department. During these two events, households took advantage of the opportunity to dispose properly of their household hazardous waste.

Explorer Post 25

Explorer Post 25, an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America, Knox Trail Council, continues to provide valuable fire and community support services to the fire department. Explorer members provide fireground rehabilitation for firefighters, assistance with Household Hazardous Waste Day, and snow shoveling of fire hydrants.

Recruitment

Anyone interested in joining the department or in learning more about career and on-call opportunities is encouraged to contact the department at (508) 393-1537.

I would like to thank the men and women of the Northborough Fire Department for their continued compassion and dedication in responding to the needs of the community and to the Town of Northborough for its support of the fire department.

**Respectfully submitted,
David M. Durgin, Fire Chief**

Building Department

William S. Farnsworth, Jr. is the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Northborough. Frederick J. Lonardo is the Assistant Building Inspector. Louise Leo is the Administrative Assistant. We would like to thank MaryEllen Rudsit for her years of service to this department. MaryEllen resigned this past year when her position as a senior clerk was eliminated due to a reorganization of the Building Department and Board of Health offices.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work done by each

member of this department and to thank them for a job "well done". It is everyone's effort that makes this a "customer friendly" Department.

As a reminder, building permit forms and useful information can be downloaded from the Town website; www.town.northborough.ma.us.

The following is provided as a statistical summary of permits and certificates issued by the Building Department for the 2006 calendar year:

BUILDING PERMITS

Single Family Houses	37
Multi Family Houses	0
Two Family Houses (units)	6
Residential: Additions,	
Alterations, Repairs	101
Non-Residential: New Construction	4
Non-Residential: Additions,	
Alterations, Repairs	47
Barns	0
Decks and porches	50
Demolition: Residential and	
Non-residential	16
Residential garages	8
Roofing/Siding: Residential and	
Non-residential	114
Sheds	6
Signs: Permanent, Temporary	33
Stoves: wood, coal or pellet	23
Swimming Pools:	
Inground & Above ground	18
Temporary: Storage trailers, tents, etc.	10
Wireless Communication Facility	4
Other	4
Total Building Permits Issued for 2006	481
Building Permit Fees Collected	\$ 342,085.44
Other fees collected	\$ 3,062.00
TOTAL	\$345,147.44

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Please call the Building Department (508-393-5010) before starting any project to confirm what permits are required. State building code and local zoning bylaws require that a permit be obtained for all construction work to be performed. As the owner of the property, it is your responsibility to make sure that all necessary permits are secured before starting any construction project (even if you or your contractor are just replacing or repairing an

existing situation). Starting work prior to obtaining permit(s) may result in the normal fee being doubled.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. Farnsworth, Jr., Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Plumbing and Gas Departments

The Plumbing and Gas Inspector for the Town of Northborough is A. Richard Desimone.

Plumbing and natural /propane gas inspections are performed in accordance with Massachusetts State Plumbing and Gas Codes. As inspector, Mr. Desimone assists various Town Departments concerning site inspections for code violations and emergency situations.

The following information is provided as a statistical summary of permits issued by each department for the 2006 calendar year.

PLUMBING PERMITS issued totaled 190. Permits and fees collected and deposited with the Town Treasurer amounted to \$14,954.00

GAS PERMITS issued totaled 235. Permits and fees collected and deposited with the Town Treasurer amounted to \$7,005.00

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: State law requires that only licensed plumbers and gas fitters perform plumbing and gas work. This applies to residential and non-residential units, new renovations or replacement work. As the owner of the property, it is your responsibility that a permit is secured by your licensed plumber or gas fitter. Ask to see their valid Massachusetts Plumbers/Gas fitters license. Your plumber or gas fitter may obtain a permit at the Town Hall during normal working hours. Inspections can be scheduled directly the plumber/gasfitter by calling the Town's Plumbing/Gas Department at 508-393-5010.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Leo, Administrative Secretary

Electrical Department

The Wiring Inspector for the Town of Northborough is Robert Berger.

The following information is provided as a

statistical summary of permits issued for the 2006 calendar year: 442 permits were issued for electrical work; permits and fees collected and deposited with the Town Treasurer amounted to \$ 20,509.00.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: State law requires that a permit be obtained when any electrical work is performed. This applies to residential, commercial, new construction, any rewiring, low voltage or service upgrade work. All electrical work must be done in accordance with Massachusetts State Electrical Code and local regulations that may apply. As owner of the property, it is your responsibility to make sure that a permit is secured. Ask your electrician to see their Massachusetts Electrical License. A permit may be obtained at the Town Hall during normal working hours. Inspections can be scheduled by the permit applicant by calling the Town's Wiring Department at 508-393-5010.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Leo, Administrative Secretary

Dog Control

During the year of 2006, forty-three (43) animals were caught and confined in the Town of Northborough. They were handled in the following manner:

Thirty-five (35) dogs, confined between one and ten days, were returned to their owners. Citations for violation of the Dog Control By-law were issued where applicable.

One (1) dog, confined for ten days and not claimed, were put up for adoption through a humane society.

Seven (7) other animals, 1 unclaimed dog, hit by car and DOA, 1 opossum; 4 kittens; and 1 baby skunk, were also handled under emergency conditions.

This department responded to six hundred and fifty-eight calls (658) during the year of 2006.

I would like thank dog owners for their ongoing cooperation in complying with the Town of Northborough Leash Law and Pooper Scooper Ordinance. It is essential that dog owners keep their pets restrained and clean up after them, so that all residents may enjoy their private property, as well as the Town's public recreation areas.

I sincerely express my appreciation to all town departments for their ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia McGuire, Dog Officer

Cable Television Advisory Committee/ Cable Access Television Department

The Cable Television Advisory Committee promotes and supports Cable Access programming, manages the Town's contract with Charter Communications, oversees any other cable provider cable television franchise agreement for the town and responds to customer complaints regarding the cable company. The Cable Access Television Department manages all aspects of the Local Access Television stations (Charter Channels 11, 12, and 13) and is funded entirely through the cable contract with Charter Communications and the Northborough cable subscribers. Channel 11 is the Public Access station and provides the resources and training to the community for the production and broadcast of non-restricted television shows. Channel 12 is the Government Access station and provides live coverage of municipal meetings as well as maintaining a municipal bulletin board of information and events and continuous broadcast of the Audio Journal, a reading program for the visually impaired. Channel 13 is the Educational Access station that provides any K-12 related educational television as well as re-broadcast of school committee meetings, school presentations and events. The Superintendent of Schools oversees its content.

The office and studio for the Public and Educational Access stations are located at Algonquin Regional High School. They are open year-round. Due to the renovation at the high school, we are in temporary offices, but look forward to the completion of new studio, office, and classroom facilities that we share with the Video Technology Department. Free orientation and training classes are offered throughout the year.

The Government Access channel is located in the Selectmen's Meeting Room where a complete two-camera remote production

facility is installed. Live meetings are videotaped there and re-broadcast on Channel 11. However, we anticipate the purchase of a video server in the near future that will allow replay of all municipal meetings on Channel 12 with eventual capabilities to see Video on Demand replay via our website that is in development.

There is a great need for volunteers to tape municipal meetings. We would like to videotape as many meetings as possible. Local access television provides a vital resource of information to the people of Northborough and promotes community involvement and understanding. The training is free and classes will be taught at your convenience.

We are in year eight of our current ten-year cable contract with Charter Communications and have begun the re-negotiation process. We are actively seeking community comments and suggestions regarding your cable service. We eagerly await and are actively pursuing cable competition and choice in Northborough and anticipate this option in the near future.

Please send all comments and suggestions to the Cable TV Advisory Committee c/o Town Offices, 63 Main St., Northborough, MA 01532. Current members of the committee are Chairman Jeff Ward, John Molnar and Tom O'Connor. There are presently more openings on the committee. If interested, contact Diane Wackell in the Administrative Office at Town Hall.

We continue to encourage the people of Northborough to utilize this valuable resource for free public expression, entertainment and education.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Dalgliesh, Director
Northborough Cable Access Television

Engineering Department

During the past year, the Engineering Department continued to provide staff support for the Conservation Commission, Earth Removal Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Recycling Committee and the Groundwater Advisory Committee. The Engineering Department reviews all projects that are submitted to these boards,

commissions and committees. All engineering calculations are reviewed for accuracy, and compliance with state and local regulations. Recommendations to bring a project into compliance are provided to the applicant along with review letters to the pertinent boards or committees.

The department monitored ongoing work at the Assabet Farms, Brigham Woods, Copley Woods, Galahad Estates, Maynard Woods, Stirrup Brook Estates and Wesson Terrace residential subdivisions. This work with the developers and contractors insures that construction is completed as designed, insuring that all subdivision roads are up to town standards before being accepted by the town. With the absence of the Assistant Town Engineer's position assistance with inspections of pavement and utility installation was provided by the Public Works Departments on several occasions. In addition, the department also monitors private construction projects that have permits from the boards or commissions listed above, to insure that they are being constructed in accordance with the approved plans and permits.

The Town Engineer also served as Conservation Agent again this year, providing all necessary support services for the Commission, including review, advice and supervision of projects with Orders of Conditions along with maintaining their files and all other administrative work.

This year a considerable amount of time and effort was put into managing the Pay as You Throw (PAYT) program. The Engineering Department worked closely with the Board of Selectmen to study various options available for managing the solid waste program. During this past year the Engineering Department worked with members of the Central Massachusetts Resource Recovery Committee to negotiate a new long-term contract for disposal of solid waste. The Board of Selectmen, with authority from Annual Town Meeting, signed the new contract which will go into effect on January 1, 2008.

I would also like to thank my staff Debbie Grampietro, Administrative Assistant, whom I share with the Planning Department and

Eileen Dawson, Board Secretary to the Earth Removal Board and the Conservation Commission for their efforts this past year in making the department run smoothly. I would also like to thank all of the other departments for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Litchfield, Town Engineer

Recycling Committee

The Pay As You Throw (PAYT) Program has now been in effect for four full years. This fee-based system has been instrumental in decreasing the amount of Municipal solid waste and in increasing the recycling rate. The cost of town designated bags was increased by 20% as of January 2007 to compensate for the anticipated higher cost of trash disposal. The fee for the Bulk Item Label, which must be placed on large items that do not fit into the designated bags, remains at ten dollars.

Household Hazardous Waste Day was held in November with a charge of ten dollars for each box. The Explorer Post assisted the members of the Recycle Committee in distributing the boxes.

The thirteenth annual Junque Day was held on June 10th at the town owned land at 119 Colburn Street. A large amount of items were dropped off, but most remained at the end of the day due to the inclement weather. Therefore, it was necessary to leave the items overnight and extend the event to Junque Weekend. All items that had not been damaged by the rain were taken by noon with the area cleaned by early afternoon on Sunday. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped the Recycle Committee to make this a successful event.

The Engineering Department continues to exchange digital thermometers for mercury thermometers and also accepts button cell batteries and rechargeable batteries, which are unacceptable waste items. Compost bins are temporarily for sale at the Town Engineer's office.

Thanks go to Fred Litchfield, Town Engineer and Debbie Grampietro, Administrative Assistant for the Engineering Department, for their continued support to the Recycle Committee.

For information or updates on recycling, or trash removal, visit the town website or call the Town Engineer's office at 508-393-5015.

**Respectfully submitted,
Betty Tetreault, Recycling Committee**

Department of Public Works

HIGHWAY DIVISION - 9 FULL TIME, 1 PART TIME

The winter of 2005-2006, although little snow, did require significant resources for sanding and salting. Sanding, salting and plowing operations are handled by 12 DPW employees and 5 contractors. This past winter we sanded and salted 17 times and plowed 6 times. During the winter months, when weather allows, the department spends its time cutting brush and removing dead and diseased town trees. This year, the tree removal list consisted of approximately 150 trees.

Spring cleanup gets underway in March. This is when we clean up the town from the previous winter, which includes the sweeping of all public streets and sidewalks, and cleanup of all town buildings and parks.

During the construction season this past year the department undertook several construction projects:

- 1. Paving Projects:** Top coats were put down on: Howard St, Winter St, Maple St, Wesson Ter, Assabet Dr, and Brigham St. All paving monies are State Chapter 90 monies, which are 100% funded by the State.
- 2. Drainage Projects:** Catchbasin and drain covers were raised at numerous locations to make them flush with the surrounding pavement, which improved travel on these roads.
- 3. Construction Projects:** Much time during the winter was spent renovating and updating the interior of the Highway garage. We also constructed a volleyball court at Ellsworth-MacAfee park.

The DPW also handles composting of yard waste at the DPW garage. This has become a major task as more and more people participate in the composting. Once the material has decomposed for a year it is a suitable

mixture to add to gardens or lawns. This is available for pickup by homeowners.

We also handle brush and Christmas tree chipping on specified dates. Please check the local cable access channel for information.

The rest of the year is spent replacing street signs, patching pot holes, painting centerlines, painting cross walks, mowing roadsides, removing dead trees and numerous other roadside related items.

PARKS DIVISION - 1 FULL TIME

The Parks Division is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of a considerable amount of park land and buildings in Northborough. This list includes: Ellsworth-MacAfee Park, Assabet Park, Memorial Field, Civil War Monument, World War I Monument, Three War Monument, Howard Street Play Area & Field, Police Station Grounds, DPW Grounds, Town Hall Grounds, Library Grounds, and Fire Station Grounds.

CEMETERY DIVISION - 1 FULL TIME, 1 PART TIME

In the year 2006 there were 65 burials at the Howard Street Cemetery. The Cemetery took in \$29,910 for the sale of lots and graves and \$28,300 for special commitments.

WATER & SEWER DIVISION - 5 FULL TIME

The Pinehaven sewer construction project was completed during calendar year 2006. A rate increase in Water was implemented in May of this year. Still ongoing are the reactivation of the wells, the Assabet River Consortium Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), and the addition of the water and sewer utilities to the GIS.

In the past year 319.1 million gallons of water was pumped from the MWRA. Average daily water use was 0.87 million gallons per day (mgd). Last year it was 0.92 mgd. The Hudson Street sewer pump station pumped 143.99 million gallons of sewerage to the Marlborough Westerly Treatment Plant for treatment.

Thank you again to the Water and Sewer Commission, Chairman John Meader, Commissioner David Pepe and Commissioner Bryant Firmin for their expertise and administrative guidance.

At this time, I would like to thank the

entire DPW staff for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations are offered to John Schunder who retired after 33 years with the Department of Public Works. His strong work ethic will be sorely missed.

**Respectfully submitted,
DPW Director, Kara Buzanoski**

Board of Health

Dennis Costello is the Acting Board of Health Agent. Members of the Board include Chairman Glenn French and members Fred Mottle and Deirdre O'Connor. Kenneth Hunt is the Animal Control officer.

The Board of Health meets once a month, usually on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise posted. The monthly agenda is posted outside the Town Clerk's Office and soon will be available on the Town website. In order to be placed on the agenda a written request must be submitted to the Board of Health Office.

The following information is provided as a statistical summary of permits/licenses issued by the Board of Health for the 2006 calendar year:

Food Service Permits	73
Disposal Works Installers Permits	38
Disposal Works Construction Permits (new and repairs)	74
Septage Haulers Permits	11
Therapeutic Massage Practitioner Permit/License	43
Therapeutic Massage Establishment Permit/License	15
Semi-public Swimming Pool Permits	2
Motel Licenses	2
Horse and Private Stable Permits (renewal)	12
(new)	1
Camp Permits	3
Tobacco Permits	22
Body Art Practitioner Permit/License	2
Body Art Establishment Permit/License	1
Tanning Salon Permits	3

Permits/Licenses and fees collected and deposited with the Town Treasurer for the 2006 calendar year amounted to \$ 60,059.00

The Board of Health is committed to keeping the Town of Northborough a healthy and environmentally safe place to reside, work

and visit. A special "thank you" to each resident for your individual efforts in preserving our wholesome environment.

**Respectfully submitted,
Louise Leo
Secretary to the Board of Health**

Council on Aging/ Senior Center

The Council on Aging serves as the advisory body for the Northborough Senior Center, located at One Centre Drive (off Hudson Street). The Senior Center provides social, recreational, and educational programs for those over 60 year of age. In addition, it is a source of information, support and referral through the Outreach Program. The Council on Aging/Senior Center is available as a community resource for anyone who needs information on services for older adults.

Members of the Council on Aging are: Jarl Anderson, Chairperson (Baypath Representative); Maggie Harling, Vice-Chairperson; Linda Cragin, Secretary; and members: Alice Stapelfeld, Diane Barrile, AVCOA (Assabet Valley Council on Aging Transportation, Inc.) Representative, Cathy Peterson and Eda Wells, Honorary Friends of the Senior Center Liaison; Nancy Berglund, Liaison to School Committee; Adrienne Cost, Friends of the Senior Center Liaison; Jeff Amberson, Selectmen's Liaison. Many thanks to those that have resigned from the Council this year: Paula Moore, Linda Salvucci and Warren LaBaire. Their contributions to the Council and community are greatly appreciated.

The staff members at the Senior Center are Nancy Dragon and Anne Jackson, Office Assistants, Carol Harrington and Arlene Marshall, Outreach Coordinators; Lyman Maccabee, Custodian; Virginia Korbett, South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) Meal Site Manager. A special thank you to Carolyn Spodick, SHINE Counselor (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders), who has resigned, for her efforts in helping senior citizens with health insurance, Medicare Part D and Prescriptions Advantage issues.

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Funding for the

Center is derived from Municipal funds, grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and other grants, gifts and donations. The Council on Aging meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. The public is always invited to attend these open meetings.

In addition to the committed staff, the Senior Center enjoys the services of more than 100 volunteers offering their time and talents in the Office, Meal Site, Packing and Delivering Meals on Wheels, as Friendly Visitors, Escorts, Shopping Assistants, Members on the Council on Aging and many other worthwhile endeavors.

In looking back on 2006, several new programs have been added to the slate of activities at the Senior Center. Seniors are participating in weekly Tai Chi classes, Memoir Writing sessions, monthly Catered Luncheons, a monthly Health Clinic, monthly Craft classes and a Low Vision Support Group. We continue to offer several Exercise classes, Blood Pressure and Flu Clinics, Legal and Hearing clinics, Art classes, Book Club meetings, Investment Club, Silver Dolls and Men's Breakfast Club, Golf and Bocci Clubs, Day and Overnight Trips, Bingo and Card Playing, Diabetic Support Group, Lunches and Meals on Wheels, Property Tax Relief programs, activities with Northborough's school children as well as many presentations covering aging issues. Through a grant from the Executive Office of Elders Affairs, the newsletter is now sent to every household with a member over 60 years of age.

The Friends of the Northborough Senior Center have also been extremely supportive to the Center. They hold an Annual Craft Fair every November and participate in the Applefest celebration in order to raise funds to provide additional support to the Center. Their very successful fundraiser, the Chocolate Spectacular, is an annual event in February. The Friends continue to operate a mini-store called "Grandma's Attic" at the Senior Center with goods that have been donated to them. They have continued to provide support for the special emergency homemaker services to assist older adults in the community who might be in need of such a service during times of illness.

The Senior Center Building Committee and

the Council on Aging continue to work towards a new Senior Center to be built at 119 Colburn Street. Through generous donations from an Anonymous source and the Friends of the Senior Center, funds were raised to provide architectural services so that a new design will be brought to the 2007 Town Meeting for consideration. A Functional Design Sub-Committee, chaired by Jim Cost, was formed by the COA to provide input to the design process. The Awareness Sub-Committee of the COA continues to provide information to the community relative to the Senior Center.

**Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Burke, Senior Center Director**

Office of Family & Youth Services

Since its inception in 1976, the Office of Family and Youth Services (OFYS) has served the Town of Northborough through an array of social services.

Guided by its mission, OFYS develops services and programs that respond to serious contemporary issues faced by today's youth, families and individuals.

During this year of transition for OFYS, the communities commitment to its mission has perhaps never been stronger. This resolve has allowed for the following confidential services and programs to be provided:

- Individual & Family Therapy
- Play Therapy for Children
- Specialized Support Groups
- Youth Investment Programs:
 - Project Friend - A Place For Us
- Crisis Intervention & Prevention
- Mental Health Assessments
- Consultation to schools, police, churches, Town Departments, etc.
- Resource and Referral Information
- The Fuel Assistance Program
- Case Management services address issues such as housing, food, fuel, financial and medical entitlements

These services and programs have helped residents in dealing with serious issues such as risk of homelessness, domestic violence, child abuse, depression, anxiety, bullying, bereavement and family illness.

Collaborative Partnerships

OFYS staff are key members of a community support network that provides a safety net for those residents most in need. OFYS recognizes it cannot meet all resident's human service needs alone. Thus we work in collaboration with others and serve as a centralized information and referral source for the Town's human service needs. Our collaborative partnerships enhance our ability to provide comprehensive social services and create a safety net to support individuals, elders, youth and families.

On behalf of the people we serve, OFYS is grateful for the following partnerships: Town Administration; Police; Fire; Schools; Senior Center; Benevolent Trust Fund ; NFYS, Inc.; District Nurses; Food Pantry; Northborough Interfaith Council; Northborough Angels, South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Medical Clinic; Library, Recreation; Veterans; Housing Authority and other Town Departments and local agencies.

The FYS Staff

The OFYS staff is comprised of a full-time Director, who is Licensed as an Independent Clinical Social Worker; a part-time Master Level Counselor; and a part-time Administrative Assistant.

On November 13, 2006 the Town hired the new Director, June David-Fors, LICSW. The Town is grateful for the assistance provided by Lisa Storey, OFYS Counselor during the interim. Special thanks also to Senior Center Director, Kelly Burke and her staff for assisting with Fuel Assistance Program.

Director – June David-Fors, LICSW

Counselor – Lisa Storey, MA

Administrative Assistant – Vacant

The Youth Commission

The Northborough Youth Commission is a town board that evaluates the community needs and advocates in developing and supporting resources for Northborough families. Rebecca Haberman serves as the Chair with the support of members Joan Clementi; Pam Kane; Denise Keller; Mary Maher and Carol Pettine. Youth Commission meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

FunCare and Northborough Extended Day Program (NEDP) School-Aged Child Care Programs

OFYS has a close working relationship with NFYS, Inc. During July 1997 a Management Service Agreement was established and renewed each year. In July 2006 the Management Service Agreement with NFYS, Inc. was converted into a Memorandum of Understanding with Family and Youth Services Town Department. NYFS, Inc. continues to provide high quality and affordable child care services through both NEDP and FunCare. NEDP provides school-age after-school child care in all of Northborough's public elementary schools. FunCare provides enrichment and supplemental childcare to the Kindergarten population in Northborough. Management staff of NYFS, Inc. are as follows:

Co-Executive Director – Lois Kirk

Co-Executive Director – Cindee Morin

Financial Manager – Mary Frandsen

NFYS, Inc. is governed by a five-member Board of Directors that includes Christine Gagne, President; Steven Haberman, Treasurer; Dennis Maher, Clerk; Rose DiBenedetto and Mitchell Gordon.

I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received and I look forward to a shared vision of working in partnership on behalf of those residents most in need.

**Respectfully submitted,
June David-Fors, LICSW, Director**

Scholarship Advisory Committee

The mission of the Northborough Scholarship Advisory Committee is to recognize the achievements of college-bound Northborough students through the award of a limited number of scholarships.

Application forms were distributed in March to all area secondary schools that had Northborough residents in attendance.

Based on a comprehensive evaluation of all submitted applications against state-mandated criteria, four students were selected as scholarship recipients and received individual awards – two for \$ 750 and two for \$ 1,000.

2006 marked the first award to a resident attending a high school other than Algonquin Regional, as one recipient was a graduate of Assabet Valley Vocational Technical High School.

Our primary goal for 2007 is to supplement the voluntary check-off box currently printed on real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise bills with additional fund raising activities.

Many thanks to the residents who have previously contributed to this fund and we encourage those who have not to become first-timers during 2007.

**Respectfully submitted,
Gregory E. Young, Chairman**

Food Pantry

The Northborough Food Pantry is available to residents of Northborough or those persons affiliated with one of the churches located in Northborough. The mission of the Pantry is to be a source for supplemental food to those who are on a limited income or with an acute need. The Food Pantry, located in Town Hall, is open to service patrons on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Patrons may utilize the Food Pantry one time per week and must bring identification each visit. There is no charge for food.

During 2006 the Northborough Food Pantry continued to serve an average of 36 households per week with a 3.5% increase in the number of bags distributed. The Pantry relies on the donation of both food and funds to keep the shelves stocked. The main fund raiser for the Pantry is the Taste of Northborough, held during Applefest weekend. We would like to thank Armeno Coffee Roasters, Lil M's Mart, Monti's Pizza Plus, Lowe's Variety and Catering, Special Teas, Chef du Jour, Juniper Hill Golf Course, Guiseppe's Grille, Tom's Gourmet Marketplace and Memories Bakery for generously providing samples for 500 people. A silent auction for teddy bears outfitted by local businesses and town offices also took place at the main event. Thank you to Chairperson Ellen Carlucci and her committee for organizing another successful event!

We are grateful to the many private

citizens who participate in three major food drives throughout the year: "Scouting for Food" in November, "The Feinstein Challenge" with the schools in March and April and "Stamp Out Hunger" with the Post Office in May. We sincerely appreciate the continued support of the churches, businesses, civic organizations, youth groups and individual donors. The operations of the Food Pantry are conducted solely by volunteers. For further information, call 508-393-6897.

**Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lupien, Director
Northborough Food Pantry**

Northborough Housing Authority

The Northborough Housing Authority (NHA) is a public agency, which provides housing for low-income elderly and handicapped and families. It is regulated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and must adhere to the regulations and funding requirements of DHCD.

The Board of Commissioners of the NHA consists of five members and is responsible for establishing policy, planning programs and setting operational goals. The Board of Selectmen appoints four of the members and the Governor appoints the fifth member. Current board members are Jane Fletcher, Brad Newman, Rita Osborne and Raymond Reynolds. The Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Colonial Village Community Building at 26 Village Drive.

The NHA currently owns and operates 104 elderly and 26 family housing units in Northborough. Present net income limits for determining admission to state-aided public housing range from \$40,150 for one person to \$75,700 for eight people. NHA also owns 8 special needs low income housing units. The building, which houses these 8 tenants and staff, was developed and constructed in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health. The program is being successfully managed by The Advocates, Inc.

Lynne Giblin, NHA's Executive Director, oversees the operations of NHA including

office administration, property maintenance, and the oversight of development projects. She can be reached at (508) 393-2408 to answer questions about applying for NHA housing or with questions about eligibility requirements. The NHA office is located at 26 Village Drive and is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Two of the NHA board members also serve as representatives on the Community Preservation Committee and the Northborough Housing Partnership. The NHA continues in its pursuit to find additional funding in hopes of providing more alternatives for developing affordable housing for the people of the community.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jane Fletcher, Chairman**

Veterans Services

Who are Veterans?

A Veteran is any person, male or female, including a nurse who served in active Military or Naval services during a designated Wartime Period, and served at least 90 days, and who served other than Dishonorable.

How is a Wartime Period Determined?

These dates are set by an act of Congress. State and Veteran Organizations may set eligibility dates also as long as they are equal to the ones set by Congress.

Who Administers these Veterans Benefits and Laws?

Federal: Department of Veterans Affairs "VA" for short.

State: Department of Veterans Services "VS" for short.

Veterans Services - Mission

The Department of Veterans Services is a state mandated service, which provides services to veterans, veteran spouses and their dependents. Its authority is derived from Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Veterans Agent and Director of Veterans Services is Mr. Richard E. Perron. The office is supervised by the Office of the Commissioner of Veterans Services and in part by the State for all funds expended.

The basic concept of creating fiscal assis-

tance to veterans, veteran spouses and their dependents has its roots in legislation established in 1861. It was a concept which became a legislative way and method of paying tribute to its veterans. Services of this department are available to all Northborough veterans, veteran spouses and their dependents.

Currently, services are being rendered on an active caseload of one, although the caseload averages above this on an annual basis. This past year, the Department of Veterans Services gave a COLA increase in the Veterans Budget (Ordinary Benefits). Ordinary Benefits covers the cost of the caseload as well as burial allowance. We have had one to date this year at \$2,000 per funeral. This is for veterans without sufficient means. Assistance is also rendered in the matters of a pension, financial needs, filing claims with the Veterans Administration or Social Security, educational benefits, home loans, hospitalization and medical care, as well as at the time of the death of a veteran.

Additionally, the office is open to any veteran or service personnel who wishes to talk about any matter pertaining to his or her well-being. Visitations are made to those veterans or veterans spouses unable to visit the office.

Components of the Local Budget for Veterans Services

Department Head Salary
Veterans Officer

Ordinary Benefits

Veterans benefits include items pertaining to household, such as rent and fuel, leisure time allowance, personal needs, moving expenses, medical expenses, catastrophic events (fire, windstorm, floods), medical insurance, infant benefits (one time), children allowance and transportation assistance. Consolidated nursing homes, pharmacies, doctors, hospitals, fuel and dentists are now covered in this account. These benefits as well as Ordinary Benefits are reimbursable at 75% by the State.

District Expenses

District expenses include agent's beeper, cellular phone, state and county veterans

agent dues, subscriptions, state and county meetings and seminars, including expenses (meals, registration, lodging, mileage). District expenses are shared and reimbursed by the Towns of Grafton and Shrewsbury, as is the cost of health insurance for the veterans officer.

Dues

County Veterans Agent Association Dues.

Meetings

For travel/mileage expenses of veterans officer visiting sick and disabled clients.

Unclassified

This line was approved at Town Meeting to cover items such as the Memorial Day Parade, flags for Town facilities i.e. Town Hall, Fire Station, Police Station, DPW Facilities and War Memorials, flags for decorating Veterans graves on Memorial Day, which are reimbursable at 75% by the State.

The office is located in the Town Hall and is open Tuesday 08:30AM to 03:45PM and Friday 08:30AM to 12:00PM or Fridays by appointment on an as needed basis. The office telephone number is 508-393-5024; home 508-393-8378; and cellular 508-847-9590.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Perron
Director of Veterans Services

Applefest Committee

The Recreation Department spends approximately nine months planning and organizing the annual Applefest celebration which is held the third weekend of September. This is an event that focuses on the downtown business district of Northborough, with many of the activities occurring directly in the downtown area. The funding for Applefest is raised entirely through donations, including many generous contributions from local businesses and individuals.

And a special thank you this year to all the town residents who so generously donated money to this year's Applefest. Thank you again to the local businesses that continue to support this event year after year. It is because of this generosity from the local businesses and residents, that this weekend is such a very special event for this community.

The 17th Annual Applefest will be held on

September 14th - 16th in 2007. This weekend of activities and events continues to grow each year and we are always in need of additional volunteers. We are very pleased to report the Northborough Rotary Club will again be organizing and managing the Streetfair. Please contact Ken Golden, Rotary member, for 2007 registration forms. If you are interested in assisting with the planning and organizing of the 2007 Applefest, please contact the Recreation Department at 508-393-5034 or adettorre@town.northborough.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,
Allie Dettorre, Recreation Director

Northborough Free Library

The library expansion/renovation project has made great strides during the year. We hired a Project Manager, as required by state law. Paul Griffin, from Construction Monitoring Services, Inc., is working with us, along with our architect, J. Stewart Roberts. The architect has provided an improved design that takes better advantage of our building site. Much of the site work has been accomplished, including a survey, soil borings, and soil testing. Various Town Departments have reviewed the site plan. The engineers and architects have been examining our historic building in preparation for the renovation work. At the end of 2006 we were almost at 75% completion of the design drawings, with bids expected to go out in February 2007. Groundbreaking is scheduled for June 2007 if all the funding is in place.

Fundraising continued through the year.

We had two town-wide mailings. The January one brought in over \$41,000 in donations and pledges, and the October mailing has done almost as well. Many donors took advantage of matching funds from their employers. Others have donated stock.

Youth participation has been significant. The K-8 schools held Read-a-Thons, raising over \$4000. The Lincoln St. 1st grade class and the Melican Middle School 7th grade class did a joint raffle of 3 quilts, and donated \$195 to the library. Boy Scout Daniel Incorvaia raised \$1000 with a can and bottle drive. One of Algonquin's DECA projects raised \$450 with the sale of calendars the students created.

Community organizations contributed to our fundraising effort. The Northborough Junior Woman's Club donated \$3000 to fulfill their \$5000 pledge to the library. Northborough Rotary Club presented \$1000 as a reward for the library's team winning their Spelling Bee. First Parish Unitarian Church, Northborough Youth Basketball, and the Northborough Historical Society also made donations.

The business community has been supportive. Westborough Savings Bank pledged \$5000 over three years; DCU made a donation of \$5000; St. Mary's Credit Union gave a second donation of \$5000. A. Duie Pyle & Trustees of the Northborough Land Realty Trust made a combined donation of \$10,000 as a new business in town. Smaller donations came from the Charles Technology Group, DST Systems, Aisling Computer Systems, and Northeast Construction Enterprises.

We owe our gratitude to the voters of

Library Stats	2005	2006
Circulation (Jan. - Dec.)	163,612	169,789
Number of volumes	70,822	70,082
Non-print items	5,756	6,219
Registered borrowers	10,745	10,600
Children in summer reading club	850	827
"Young Adults" in reading club	196	153
People using Internet (1 or more hrs)	3,416	5,619
Reference questions answered	4,101	3,816
Children's department questions	3,146	3,695
Hourly "headcount" upstairs	21,446	22,759
Hourly "headcount" children's dept.	21,868	21,938

Library Hours	Monday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
On-line catalog Website	http://cmars.cwmars.org/search~\$40 www.town.northborough.ma.us/library
General e-mail	Library@town.northborough.ma.us
Fax	(508) 393-5027

Northborough who approved \$50,000 from the Community Preservation fund to supplement the renovation costs of the historic portion of the library. Voters also approved the funds to pay for the costs of temporary housing while the library is under construction.

With all the success of the year we also had a challenge. New cost estimates showed a dramatic increase due to escalating construction costs from higher fuel costs and the global demand for steel. The architect and Building Committee reduced the square footage to the limit allowed by the state grant. Our initial fundraising goal of \$1 million increased by another \$1.7 million. Although the Trustees are committed to a continuation of fundraising, we will have to appeal to voters for whatever balance remains. Without full funding we will have to return the grant and cancel the project, facing extensive (and expensive) renovations instead.

New Services, Events

We introduced the McNaughton plan this year, in which we lease popular book titles. When the book is no longer popular, we can return it. These copies typically duplicate what the library buys, but it makes more copies available while there is high demand. These leased books cannot be reserved or renewed, which makes them more available, and have been a great success with our patrons.

We added a new database, Booklist Online, which contains reviews, reading lists and other informative articles. To see all the databases available, go to the library website posted at the head of this article. One (for genealogy) is available only in the library. Otherwise, magazine and newspaper articles, reference books, obituaries, auto repair, electronic books, and an encyclopedia, which are all by paid subscription only, are available to you with your library card and an Internet connection from anywhere.

We started a new book discussion group, this one at the Senior Center. Staff member Kerry McGuirl has taken on this new service. Two library-based discussion groups continue.

The library offered two game nights for adults, which kept players into the late hours enjoying word and trivia games.

Local resident Tony Rino gave a presentation based on his book, *Footsteps of my Father: Everything I Know About Management I Learned from my Dad*. He has spoken at conferences, Chamber of Commerce meetings, and local bookstores. Algonquin graduate Michelle Cormier returned after a two year stint in the Peace Corps, to talk about her experience in Burkina Faso.

Children's Programs

With the support of the Friends of the Library, the Community Partnership for Children, Wal-Mart, Target, and the Jr. Woman's Club, our Children's Department again provided a full range of activities for children, from babies to pre-teens. From pre-literacy skills to enhancement of reading and learning skills already gained, these programs encourage children and their parents to enjoy the library and learning. Sharing the enjoyment of reading is one of the keys to success in school and life.

"Tots 'n' Tunes" and "Music in Motion," are a big draw for families with preschoolers. We have had celebrations of famous children's authors and characters from children's literature. There are programs for babies, and programs such as science demonstrations and chess club meetings for the children in older grades. The summer reading program theme was "What's Buzzin' @ the Northborough Free Library," during which children read over 12,000 hours and "earned" donations to Canines for Disabled Kids. Helper dogs that visited the library during the summer were a big hit.

Teens

There are two teen advisory groups (TAG), one for high school level and one at the middle school. These teens help our Young Adult Librarian plan programs of interest to their age group, make suggestions for purchases for the library, and encourage use of the library among their peers. Programs have included an Open Mike Night, Karaoke, a Poetry Slam, crafts, and films.

Personnel

During the year we welcomed Rebecca King as an assistant in our Children's Room, replacing Grace Posluszny, who left to assume travels in Australia. Christie Glynn became an assistant at our reference desk, replacing Amelia Peloquin who took a position at the Shrewsbury Public Library. Sarah Albers replaced Kelly Karpouzis as a part-time assistant at the Circulation Desk, as Kelly devotes time to her new baby.

Services

As a reminder, the library offers the following services:

- Large print books
- Audiobooks, both on cassette and CD
- Language tapes, including those for improving English
- "Holds" on books, videos & audios from our library or others across the state; can be done by computer or by our staff
- e-mail notifications of books arriving, overdue notices, the library newsletter
- Electronic information via our website, including access to a 24 hour librarian service
- Museum passes for free or reduced admission
- Public computers with Internet access & printers
- Meeting room; copy machine
- Programs for all ages
- Friendly service and a place to see your neighbors or just relax.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jean Langley, Director**

Recreation Department

The Recreation Department provides activities for people of all ages in the community. There is one full time director, one full time assistant and many part time seasonal employees. There are four seasonal

brochures mailed to town residents describing all of the programs for the community. All information is available on the towns website: www.town.northborough.ma.us.

The Recreation Department provides full day summer programs for children ages 4 through 8th grade. The Recreation Department is responsible for scheduling use of all fields in town. Recreation is also responsible for scheduling use of the Town Hall Gym. If you wish to rent a field or the gym, please contact the office at 393-5034.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is a five-member board with its members appointed by the Selectmen. The Commissioners are Tom Sartori (Chairman), Marty Murphy, Mike Volcano, Sean McCann and David Rawlings. The Commission meets once a month to discuss issues and policies that affect the local park facilities and recreation programs.

**Respectfully submitted,
Allison Dettorre, Director**

Community Affairs Committee

2006 was a challenging year for the Community Affairs Committee due to membership turnover. We lost four members; two relocations and two because of educational pursuits. We were fortunate because one of our previous members returned. This currently leaves the committee with 5 members. In order to promote our events and find more members, we have focused on publicity, produced and distributed brochures and set up a website and email address. Despite low membership, the Committee was successful in receiving support from other organizations which made it possible to sponsor events to promote community life and publicity for the town such as town clean up and summer concerts.

The year started off with the annual Winter Ball. This year we exceeded previous year's attendance with just under 300 guests. The White Cliffs offered a beautiful setting for this affair. The second floor was the site of a silent auction and raffle of donations from local businesses and merchants. Beantown had us on the dance floor until the very end.

The Northborough Woman's Club co-sponsored town-clean up with us. In addition to volunteers, we received support from Town Departments. The Community Affairs Committee received support from Wal-Mart with a small grant to support this project. After the clean up, we held a picnic to thank our supporters at Ellsworth-McAfee Field.

The Northborough Community Affairs Committee sponsored three concerts at Ellsworth-McAfee Field. Motive 9, Boogaloo Swamis and Delhill (whose members are Algonquin graduates) were the featured bands for this concert series. Town residents were invited to bring a picnic supper, blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a fun-filled evening with the family.

In addition, we supported the Senior citizen picnic, donated money to support the Visiting Nurses Thanksgiving meals and donated 6 turkeys to the Northborough Food Bank. We also dressed a bear in support of the Northborough Food Bank's "Taste of Northborough".

Overall, we had a great year and look forward to continuing our programs during 2007.

**Respectfully submitted,
Linda Grady Backholm, Elaine Coccari,
Virginia Simms George, Lisa Hodge,
and Louise P. Houle**

Community Preservation Committee

After the Town of Northborough adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) at the November 2004 election, the Community Preservation Committee was created through an article approved at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. The CPA is a funding source to assist the Town with the acquisition of open space, the creation of affordable housing, and the historic preservation of sites within the community. Through the adoption of a 1.5% surcharge on each property tax bill, the State will match the amount raised by the Town. The mission of the Community Preservation Committee is to oversee the process of implementing the CPA and make recommendations at each year's Town Meeting for the allocation of CPA revenue.

In accordance with the CPA legislation and the Town by-law approved at Town Meeting,

the Committee is comprised of representatives from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Historical Commission, Housing Authority, and the Open Space Committee, as well as three At-Large members appointed by the Board of Selectmen from citizen applications. Current members, put in place at the end of 2005, include:

- Bob Rosenberg (Planning Board)
- Todd Helwig (Conservation)
- Tom Sartori, Vice Chairman (Parks & Recreation)
- Arlene Marshall (Historical)
- Jane Fletcher (Housing)
- John Campbell, Chairman (Open Space)
- Joan Clowes (At-Large Member, 1-Year Term expiring April 30, 2007)
- Andy Clark (At-Large Member, 2-Year Term expiring April 30, 2008)
- Chris Kellogg (At-Large Member, 3-Year Term expiring April 30, 2009)

The Committee has established a website, available through the Town's website or directly at www.town.northborough.ma.us/cpc/CPC/index.htm. The Committee typically meets at the Town Hall, with meeting times as shown on the website. All meetings are open to the public.

Accomplishments in 2006

At the beginning of 2006, the Committee created an application process for requesting CPA funding, and invited citizens and organizations to submit proposals. A public hearing was conducted to give each applicant an opportunity to present their case for funding, after which the Committee met to determine its recommendations to bring forward to Town Meeting. The Town voted to approve the following appropriations:

- \$175,000 to CPA Open Space Reserve
- \$35,000 to CPA Affordable Housing Reserve
- \$50,000 to the Northborough Library for restorations to the historic portion of the Library Expansion Project
- \$30,000 to the Historical Commission for Phase 1 of a town-wide historic property inventory
- \$3,100 to the Northborough Trails Committee for trail improvement projects and equipment purchases

- \$1,322 to the Parks & Recreation Commission for illumination of the flagpole at Ellsworth-McAfee Park
- \$8,000 to the CPC for projected administration costs, as allowed under provisions of the CPA

In October 2006, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified that the Town collected \$327,561 in CPA funds for FY06, and transferred matching funds of the same amount to the Town for use in FY07 CPA appropriations. When combined with the expected CPA surcharge revenues for FY07, the total CPA funds available for allocation by the Committee in 2007 will be approximately \$655,000.

The Committee set a deadline of November 30, 2006 for receipt of applications for FY07 CPA funds. Nine (9) project proposals were received.

Continuing Initiatives

In 2007, the Committee will hold hearings for review of proposals on January 4th and January 25th. The Committee will also continue to update citizens on its work through information on the website and other local media.

If you are interested in learning more about the Community Preservation Committee or the CPA, please contact Kathy Joubert, Town Planner at kjoubert@town.northborough.ma.us or 508-393-5019.

**Respectfully submitted,
John Campbell, Chairman
Community Preservation Committee**

Historical Commission

The Northborough Historical Commission is a seven-member Commission appointed by the Board of Selectmen. At present our members are: Marie Nieber, Chair; Arlene Marshall, Vice-Chair; Marie Wyman, Secretary; Norm Corbin; Russell Jones; Don Haitzma and Philip Gott.

The year 2006 was a busy year for our group. We submitted an application to the Community Preservation Committee in the amount of \$30,000 for the first part of a town-wide inventory of Northborough's historical assets. At the April 2006 Town Meeting voters approved the CPC recommendations of which our application was a

part. We began the process of searching for a consultant to accomplish the involved process of inventoring historical properties. Through the Request For Proposal process we will be choosing a candidate. In December we submitted another application to the CPC for the second half of the inventory project in the amount of \$30,000. We also submitted a second application in December in the amount of \$150,000 to create a fund for the preservation of historical resources. With such funds, permanent preservation restrictions could be purchased, and matching grants could be sought to ensure protection of a given historical structure.

May being National Preservation month, we had a weekly display of some of Northborough's historic homes at the Library. We also included some of the endangered homes that were to be torn down or in danger of it. We hope that Northborough citizens were able to view our displays and come away with a better sense of how important it is to preserve our past.

At the end of October we said goodbye to Amy Rice who was our chair since our re-establishment in September 2004. Amy accomplished a great deal and had the heart of a true preservationist. She will be sorely missed.

The Historical Commission welcomes any historical information and suggestions from members of the community. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in Conference Room C of the Town Hall.

**Respectfully submitted,
Marie E. Nieber, Chair**

Northborough Trails Committee

The Northborough Trails Committee's (NTC) formal name is the Trails Subcommittee of the Northborough Open Space Committee. Arthur Cole founded the Trails Committee in February of 2001 under the auspice of the Open Space Committee. The Trails Committee's goal is to develop and maintain a viable recreational trail system in Northborough utilizing volunteers from the community. During the 2006 calendar year we were busy with our administration, trails development, and stewardship of existing

trails. Checkout our website for other information about the Northborough trails network at www.town.northborough.ma.us/ntrails/index.htm

In January 2006 an Administration change was made regarding Chairmanship of the Committee. Arthur Cole had been the Chairman of the Committee since its inception, then in January the Chairmanship was split into two roles, Administration and Operations. Arthur continued on in the Administration role, and Charles Bradley joined him in the Operations role. In October 2006 Arthur notified the Committee that he would be stepping down as Co-Chairman, but remaining on the Committee as a Board Member and Volunteer. In January 2007 Marielle Stone took over for Arthur as Co-Chair of Administration.

The NTC acts as the Trail Steward for the Northborough Conservation land on Mt. Pisgah, and we recently took over maintenance of approximately three miles of trails on the MassWildLife property located on the south end of Mt. Pisgah. The Fisher Trail and a small portion of the Vernal Pool Trail are on private property and those land owners have agreed to allow the public's continued use of those trails, publication of a new map, and our maintenance of the trails. In September a new map of the Mt. Pisgah conservation area, including land in Northborough and Berlin, was completed after two years of work with the Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT). New Kiosks have been added to the Smith Road parking area and the MassWildLife land, as well as new trail blazes, signs, and maps. The Mt. Pisgah area has seen a significant increase in recreational users over the last few years and we will continue to monitor the land for needed maintenance and improvements.

We also act as Trail Steward for the Little Chauncy/Cedar Hill/Crane Swamp recreational area, which is land owned by MassWildLife, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), and SVT, so we co-steward the trails with SVT and the Westborough Land Trust, who operates the Charm Bracelet Trail system in Westborough. In April 2006 the MWRA reopened a connector trail from the Crane Swamp Trail to the SVT Sawink Farm property. The Crane

Swamp Conservation Area contains over 2,000 acres of conservation land owned by Massachusetts state agencies and local land trusts. The Crane Swamp, Cedar Hill and Sawink Farm lands have over 10 miles of connected trails, which also provide access to the MassWildLife properties at Little Chauncy and Chauncy Lake. The towns of Northborough, Marlborough, Southborough, and Westborough have been involved in developing this network of trails. Also during the year the Northborough Trails Committee added new boardwalks to the Little Chauncy area, relocated a portion of the trail, completed other trail maintenance issues, improved signs, and we worked with the SVT in producing a new map of the area.

Edmund Woods Conservation Area

During the year NTC Member Forest Lyford produced an historic interpretive trail and brochure for the Edmund Hill Woods conservation area. The NTC received \$950.00 in funding through the Community Preservation Act to produce the interactive brochures. Also during the year Ryan Halpin, an Eagle Scout candidate from Northborough's B.S.A. Troop 1, completed new bridging and boardwalks through some of the wetland areas. The NTC also completed other trail maintenance projects during the year.

The NTC has developed an extension of the Coyote Trail at the Yellick Conservation Area. The new trail will begin at the current Coyote Trail's dead end on the south side of the Assabet River, and then travel through the SuAsCo property southeast to the Stirrup Brook, then toward the property owned by the Town on Rt-20, around to the Assabet River, and then out to Boundary Street. We hope to complete the trail by returning to the Yellick Conservation Area on the sewer line from Boundary Street then onto Hudson Street. The complete loop would be approximately 3 miles long. We've obtained Conservation Commission approval for the wetlands areas through which the new trail

travels. We are waiting on final approval from the State to begin building the Coyote Trail extension.

This summer the Northborough Trails Committee worked with New England Forestry Foundation's land steward, Forest Lyford to create a new 1.2 mile trail on the New England Forestry Foundation land located on West Main Street called the Carlstrom II Forest. The trail is named the Jubilee Trail. In September, the NTC had a volunteer work detail at Watson Park. We planted a blue spruce tree near the butterfly garden, repaired some blue bird houses, cleared an observation area to the pond near the beginning of the trail, installed a new bridge along the trail, and we did general trail maintenance.

In September 2006 Boy Scout Brian Daley from Troop 101 completed an Eagle Scout Project for the NTC. Brian, along with other scouts, installed approximately 300 feet of new boardwalk along the Cold Harbor Trail just south of Cherry Street. This area was regularly under water or very wet due to flooding, but now the boardwalk makes it a pleasant walk. Thank you to Brian and the Scouts of Troop 101.

In December we received authority from the Algonquin Regional School Committee to develop trails on the woodland behind the high school. Our intent is to complete a trail connecting Rt-20 near the old rest area to Bartlett Street near Cedar Hill Road. This plan has the possibility of connecting the Cedar Hill/Crane Swamp area to our proposed Stirrup Brook Trail on the north side of Rt-20. We'll be planning out the Algonquin trails during the next few months.

NTC Funding

We are a volunteer committee without a Town budget, but we need funding to purchase materials for trails development and maintenance, as well as for needed equipment to develop and maintain the trails. In 2006 we received \$3,600.00 through the

Community Preservation Act, which was used to purchase tools, materials, and a printer to produce our own maps and brochures.

Also during the year we received permission from Police Chief Mark Leahy to store our materials in an area behind the Police Station. Prior to that our materials were stored at volunteers' homes. Volunteers had also been storing the NTC tools and equipment at their homes, and then in September 2006 the NTC received a generous cash donation from the Shay family. We were able to use a portion of the money to purchase a 5'x8' enclosed cargo trailer, which we now use to store our tools and equipment. Chief Leahy also agreed to allow us to park the trailer behind the Police Station. We plan to use the remainder of the Shay donation to apply towards the purchase of a brush mower. We would like to thank the Shay family for their donation, Chief Leahy for providing us with storage space, and to Town Planner Kathy Joubert for making both of these goals a reality.

The NTC has applied this year to the Community Preservation Committee for funding of another expensive item on the NTC wish list, a commercial type mower for mowing trails. We also requested funding for a pilot project to expand the Edmund Woods Historic Interpretive Trail Guide. The project would utilize MP3 Players with audio information installed. People would obtain use of an MP3 Player at the Northborough Library by using their Library Card, or the audio information could be loaded using a link we hope to setup through our Website.

The NTC meets the third Monday of each month at the Police Station and volunteers are always welcome. Don't forget to check out the NTC website and either download the trail maps or stop by the Planning Department for a map packet. Enjoy the trails!

**Respectfully submitted,
Charles Bradley &
Marielle Stone, Co-Chairmen**



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TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

Superintendent's Report

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The year 2006 was an eventful one in our history. Major events in 2006 include the hiring of a new Superintendent. The construction of the high school was at a standstill due to non-performance on the part of the General Contractor. As a result of this, there was a lawsuit filed by the General Contractor and a counterclaim by the Regional School District. One of the member towns requested that the financing and assessment of debt for the high school construction project be calculated differently than the method in the Regional Agreement. At the state level, the Department of Education increased the competency requirements for MCAS to include a science test for graduation, effective with the graduating class of 2010, this year's freshman class.

Yet with all of those issues and distractions, the three school districts continue to provide the highest level of academic programs to its students. Ninety-four percent of our students go onto higher education. Of that number, eighty-seven percent of the students go to a four year college degree program. In 2006, two high school students were National Merit Semifinalists and seventeen received National Merit Commendations. Twenty-five percent of the sophomores (the maximum number eligible), received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship covering four years of tuition at a Massachusetts State College or University based on their MCAS scores. These accomplishments are evidence that our students and teaching staff take their responsibilities seriously, in spite of the challenges placed in front of them on a daily basis.

In Southborough, James Randell completed his first year as the Principal of the Albert S. Woodward Elementary School. Jim comes to us from Sutton Public Schools. Our new Principal at the Margaret A. Neary Elementary School also comes from Sutton. In Northborough, Dr. Jean Fitzgerald also completed her first year as Principal of the Lincoln Street School. Many of you may be familiar with Jean as a former Assistant Principal at Algonquin Regional High School.

In 2006, based on state and national discussions, there was heightened awareness

of the nutritional value of school lunches and the use of food in classrooms. The Department of Education developed guidelines governing this topic. Schools across the state continue to struggle not only with this topic, but the expanded concern of children in our schools living and managing life-threatening allergies. We believe in the education and the need for a balanced approach to this issue. We are fortunate to have parents, community members and staff working together to find the best solution.

At the close of 2006, through the diligence of the Algonquin Building Committee the high school project is back on track. The Building Committee with the guidance of legal counsel, received approval from the bonding company to complete the project within its original scope. Any construction issues falling outside of this scope or life-threatening and safety issues required the approval of the bonding company prior to the work commencing. It is a time consuming task justifying these types of expenditures. We were able to open the high school this year with the use of the three-story wing. This gave us an additional thirty-two classrooms for student use. I would like to thank the Building Committee and the Project Manager for their dedication in seeing this project through to substantial completion. We are in the final stages of construction. It is the hope of the Building Committee and myself that this project will come to completion eminently.

This period in our history has been filled with uncertainty resulting in a high level of stress. Through all of this uncertainty and stress the academic programs and the resulting student performance has not suffered. It is due to the competence, determination and leadership of our staff, administrators, and school committee members that is the case.

In closing I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the elected and appointed officials who continue to work with us to maintain the high standard of education that exists in our three school districts. On behalf of the school committees of Northborough, Southborough and the Northborough-Southborough Regional School District I

thank the community for their continued support and look forward to working with you in the future.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Joseph, Superintendent for
Northborough, Southborough and the
Northborough-Southborough
Regional School Districts**

Lincoln Street School

During the past school year, Lincoln Street School has continued to grow as “a community of learners.” We concentrated on meeting the needs of our students by providing them with the tools for success that will enable them to become lifelong learners. We thoughtfully implemented the goals of our School Improvement Plan with a strong focus on building positive relationships that foster a sense of community at the school. Our PTO funded many extra-curricular programs for our students. We are fortunate to have their generous support.

The following sampling highlights LSS:

- During the summer of 2006, through the generosity of the PTO, new swings were purchased and the existing framework received a fresh coat of paint. Our PTO also purchased additional athletic equipment for our students to use during recess.
- Outreach efforts to local community organizations continued to be a priority with students, staff and parents. The children and parents of Lincoln Street School provided help to members in their own area through a holiday gift drive in December, as well as a food collection at Thanksgiving time. The entire school became involved in a diabetes awareness program and organized a special fundraiser for diabetes research. Fifth graders organized a drive to collect donations for a local pet shelter. Through these efforts our students have come to understand what it means to be part of a community.
- Responsive Classroom practices go hand in hand with the character traits presented in our Kids Character Club. Monthly assemblies showcased the character trait of the month. Our fifth grade student council helped to plan our all-school

monthly assemblies. Our Veteran’s Day assembly honoring our military families may well become a tradition at LSS.

- The Links for Linc program focused on the equal importance of reading and physical activity. A visual display of interlocking chains adorned the hallways of LSS. Each link on the chain represented books read and steps taken by students.
- The “Hello Neighbor” program has become a well-established partnership between Lincoln Street first graders and Melican Middle School. This valued program has helped to establish and strengthen a special bond between elementary and middle school students.
- Communication between school and home has been a major focus. Information regarding school events is shared in classroom newsletters, School Council meetings, school newsletters and on the web.
- LSS teachers continued to work on various district curriculum teams. This past year our teachers worked with their colleagues in the areas of English Language Arts, science and mathematics.
- Our dismissal process was improved this year through the cooperation of parents, the bus company and local law officials.

The environment at Lincoln Street School is academically stimulating, and caring, where children feel safe to be themselves as they grow and learn.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jean M. Fitzgerald, Principal**

Peaslee School

Marguerite E. Peaslee School has been serving the Town of Northborough for the past forty-five years. The school continues to competently educate about three hundred kindergarten through fifth grade students. Numerous opportunities are provided for student exchange. Monthly all-school meetings and classroom buddies create formal opportunities for peer interaction within the school. The gracious support of parents provides essential funding for teacher created academic grants and enrichment programs for the children and community. The school’s high standards provide opportunities for the

activation of instruction and interaction benefiting student learning.

During the past school year, Peaslee School continued to demonstrate success in supporting our motto, “Aspire To Go Higher.” The school utilizes numerous resources to optimize learning for students. A dedicated and well-trained staff, varied resources which complement learning opportunities for students, and the support of our parents and school community are just a few of those resources available at the school. The school also partners with agencies, businesses and organizations in the community and region. The following statements provide evidence of aspirations.

- During the summer and early fall of 2006, the sloped roof on the school building was renovated. Blue metal roofing panels were used in the project renewing the school’s appearance. The new roof is durable and intended for a long, maintenance-free life. Forty-four year old furniture was replaced in the third and fourth grade classrooms. It is hoped this project will continue as the old furniture is wearing out after many years of service.
- Technology was a central focus to our school and its instructional programming during the past year. The technology infrastructure was renovated during the summer of 2006, thanks to generous donations from a parent and the PTO. The renovation included new switching equipment replacing the aging routers. Technology is integrated into all phases of instruction and assessment and teachers utilize one afternoon per month for peer training.
- The school and students dedicated themselves to Peaslee’s “Get Caught Reading” program this year. Managed by our reading teacher, Mrs. Miller, the program encouraged reading outside of the classroom. As the year progressed, our student body read over 20,000 books!
- The school staff individualizes learning and expectations for every student. Staff members also create time to work with individuals or groups of students before and after school. Regular after-school programs such as the Homework Club and FLASH provide opportunities for extended learning.

- Successful schools require parents' support of programs and projects. Parent volunteers are essential to our programs, and they deserve special recognition. During the past year, the PTO provided support for several teacher created academic grants. These grants provide direct benefits to the students. The PTO provided several spirit events such as pizza and bingo nights, Kids Fair and a pancake breakfast.

And finally, I owe a great deal of gratitude to the Peaslee School professional staff. They provide exceptional learning opportunities for our students. They often collaborate on school themes such as monthly all-school meetings or Leading the Learning. They provide professional opportunities for each other after school. Marguerite E. Peaslee School is a great place to work and learn. We view ourselves as responding to and meeting the needs of our students and the community at large. We look forward to 2007 and beyond. Learning is a lifelong process!

Respectfully submitted,
Donald R. Holm, Principal

Proctor School

Our Proctor School community is involved in a wide variety of programs and activities that enhance lifelong learning opportunities for all of our students. We embrace the participation of parent and community volunteers, local college student teachers, and high school interns. Our School Council representatives, PTO members, and Proctor Papas work diligently to strengthen and enrich the curriculum. Our staff members are resourceful in planning lessons and applying for grant funding. Our School Improvement Plan guides our course of action.

During the 2006-2007 school year, our Proctor School community welcomed the addition of a second full-day kindergarten class as our school department tried to meet the requests of families based upon their interest in participating in the kindergarten lottery. Our early childhood staff, parents, and administrators are pursuing NAEYC accreditation for all of our preschool and kindergarten programs. This intense, two-year accreditation process gives us the opportunity to examine our current practices,

document our alignment with the standards, reflect upon our program, and improve our services. This self-study involves surveys, site visits, and transition practices. Additionally, our staff will investigate ways to ease the transitions of our students as they move up in the grades here at Proctor and prepare to move onto middle school at the end of fifth grade.

Literacy and math blocks are in place to create balanced literacy and solid, meaningful math opportunities for all of our students. Our teachers are invested in providing quality instructional practices to ensure high interest and understanding of concepts and skills. Teams of faculty members have investigated current instructional practices and have formed professional learning communities to broaden their knowledge base. A Title I tutor is working with our classroom teachers in grades 3 - 5 to improve our math program and promote student success in this curriculum area.

With a heightened awareness regarding wellness, we are working to build lifelong healthy habits. We are keenly aware of the prevalence of childhood obesity, the increase of food and environmental allergies, and the impact that mental health issues can have on our school community. We promote the concept of making healthy choices regarding nutrition, exercise, and stress reduction. With the support of school district and PTO funds, our teachers utilize "Brain Gym" activities and sensory centers in their classrooms. Our school experienced its first post-Halloween Candy Collection Drive to support wellness and an outreach program to send the treats to those serving abroad in the military.

All of our third, fourth and fifth grade students are challenged to participate in the National Greek and Roman Mythology Exam. Study sessions are held after school to promote a better understanding of the concepts tested. Several of our students in the past two years have achieved high standings in this field. Thanks to the Corridor Nine Chamber of Commerce funding of several Proctor School grants this year, we will be able to:

- enhance our fourth grade simple machine unit with a Robotics component. Our Technology Specialist and the classroom

teachers are excited about this new endeavor

- engage our fifth graders in "Discovering the 'Oh' in Organisms"
- join a fourth grade "Geography Circus" to learn more about our world
- increase reading fluency with a portable reading lab

Over the past several years we have developed special programs for senior citizens with our Intergenerational Brunches and Board Game Buddies programs. The senior set interacts with our fifth graders to make connections, have fun, and discuss various attributes. Our entire school works towards common social goals and takes a specific attribute focus each month of the school year. Our students learn about various attributes and present their perceptions through songs, plays, poems, and essays to celebrate the "Attribute of the Month." This is a team effort involving the students, classroom teachers, and specialists. Our English Language Learners and their families enrich our school community with their native languages and cultural experiences. Our school community respects differences and appreciates diversity. You are welcome to attend our programs and assemblies. Hopefully, the messages discussed at school will carry over into your homes and the community.

For additional information please contact the school or visit our website.

<http://www.nsboro.k12.ma.us/proctor>.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret E. Donohoe, Principal

Zeh School

As 2006 comes to an end, the Marion E. Zeh Elementary School community looks back on its many accomplishments for the year. We continue to be proud of our students, staff, and families for their dedication towards our school. Our community is always active, supporting academic and social learning. The Zeh School is a great place to be!

One of the foremost goals of our community is maintaining a safe environment for learning. In 2006, we devoted a good deal of energy to learning more about the impact of mental health issues on our students, par-

ents, and staff. Our work with the Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Health Care, and Society exposed us to the observable aspects of mental health issues and their corresponding interventions. We worked with a consultant to explore case studies of students and strategies for creating a more productive learning environment for these children. Parents participated in a program offered by Kim Douglass, our School Psychologist, on the impact of stress on the lives of children. She provided helpful strategies for proactively avoiding stressful home situations, while also identifying resources to families in need of additional support. To assist our students in playing safely and in a positive way, our school has integrated aspects of the Peaceful Playground Program into our support of students during recess. This has included providing the staff members with age appropriate field games for their students, painted obstacle courses on hardtop areas for student play, and tubs of equipment to inspire active participation. Our PTO generously purchased a storage shed for the equipment, which provides for easy access and individual accountability for their equipment. Realizing that students of the twenty-first century often venture outside of their physical community, the Zeh School began to implement the iSafe curriculum to build awareness of safety in the on-line community. Students are taught safe habits and practices through their Library and Media Curriculum and through their Computer Lab lessons. Our goal is help students realize the need for safe habits no matter the type of community they are engaged in.

Staff members at the Zeh School continue to participate in a range of Professional Development opportunities to maintain and enhance their own skills. A great deal of time has been devoted to working within Professional Learning Communities as small groups of teachers engaged in active research. These small groups of teachers explore instructional practices in study groups as a means of addressing the needs of particular types of students in their classrooms or alternative curriculum materials. From January to June of 2006, teachers worked together to explore methods of teaching students acquiring English language

skills in sheltered classrooms. Beginning at the end of August, the staff began directing their attention towards standards-based instruction specific to our mathematics curriculum. They have explored newly purchased mathematics materials from Scott Foresman Publishing and are studying how they relate to our existing mathematics' benchmarks, while also considering essential questions. We will continue with this action research for the remainder of our school year.

Technologically, our school continues to utilize available hardware and software to enhance instruction. Our school installed a new server this summer to manage the student and staff work that takes place within our school. This has allowed our programs to remain current and our access to software and the Internet to be more reliable. Given the fact that students work with technology in their classrooms and in our Computer Lab, and the fact that most staff members create and implement lessons on their laptops, it is essential that our internal system works effectively. A number of our staff members also maintain student work in digital portfolios which provide an interactive assessment environment for our school. We are looking forward to the implementation of projection microscopes provided by a grant from the Corridor Nine Chamber of Commerce to further enhance our use of technology. Consistently available technology within our school has a very positive affect on student engagement and teacher productivity!

The parents and guardians of our students remain positive supporters of our work. Volunteers who assist in daily learning experiences with our students are often present in our hallways and classrooms. Their involvement includes academic work in Writer's Workshop, participation in Math Games, and support in our gymnasium for Project Adventure. Our PTO continues to engage families for a range of exciting events to foster community spirit and to build strong families. Whether it is our annual Pancake Breakfast, our fall hike up Mount Pisgah, our KidzFest, the families at Zeh have many opportunities to celebrate the joys of their children and their friends.

Our New Year will find us continuing on

our journey of maintaining a positive and effective school community. This will include participation in the accreditation process for our preschool and kindergarten classes through the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the implementation of Sensory Centers and Brain Gym activities to maintain student awareness of their own learning. Additionally, our school is piloting a building-based assessment system in mathematics through a staff developed database. Through this vehicle, we hope to document student progress and development in the acquisition of mathematics skills in the same manner that we document their acquisition of literacy skills. We will continue to work collaboratively with Framingham State College to provide a positive environment for student teachers while also encouraging our own students to participate in Community Outreach Projects. Our school continues to be an active and positive environment for children of all ages.

**Respectfully submitted,
Susan A. Whitten, Principal**

Melican Middle School

The Robert E. Melican Middle School is home to over 620 sixth, seventh, and eighth graders in their preteen and early teenage years of development. We host all public schoolers during these years, building a transition between the neighborhood elementary schools and the regional high school experiences. These three years, "in the middle," remain some of the most challenging, yet most promising years for our students. Our team approach allows us to break down our large student population into smaller communities of learners whom we can know and understand more intimately, increasing the potential for personal achievement and success.

Our 2006-2007 School Improvement Plan goals are aligned with the district-wide Strategic Plan. Four main goals are as follows: Curriculum and Instruction, Technology, Respectful Community of Learners, and Student Achievement. Each goal encompasses several objectives for the staff to focus upon in our effort to create a strong professional learning community.

Curriculum design that follows the philoso-

phy of standards-based education is implemented in every classroom at MMS. Essential questions are posted throughout the school and in all classrooms, helping students understand the overarching goals for their learning. Standards taken directly from the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework documents ground every lesson, and assessments, both formative and summative, guide classroom instruction. Differentiating instruction to address student learning styles, interest and readiness levels, and processing styles as well as providing a range of choices related to sources, processes, and products keep our classrooms student-centered and active learning environments.

Technology has changed the way we communicate and educate. Our MMS website continues to improve and expand, and we have made a commitment that every classroom teacher will have a personalized homepage. The MMS Technology Committee guides our professional development and supports our curriculum mapping and interdisciplinary work. With the assistance of Walter McKenzie, Technology Director for the district, we have offered workshops to educate parents about safety issues related to their children's use of the myriad of Internet options.

Respect is the cornerstone for our work, guiding all interactions among students and adults within the school and our community. Understanding diversity, respecting differences, and celebrating the achievements of our students and our school promote this goal. The CARES (a Culture of Acceptance and Respect for Every Student) Program is incorporated throughout the school, in our daily morning announcements, within classrooms through curriculum connections, and in our afterschool planning, and reminds us of our mission to develop global thinkers and world citizens.

With the increased regime of MCAS testing that happens every year for every student, as well as the increased proficiency level established for high school graduation, our attention to the data gathered about learning must guide our classroom plans. Establishing goals for learning, implementing intervention plans, and looking at the use of assessments to guide instruction are all

strategies that will increase student achievement. Understanding the developmental nature of our students and the complexities of growing up in 2006 make our work challenging, but the time spent with these emerging young adults is both stimulating and gratifying. None of us would rather spend our time anywhere else than at MMS!

**Respectfully submitted,
M. Patricia Montimurro, Principal**

Student Support Services

Jean M. Bean, Director

The Northborough-Southborough Strategic Plan states, "It is our goal to provide comprehensive building-based support teams that assist educators in the implementation of interventions that meet a wide range of student needs." We are in the third year of the strategic plan and we continue to meet our goal. The Northborough district currently has comprehensive student support teams in each building, pre-kindergarten through grade eight. The teams include special education teachers, reading specialists, school psychologists, speech language therapists, behavior specialists, occupational and physical therapists, English Language Educators as well as instructional aides. Members of these teams, along with classroom teachers and building principals meet on a weekly basis to identify children who may need supportive interventions to help them access the curriculum. Some children are not meeting with success due to learning challenges, while others may be challenged by mental health or behavioral needs. These multidisciplinary teams are able to informally assess children in their classrooms from various perspectives and create new opportunities for students to experience success. The use of assistive technology continues to greatly improve access to the curriculum for children with disabilities. The School-Wide Assistive Technology Teams consistently look at new approaches in the use of technology within our schools.

The district has met with tremendous success at keeping children of need in their neighborhood schools. Children's needs are being met because of the commitment on the part of their classroom teachers to maxi-

mize learning for all children.

The district's visionary approach to student learning has placed us in good shape to meet the requirements of the federal legislation No Child Left Behind. The Director of Curriculum and Instruction, the building principals and the Directors of Student Support Services continuously assess student progress to ensure that all children are meeting the high standards set by the state and federal governments. Several district-wide curriculum initiatives that have been employed throughout the district began as special education interventions. Direct instruction of phonics is used throughout the district's schools. Handwriting Without Tears has been incorporated into the kindergarten and first grade classes. Positive behavioral interventions help to create safe learning communities for all children. Teachers are also provided with professional development to make use of a variety of teaching strategies to help children succeed and flourish in the Northborough Public Schools. Staff members have been trained in mathematics instruction, interdisciplinary learning and strategies for differentiated instruction. The district currently has eight integrated pre-school programs that children from Northborough can access. Like all other communities in the country, we continue to see an increase in the number of children with autism and other mental health issues. Two programs were started to meet the needs of children with intensive special education needs. These programs help us educate children in the public school setting while providing them opportunities to participate in many activities with typically developing peers.

Overall, the Northborough district continues to strive for excellence in creating schools that truly educate all of our learners with care, concern and high quality programs.

Professional Development Committee

Dennis Wrenn, Chair

During 2006, members of the professional development committee organized four professional development days, arranged several graduate credit courses for educators,

updated the district professional development plan, and continued to assist educators in their licensure and re-licensure efforts.

On January 17, 2006, and on November 27, 2006, two highly successful district-wide professional development days took place. Over forty workshops were offered in the three main areas: technology, subject matter content, and innovative instructional practices. In addition, several educators designed projects tied directly to school and/or district goals.

In March and again in August, building-based professional development days took place in each of the schools throughout the district. Topics were directly related to goals stated in the individual school improvement plans, with an emphasis on strategies that improve student learning.

Professional development offerings in Northborough and Southborough continue to win high praise from the educational community. We were pleased that the recent Coordinated Program Review from the Department of Education mentioned the outstanding professional development offerings available to all educators in Northborough and Southborough. Our success is due to the commitment to excellence shared by the educators, parents, citizens, and school committee members in the district.

Early Childhood Study Curriculum Team

Kathleen Behrens and Nancy Bauman, Co-Chairs

The Early Childhood Study Committee continues to meet to review the structure and practices in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade and make any recommendations for improvement.

The focus for the academic year has been on the preparation for accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This process involves all the preschool and kindergarten programs in the district.

Full-day kindergarten has grown rapidly since its inception seven years ago. There are now eleven full-day classes in the district. The long-range goal is to provide full-day kindergarten to any families who would like their children enrolled in this program.

English Language Arts Curriculum Team

Jana Gardella and Valerie Burdette, Co-Chairs

At the elementary level last year, a color-coded grade level benchmarks document was distributed to all teachers. The document included the curriculum frameworks as well as the district benchmarks in reading, writing and handwriting. Team members are focusing on developing district-wide grade-level rubrics for use in assessing writing. The rubrics will be aligned with the district-wide writing benchmarks. Updated grade-level book lists with the definition of various genres at each grade level are also being added this year.

One important task completed this past year was the Book Swap during which instructional materials at each grade level were identified and moved to the appropriate grade levels. In addition, through the collaboration of elementary classroom teachers, reading specialists and school librarians, novels of various reading levels in each genre were identified. This task made it easier for teachers to differentiate instruction at each grade level.

Elementary teachers on the team are presently focusing on the development of language for the report cards in literacy as well as an analysis of the alignment of benchmarks at the fifth and sixth grade levels.

At the secondary level teachers continued to develop benchmarks in grammar and writing. They have been examining various resources such as pretests and samples of instructional and review materials. Some of these resources have been gathered and others have been created by team members. Teachers on the team have also been involved in a comprehensive analysis of standardized testing. A great deal of effort has been placed on improving skills in answering open response questions on MCAS. Team members have also focused on assisting teachers in improving student skills in topic development and standard English conventions. Team members have also begun investigating ways to improve student performance on the SAT timed writing section. Middle school and high school team members have also been focusing on ways to

improve the transition from 8th to 9th grade. Site visits and follow-up discussions have been a very helpful practice in the transition process.

Science & Technology/Engineering Curriculum Team

Kristen MacDonald, Don Padgett and Don Holm, Chairpersons

The implementation of consistent assessment practices in all grades continues to be an important priority of the members of the Science, Technology, and Engineering Team.

The K-8 Science Curriculum Guide continues to be a workable document. This past year team members devised a chart showing learning topics and assessments by grade level. It was then easy to identify gaps and strengths in the instruction of topics. The goal of the activity has been to provide similar science experiences for each student. This year K-8 team members are in the process of updating the guide with topic maps and pacing guides.

At the high school level, team members have completed a comprehensive item analysis of the 2006 Biology MCAS. The purpose of this activity was to identify curriculum strengths and weaknesses and make any necessary adjustments. The biology MCAS examination is a high school graduation requirement for students in the present freshman class, and most of them will be taking the test in their sophomore year.

Team members continue to be involved in facilitating high quality professional development opportunities in science for teachers across the grade levels. A number of impressive professional development partnerships in science are currently taking place at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

The Arts Curriculum Team

Rebecca Makara and Sherry Stonebraker, Co-Chairs

The members of the Arts Curriculum Team continue their work in the areas of dance, music, theater, and visual arts in our schools.

The development of benchmarks for the music scope and sequence was a major accomplishment this year. Common assessment activities have also been implemented.

At the middle school level, instrumental assessments and sample lessons have been developed. A review of the Smart Music technology is being undertaken to decide on its implementation.

Team members are pleased to note that both music and physical education staff are utilizing the dance room at the high school for classes. Access to the theater has also been helpful as teachers address the variety of standards found in the arts curriculum.

The K-12 Arts Curriculum Team has taken steps to simplify the curriculum document available on line so that individual teachers can access grade-level materials in a more efficient manner.

Social Studies Curriculum Team

Nathaniel Utarro and Joan Buzzell, Co-Chairs

Members of the Social Studies Curriculum Team continue to provide information and resources about the social studies curriculum in a format that is readily accessible to teachers. Each teacher, special education staff member, and specialist is kept up-to-date on the curriculum team's initiatives.

The Social Studies Public Folder is in the process of being revised and updated. The folder consists of grade-level materials including additional social studies resources and common assessment activities.

The secondary classes have been addressing research writing skills development as well as reviewing alignment of changes in the frameworks. An end-of-year assessment is in the process of being developed.

Team members are also reviewing eighth to ninth grade transitions by facilitating teacher meetings for the purpose of ensuring more consistency and agreeing on common expectations. The History MCAS examination will be a high school graduation requirement for those students presently in eighth grade.

The Team continues to recommend professional development opportunities for teachers of new classes and the sharing of resource materials for those classes.

Foreign Languages Curriculum Team

Wendy Ascher, Chair

Developing clear benchmarks and formulating assessment tools at each level, in both French and Spanish, continues to be important goals for members of the Foreign Language Curriculum Study Team.

Conversations involving all middle school and high school foreign language teachers continue to take place. Topics include curriculum development and student expectations. Professional development activities have resulted in improved transition efforts between the middle schools and the high school. Scheduled classroom visits between middle school and high school foreign language teachers continue to result in a wider understanding of both the content and the instructional strategies used at various grade levels.

French and Spanish are currently offered at the high school and at both middle schools. Interest in Latin at the high school continues to grow. Members of the Foreign Language Curriculum Study Team are presently investigating the possibility of offering other languages as well as integrating alternatives such as American Sign Language into the K-12 curriculum.

Health Curriculum Team

Laurie Pardee, Chair

Members of the Health Curriculum Team continue to ensure that health instruction is aligned to the standards found in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Teachers are urged to use an interdisciplinary approach in presenting the seven strands found in the Massachusetts Health Curriculum Framework: growth and development, physical activity and fitness, nutrition, mental health, family life, violence prevention, and community and public health.

Documents detailing the scope and sequence from grades K-12 can be found on our district web page www.nsboro.k12.ma.us

The Growing and Changing unit, traditionally taught in the fifth grade, has been recently updated. School nurses have been partners with classroom teachers in implementing this important study. The revised

unit has been well received by teachers, students, and parents.

This past year members of the Health Curriculum Team helped develop a draft of a wellness policy that will be considered by the school committees in the near future.

English Language Learners Curriculum Team

Rhoda Webb, Chair

The members of the English Language Learners Curriculum Team have been focused on supporting the growing number of students with limited English proficiency attending the district's schools.

The district recently received several commendations in the area of English Language Education during the Coordinated Program Review conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Education. An emphasis this year has been on implementing all protocols. Families are contacted to determine the number of translations necessary to meet the needs of our students.

Translations of notices and handbooks are presently taking place and will be completed within the next year. Guidelines for working with interpreters have been developed.

The extensive training program for teachers is ongoing. The District continues to work closely with the Department of Education and with the Educational Alliance of Brown University to provide staff members with strategies that help English Language Learners maximize their learning.

Mathematics Curriculum Team

Thomas Griffin, Chair

The Mathematics Curriculum Team members continue to facilitate collaborative projects throughout the district. Fourth grade educators in Northborough and Southborough met for a full-day last year to discuss the implementation of the district's benchmarks and to devise common assessment activities. A small group of fifth grade educators from the two towns has been meeting during the summer and fall to ensure consistency of expectations and to further integrate technology into instruction of mathematics in all classrooms.

The K-5 mathematics benchmarks have

been completed and distributed to teachers. They can be found on the district web site. Benchmarks in grades 6-12 are in the final stages of completion.

Members of the mathematics team have been working on improving consistency between the two middle schools. There have also been visits, participation in classes, and co-teaching sessions involving mathematics educators within the middle schools and high school as well as among the schools.

An analysis of the MCAS results continues to take place to identify those areas that need more practice at each grade level. The creation of a question bank (for fractions, decimals, and percents) for grades 6-8 is in the process of being completed.

The members of the Team have also been reviewing the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics new document Focal Points to ensure alignment with the district's benchmarks.

Instructional Technology

Walter L. McKenzie, Director of Technology

Members of the Northborough-Southborough Technology Committee meet on a regular basis. We are continuing the launch of new technology at Algonquin Regional High School, getting everyone connected including wireless access where appropriate. Training and support also continues for teachers using Contribute to update and maintain their teacher web pages, including clients and training for all staff. Training will also continue to be provided for new equipment as the addition/renovation of the building comes to its completion.

Across all three districts we will continue to implement the following goals:

1. Continue to follow the Instructional Technology Plan as a useful document to assist staff in infusing technology into their classroom activities
2. Complete the deployment of technology infrastructure through the Algonquin renovation program
3. Continue ongoing Contribute training with new faculty as the teacher web page initiative enters its second year

4. Continue to use the results of the modified TSAT to plan appropriate professional development workshops for staff
5. Continue the implementation of the iSafe program in grades K-8 through technology and library classes across the district
6. Offer ongoing training to staff on iPass and eSped as we continue to strive for high quality student data
7. Continue curriculum committee work to facilitate the inclusion of technology into instruction as related to the state frameworks
8. Roll out Sophos as a new integrated cross-platform security solution for our systems in place

Grants

The following is a brief summary of the federal and state grants the Northborough Public Schools received in 2006.

Title I Entitlement – \$58,905

Title I provides assistance to the Northborough Schools to help low achieving students meet the state's performance standards. Grants are awarded using a federal formula based on the number of low-income families residing in the district. Northborough Public Schools use Title I funds to pay for tutoring services. Students receive special assistance, not only in English/language arts, but in mathematics as well. Under No Child Left Behind regulations, a percentage of this funding must be shared with private schools that qualify for assistance. Therefore, \$6,576 is spent for reading assistance for students at St. Bernadette's Catholic School.

Title II Part A – Improving Educator Quality – \$37,924

The district is using this money in three basic ways – to support high quality professional development for educators, to encourage teacher mentoring and induction, and to assist with Adequate Yearly Progress assessment efforts. Under No Child Left Behind regulations, a percentage of this funding must be shared with private schools that qualify for assistance. Therefore, \$7,259 is used to provide high quality professional development opportunities to the educators at St. Bernadette's Catholic School.

Title II Part D – Enhanced Educational Technology – \$894

The district is using this modest allocation to enhance professional development offerings in technology. Professional development sessions this year again emphasize the integration of technology into the curriculum. Under No Child Left Behind regulations, a percentage of this funding must be shared with private schools that qualify for assistance. Therefore, \$172 is used for a technology initiative at St. Bernadette's Catholic School.

Title IV – Safe and Drug Free Schools – \$6,271

The purpose of this federal grant is to support programs that prevent violence in and around schools. Research has shown that students who lack a sense of connectedness with school and community are more likely to become involved in risky behavior as adolescents. The district uses this grant to fund social competency programs such as Responsive Classroom and Open Circle. Under No Child Left Behind regulations, a percentage of this funding must be shared with private schools that qualify for assistance. Therefore, \$1,190 is spent on social competency programs at St. Bernadette's Catholic School.

Title V – Innovative Programs – \$1,163

The purpose of this final No Child Left Behind grant is to support educational reform efforts, especially in the area of school media and quality professional development. The district continues to use these funds for innovative classroom or library materials and for professional development opportunities related to assisting English Language Learners. Under No Child Left Behind regulations, a percentage of this funding must be shared with private schools that qualify for assistance. Therefore, \$223 is spent for innovative program assistance for students at St. Bernadette's Catholic School.

Quality Full-Day Kindergarten Grant – \$74,600

The purpose of these funds is to enhance the educational experience of children currently in full-day kindergarten classrooms by improving the quality of curriculum, the con-

tinuity of curriculum across preschool, kindergarten, and grade one and by developing other programmatic components of kindergarten. The district uses these funds to defray the cost of six kindergarten instructional aides.

Early Childhood Special Education Allocation – \$18,749

This grant guarantees that children with disabilities are placed in high quality inclusive programs that meet the federal and state requirements for least restricted environment. The district uses the funds to pay for part of the cost of the preschool integrated programs, with a particular emphasis on services for medically fragile children.

Federal Special Education Entitlement – \$448,927

The purpose of these funds is to ensure that students with special needs receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designed to meet their individual needs. The district uses these funds to defray the cost of several instructional aides, an adaptive physical education teacher, a school psychologist, and a speech and language therapist. Funds are also used to hire consultants to help with training for classroom teachers, special needs personnel, and support staff members.

Special Education Program Improvement – \$16,739

This is a federal grant program designed to support professional development opportunities that focus on helping all students in inclusive classroom settings. The district is using the funds to assist new special education teachers with ongoing professional development, to provide both strategies and support to classroom teachers and special educators who are working with children with mental health issues, and to offer content area professional development in mathematics to special education teachers, tutors, and aides.

Northborough Public Schools

Enrollment by Grades – October 3, 2006

School	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Lincoln		51	45	53	61	61	63				334
Peaslee		53	50	53	49	41	51				297
Proctor		47	31	52	40	45	51				266
Zeh	27	32	59	60	64	55	57				354
Melican								200	204	220	624
Total	27	183	185	218	214	202	222	200	204	220	1,875

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2006–2007

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Sylvia L. Pabreza, A.B., Univ. of Mich.;
M.A., M.Ed., Columbia Univ.
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Emmanuel College

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Joanne M. Giancola, B.S., Framingham
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Nancy R. Kellner, B.A., Trinity College;
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M.L.I.S., Univ. of RI
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SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Technology Aides

Timothy Donovan, ITT Tech. Institute
(Melican Middle School)
Maria Lusk, B.S., Polytechnic Univ. (Zeh
School)
Naomi S. Nystrom, B.S., Ohio Univ.
(Peaslee School)
Linda Postlethwait, B.S., Rochester Inst. of
Tech. (Lincoln Street School)
Bonnie J. Strickland, B.S., Northeastern
Univ. (Proctor School)

Secretaries

Linda A. Brandt (Zeh School)
Linda L. Brannon (Peaslee School)
Sandra J. Burgess (Special Education)
(Melican Middle School)
Karolyn Lanciault (Melican Middle
School)
Maryann T. Lavalley (Proctor School)
Catherine S. Luby (Melican Middle School)
Nena H. Wall (Lincoln Street School)

Non-Instructional Aides

Charlotte A. Brillhart (Proctor School)
Holly L. Evangelista (Peaslee School)
Linda M. Flanigan (Lincoln Street School)
Susan E. Lewis (Zeh School)

Crossing Guards

Sharon A. Johnson (Lincoln Street School)
Harold E. Kinnear (Proctor School)

CAFETERIA PERSONNEL

Theresa M. Locke, Supervisor of Cafeterias

Lincoln Street School

Sandra J. Fouracre, Manager
Cheryl Arsenault
Sharon A. Johnson

Proctor School

Diane M. Thompson, Manager
Susan Sowden

Peaslee School

Margaret M. Flanagan, Manager
Carol Benedict
Joan L. Krouse
Mary A. Sikora

Zeh School

Eileen M. Bersey, Manager

Melican Middle School

Theresa M. Locke, Manager
Nancy Casaceli
Karen Coulombe
Stacey L. Easterling
Debra Y. Intrieri
Denise S. Lincoln
Vasanti Shah

CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL

Thomas H. Maedler, Supervisor of
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Middle School)
Richard J. Agostinelli (Proctor School)
Mark Aselbekian (Melican Middle School)
Magdalen Brewer (Melican Middle School)
Christopher J. Caron (Zeh School)
Aaron Gonzalez, Head Custodian (Lincoln
Street School)
Michael DeCoteau, Head Custodian
(Proctor School)
George W. Falardeau, Head Custodian
(Peaslee School)
Henry J. Grampietro, Jr. (Lincoln Street
School)
Michael T. Kellicker, Head Custodian (Zeh
School)
Pamela M. O'Connor (Melican Middle
School)
Michael R. Renaud (Melican Middle School)
John F. Spirio (Melican Middle School)
Kevin E. Walsh (Peaslee School)

Town of Northborough School Financial Statement

Fiscal Year 2006 – July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

APPROPRIATION:

Regular Education	\$	11,661,323
Special Education	\$	<u>3,222,020</u>
Total Appropriation		\$ 14,883,343

Total Appropriation **\$ 14,883,343**

EXPENDITURES:

REGULAR DAY PROGRAMS

ADMINISTRATION:

School Committee	\$	13,560
Superintendent's Office	\$	207,553
Administrative Support Services	\$	203,350
Total Administration		\$ 424,463

INSTRUCTION:

Supervision	\$	20,300
Principals' Offices	\$	844,277
Teaching (includes Salaries, Workshops, Supplies & Field Trips)	\$	7,585,699
Professional Development	\$	101,680
Textbooks & Instructional Equip	\$	220,433
Library/Media Services	\$	258,446
Guidance Services	\$	94,209
Total Instruction		\$ 9,125,045

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:

Attendance Services	\$	9,275
Health Services	\$	289,497
Pupil Transportation	\$	307,613
Cafeteria Services	\$	-
After School Activities	\$	24,355
Student Body Activities	\$	6,516
Total Other School Services		\$ 637,257

OPERATION OF PLANTS:

Custodial Services (Salaries & Supplies)	\$	600,110
Heating	\$	235,741
Electricity	\$	251,713
Telephones	\$	45,966
Gas	\$	742
Water	\$	11,323
Tech/Telecomm	\$	33,920
Total Operation of Plants		\$ 1,179,514

MAINTENANCE:

Grounds	\$	12,431
Buildings	\$	122,635
Equipment	\$	65,642
Technology Maint	\$	37,952
Total Maintenance		\$ 238,659

LEASE OF BUILDING & EQUIPMENT: **\$ 67,483**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES, REGULAR DAY PROGRAMS **\$ 11,672,422**

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Legal Services	\$	4,767
Supervision	\$	124,568
Teaching (Salaries & Supplies)	\$	1,987,580
Professional Development	\$	1,649
Technology	\$	7,702
Psychological Services	\$	231,223
Health Services	\$	78,772
Transportation	\$	234,133
Telephone	\$	1,687
Equipment Maintenance	\$	7,796
Programs - Other Schools in Massachusetts	\$	394,139
Payments to Collaboratives	\$	<u>130,256</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

SPECIAL EDUCATION **\$ 3,204,272**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 14,876,694

BALANCE RETURNED TO GENERAL FUND:

\$ 6,649

SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNT

INCOME:

Balance from FY05	\$	25,202
Total Receipts, FY06	\$	371,550
Total Revenues		\$ 396,752

Total expenditures

\$ 384,070

BALANCE TO FY07

\$ 12,682

KINDERGARTEN GRANT

Expenditures	\$	59,900
Unexpended Balance	\$	-
Total Grant Received		\$ 59,900

TITLE I

Expenditures	\$	68,199
Unexpended Balance	\$	-
Total Grant Received		\$ 68,199



100TH Anniversary
1906 – 2006

Town Accountant, Treasurer's & Financial Reports

**2006 ANNUAL
REPORT**

TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

Accountant's Report

In accordance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, the Annual Finance Reports for the Town of Northborough, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006 have been submitted.

The data represents a fair and accurate presentation of all material aspects of the Town's financial position and results of its operation. The necessary disclosure has been included to enable the reader to gain maximum understanding of the Town's financial affairs.

The report is based on the Uniform Municipal Accounting System of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

In accordance with the Town's Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) #34 implementation, the financial statements have been done for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

This new accounting standard required an inventory and a value to be placed on all Town and School assets, including roads, buildings, equipment, vehicles, and water and sewer lines. A fixed asset inventory of all capital assets has been completed and the appropriate method of depreciation has been applied to track the value of assets in future years.

Bill Fraher, CPA, has completed the audit of the Town's financial records. A copy of the audit report is available and on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Many thanks to my assistant, Carla McAuliffe, for her effort and hard work. I extend my thanks to the Boards, Commissioners, and Department Heads as well.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ahmed M. Elmi, Town Accountant**

Treasurer/Collector's Department

The Treasurer/Collector's office experienced a productive and challenging year in 2006.

Most notably, we said farewell to Assistant Treasurer/Collector Roberta Powers. A long-time employee, Robbie had served the Treasurer/Collectors office since 1986. We then welcomed our new Assistant Treasurer/Collector, Cheri Cox.

I would like to thank Robbie Powers for her tenure of dedicated and faithful service to the Treasurer/Collector's office.

Finally, I would like to recognize the dedication of our office staff, Cheri Cox, Elaine Dell'Olio, Marijane Pescaro and Wendy Ricciardi. Together, we look forward to serving the Town of Northborough in the coming year.

**Respectfully submitted,
June Hubbard-Ward, Treasurer/Collector**

Town of Northborough – Statement of Net Assets

Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,281,144	1,677,769	9,958,913
Investments	3,413,784	-	3,413,784
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	1,231,129	1,505,271	2,736,400
Due from commonwealth	4,810,970	206,784	5,017,754
Property taxes billed in advance	14,441,665	-	14,441,665
Other assets	328,366	-	328,366
Capital assets:			
Assets not being depreciated	6,203,557	3,940,876	10,144,433
Assets being depreciated, net	34,821,010	13,106,593	47,927,603
<u>Total assets</u>	<u>\$ 73,531,625</u>	<u>20,437,293</u>	<u>93,968,918</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Warrants and accounts payable	\$ 249,339	15,248	264,587
Other accrued liabilities	1,193,389	-	1,193,389
Accrued interest payable	159,721	73,839	233,560
Unearned revenue	14,441,665	-	14,441,665
Notes payable	1,553,975	2,820,000	4,373,975
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year:			
Unamortized net premium on bonds	3,369	-	3,369
Compensated absences	154,302	9,701	164,003
Bonds payable	1,076,000	517,140	1,593,140
Due in more than one year:			
Unamortized net premium on bonds	30,261	-	30,261
Compensated absences	82,370	-	82,370
Bonds payable	8,206,884	4,990,057	13,196,941
<u>Total liabilities</u>	<u>27,151,275</u>	<u>8,425,985</u>	<u>35,577,260</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 30,187,708	8,720,272	38,907,980
Restricted for:			
Specific purposes - expendable	486,325	-	486,325
Specific purposes - nonexpendable	138,085	-	138,085
Unrestricted	15,568,232	3,291,036	18,859,268
<u>Total net assets</u>	<u>\$ 46,380,350</u>	<u>12,011,308</u>	<u>58,391,658</u>

Town of Northborough – Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2006

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Totals
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 2,788,407	499,326	23,786	-	(2,265,295)	-	(2,265,295)
Public safety	4,485,137	1,120,804	314,031	-	(3,050,302)	-	(3,050,302)
Education	30,264,213	506,097	5,874,925	-	(23,883,191)	-	(23,883,191)
Public works	3,643,369	567,238	-	61,757	(3,014,374)	-	(3,014,374)
Human services	606,118	64,312	10,989	-	(530,817)	-	(530,817)
Recreation and culture	1,450,670	432,395	2,500	695,793	(319,982)	-	(319,982)
Interest on debt service	505,200	17,560	-	269,157	(218,483)	-	(218,483)
Total governmental activities	<u>43,743,114</u>	<u>3,207,732</u>	<u>6,226,231</u>	<u>1,026,707</u>	<u>(33,282,444)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,282,444)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Water	1,632,401	1,399,108	-	-	-	(233,293)	(233,293)
Sewer	677,951	710,222	-	-	-	32,271	32,271
Total business-type activities	<u>2,310,352</u>	<u>2,109,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(201,022)</u>	<u>(201,022)</u>
Total government	<u>\$ 46,053,466</u>	<u>5,317,062</u>	<u>6,226,231</u>	<u>1,026,707</u>	<u>(33,282,444)</u>	<u>(201,022)</u>	<u>(33,483,466)</u>
General revenues:							
Property taxes					\$ 28,759,358	-	28,759,358
Excise taxes					2,061,396	-	2,061,396
Payments in lieu of taxes					90,918	-	90,918
Intergovernmental					1,210,194	-	1,210,194
Unrestricted investment earnings					379,777	-	379,777
Miscellaneous					479,437	-	479,437
Total general revenues and transfers					<u>32,981,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,981,080</u>
Changes in net assets					(301,364)	(201,022)	(502,386)
Net assets - beginning of year					46,681,714	12,212,330	58,894,044
Net assets - end of year					<u>\$ 46,380,350</u>	<u>12,011,308</u>	<u>58,391,658</u>

Town of Northborough – Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2006

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,385,562	3,895,582	8,281,144
Investments	-	3,413,784	3,413,784
Receivables:			
Property taxes	330,766	-	330,766
Tax liens and foreclosures	494,161	-	494,161
Motor vehicle excise	217,229	-	217,229
Departmental	-	338,793	338,793
Less: allowance for abatements	(149,820)	-	(149,820)
Due From Commonwealth	4,804,470	6,500	4,810,970
Property taxes billed in advance	14,441,665	-	14,441,665
Total assets	\$ 24,524,033	\$ 7,654,659	\$ 32,178,692
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities:			
Warrants and accounts payable	213,115	36,224	249,339
Other accrued liabilities	1,183,638	-	1,183,638
Notes payable	-	1,553,975	1,553,975
Deferred revenue	20,032,159	345,293	20,377,452
Other liabilities	9,751	-	9,751
Total liabilities	21,438,663	1,935,492	23,374,155
Fund balances:			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances and continued appropriations	454,634	-	454,634
Other specific purposes	-	624,410	624,410
Subsequent year expenditures	1,100,000	-	1,100,000
Unreserved, reported in:			
General fund	1,530,736	-	1,530,736
Special revenue funds	-	6,158,946	6,158,946
Capital projects funds	-	(1,064,189)	(1,064,189)
Total fund balances	3,085,370	5,719,167	8,804,537
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 24,524,033	\$ 7,654,659	\$ 32,178,692

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Town of Northborough – Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Year Ended June 30, 2006

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Revenues:			
Property taxes	\$ 28,815,796	332,790	29,148,586
Excise taxes	2,033,570	-	2,033,570
Payments in lieu of taxes	90,918	-	90,918
Departmental charges for services	703,618	1,360,383	2,064,001
Licenses and permits	527,998	-	527,998
Intergovernmental	6,942,234	1,875,922	8,818,156
Fines and forfeits	2,140	237,633	239,773
Investment income	315,541	64,279	379,820
Other	167,127	424,863	591,990
Total revenues	<u>39,598,942</u>	<u>4,295,870</u>	<u>43,894,812</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,750,916	134,169	1,885,085
Public safety	2,999,604	564,247	3,563,851
Education	23,336,840	1,526,551	24,863,391
Public works	1,998,031	8,317	2,006,348
Human services	415,649	91,891	507,540
Recreation and culture	768,103	389,387	1,157,490
Intergovernmental	245,961	-	245,961
Employee benefits	6,510,720	-	6,510,720
Other	182,165	19,313	201,478
Debt service	1,640,033	102,184	1,742,217
Capital outlay	211,307	842,234	1,053,541
Total expenditures	<u>40,059,329</u>	<u>3,678,293</u>	<u>43,737,622</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(460,387)	617,577	157,190
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in	310,549	100,000	410,549
Operating transfers out	(100,000)	(310,549)	(410,549)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>210,549</u>	<u>(210,549)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net changes in fund balances	(249,838)	407,028	157,190
Fund balance, beginning of year	3,335,208	5,312,139	8,647,347
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 3,085,370</u>	<u>5,719,167</u>	<u>8,804,537</u>

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets

Year Ended June 30, 2006

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 8,804,537

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:

Land and land improvements	6,836,364
Infrastructure assets	28,029,383
Buildings and building improvements	23,140,311
Other capital assets	10,954,337
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(27,935,828)</u>

Total Capital Assets 41,024,567

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred or are not recorded in the funds.

6,264,153

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in funds. These liabilities consist of:

Bonds payable	(9,282,884)
Accrued interest on bonds	(159,721)
Compensated absences	<u>(236,672)</u>

Total long-term liabilities (9,679,277)

Governmental funds report the effects of the costs related to issuing debt and premiums on debt when the debt is issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.

(33,630)

Net assets of governmental activities \$ 46,380,350

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance To Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Resources (inflows):				
Property taxes	\$ 28,609,668	28,609,668	28,834,468	224,800
Excise taxes	1,995,000	1,995,000	2,033,570	38,570
Payments in lieu of taxes	91,000	91,000	90,918	(82)
Departmental charges for services	733,500	733,500	703,618	(29,882)
Licenses and permits	400,000	400,000	527,998	127,998
Intergovernmental	4,624,287	4,624,287	4,597,277	(27,010)
Fines	-	-	2,140	2,140
Investment income	250,000	250,000	315,541	65,541
Other	102,655	102,655	167,127	64,472
Transfers from other funds	230,373	230,373	310,549	80,176
Total resources	<u>37,036,483</u>	<u>37,036,483</u>	<u>37,583,206</u>	<u>546,723</u>
Charges to appropriations (outflows):				
General government	2,040,216	1,759,559	1,733,365	26,194
Public safety	3,076,322	3,200,647	3,057,694	142,953
Education	23,539,795	23,539,795	23,311,170	228,625
Public works	1,920,265	2,035,919	1,997,804	38,115
Human services	433,360	444,623	422,336	22,287
Recreation and culture	745,353	774,768	775,037	(269)
Debt service	1,655,177	1,655,177	1,640,033	15,144
Intergovernmental	256,328	256,328	245,961	10,367
Employee benefits	4,187,407	4,187,407	4,157,762	29,645
Insurance	182,260	182,260	182,165	95
Transfers to other funds	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Total charges to appropriations	<u>38,136,483</u>	<u>38,136,483</u>	<u>37,623,327</u>	<u>513,156</u>
Excess (deficiency) of resources over charges to appropriations	<u>(1,100,000)</u>	<u>(1,100,000)</u>	<u>(40,121)</u>	<u>1,059,879</u>
Fund balance allocation	<u>1,100,000</u>	<u>1,100,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of resources over charges to appropriations and fund balance allocation	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,121)</u>	<u>1,059,879</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>2,564,545</u>	
Fund balance, end of year			<u>2,524,424</u>	

Statement of Net Assets – Proprietary Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Water Enterprise Fund	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Total
<u>Assets</u>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 838,069	839,700	1,677,769
Receivables (net):			
User charges	199,491	73,387	272,878
Liens	12,053	4,681	16,734
Special Assessments	64,993	1,150,666	1,215,659
Due from Commonwealth	-	10,117	10,117
Total current assets	1,114,606	2,078,551	3,193,157
Noncurrent assets:			
Due from Commonwealth	-	196,667	196,667
Capital assets	16,579,332	11,234,808	27,814,140
Accumulated depreciation	(7,868,913)	(2,897,758)	(10,766,671)
Total noncurrent assets	8,710,419	8,533,717	17,244,136
Total assets	\$ 9,825,025	10,612,268	20,437,293
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Warrants and accounts payable	\$ 4,331	10,917	15,248
Accrued interest payable	24,325	49,514	73,839
Notes payable	140,000	2,680,000	2,820,000
Bonds payable	181,500	335,640	517,140
Compensated Absences	7,276	2,425	9,701
Total current liabilities	357,432	3,078,496	3,435,928
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Bonds payable	2,098,486	2,891,571	4,990,057
Total noncurrent liabilities	2,098,486	2,891,571	4,990,057
Total liabilities	2,455,918	5,970,067	8,425,985
<u>Net Assets</u>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,290,433	2,429,839	8,720,272
Unrestricted	1,078,674	2,212,362	3,291,036

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets –
Proprietary Funds – Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	Water Enterprise Fund	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Total
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,322,931	\$ 424,572	\$ 1,747,503
Special Assessments	76,177	285,650	361,827
Total operating revenues	1,399,108	710,222	2,109,330
Operating expenditures:			
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	256,769	87,682	344,451
Energy purchases	612,232	137,999	750,231
Other operating expenses	325,232	44,730	369,962
Depreciation	312,065	165,661	477,726
Total operating expenditures	1,506,298	436,072	1,942,370
Operating income	(107,190)	274,150	166,960
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Interest expense	(126,103)	(224,484)	(350,587)
Other	-	(17,395)	(17,395)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(126,103)	(241,879)	(367,982)
Income before transfers	(233,293)	32,271	(201,022)
Operating transfers in (out)	-	-	-
Changes in net assets	(233,293)	32,271	(201,022)
Net assets, beginning of year	7,602,400	4,609,930	12,212,330
Net assets, end of year	\$ 7,369,107	\$ 4,642,201	\$ 12,011,308

Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Water Enterprise Fund	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Total
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,375,279	853,234	2,228,513
Cash paid to suppliers	(953,320)	(228,366)	(1,181,686)
Cash paid to employees	(256,769)	(87,682)	(344,451)
Net cash provided by operating activities	165,190	537,186	702,376
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Capital expenditures	(270,700)	(220,865)	(491,565)
Interest paid, net of subsidy	(95,343)	(242,971)	(338,314)
Net borrowing (repayments), net of subsidy	(181,000)	(312,213)	(493,213)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities:	(547,043)	(776,049)	(1,323,092)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(381,853)	(238,863)	(620,716)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,219,922	1,078,563	2,298,485
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 838,069	839,700	1,677,769
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided By operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ (107,190)	274,150	166,960
Depreciation, bad debts & reserve	312,065	165,661	477,726
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(23,829)	143,012	119,183
(Decrease) in accounts payable	(15,856)	(45,637)	(61,493)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 165,190	537,186	702,376

Statement of Net Assets – Fiduciary Funds –

Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Agency Funds
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 83,862
Investments	<u>239,392</u>
Total assets	<u>323,254</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	22,430
Other liabilities	<u>300,824</u>
Total liabilities	<u>323,254</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	<u>-</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ -</u>

Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Special Revenue				
	Stabilization	Other	Capital Projects	Permanent	Totals
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 226,651	3,022,464	489,786	156,681	3,895,582
Investments	2,604,210	341,845	-	467,729	3,413,784
Receivables:					
Departmental	-	338,793	-	-	338,793
Due From Commonwealth	-	6,500	-	-	6,500
Total assets	\$ 2,830,861	3,709,602	489,786	624,410	7,654,659
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities:					
Warrants and accounts payable	\$ -	36,224	-	-	36,224
Notes payable	-	-	1,553,975	-	1,553,975
Deferred revenue	-	345,293	-	-	345,293
Total liabilities	-	381,517	1,553,975	-	1,935,492
Fund Balances:					
Reserved For:					
Other specific purposes	-	-	-	624,410	624,410
Unreserved	2,830,861	3,328,085	(1,064,189)	-	5,094,757
Total fund balances	2,830,861	3,328,085	(1,064,189)	624,410	5,719,167
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 2,830,861	3,709,602	489,786	624,410	7,654,659

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds – Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Special Revenue					Totals
	Stabilization	Other	Capital Projects	Permanent		
Revenues:						
Property taxes	\$ -	322,800	-	9,990		332,790
Departmental charges for services	-	1,360,383	-	-		1,360,383
Intergovernmental	-	1,875,922	-	-		1,875,922
Fines and forfeits	-	237,633	-	-		237,633
Investment income	50,595	661	-	13,023		64,279
Other	-	399,817	1,695	23,351		424,863
Total revenues	50,595	4,197,216	1,695	46,364		4,295,870
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	-	129,490	-	4,679		134,169
Public safety	-	564,247	-	-		564,247
Education	-	1,526,451	100	-		1,526,551
Public works	-	8,317	-	-		8,317
Human services	-	91,891	-	-		91,891
Recreation and culture	-	389,387	-	-		389,387
Other	-	-	-	19,313		19,313
Debt service	-	63,700	38,484	-		102,184
Capital outlay	-	285,245	556,989	-		842,234
Total expenditures	-	3,058,728	595,573	23,992		3,678,293
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	50,595	1,138,488	(593,878)	22,372		617,577
Other financing sources (uses):						
Operating transfers in	100,000	-	-	-		100,000
Operating transfers out	-	(274,099)	-	(36,450)		(310,549)
Net changes in fund balances	150,595	864,389	(593,878)	(14,078)		407,028
Fund balance, beginning of year	2,680,266	2,463,696	(470,311)	638,488		5,312,139
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 2,830,861	3,328,085	(1,064,189)	624,410		5,719,167



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**2006 ANNUAL
REPORT**

TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Town Meeting Minutes –

April 24, 2006 – 7:30PM – Algonquin Regional High School, 79 Bartlett Street, Northborough, MA

At the Annual Town Meeting duly called and held in the Algonquin Regional High School, 79 Bartlett Street, Northborough, MA on Monday, April 24, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. to act on the following ARTICLES were voted on in a legal manner.

Quorum Required: 100 voters

Voters present: 448 voters

Checkers: Pauline Brodeur, Doris Crossman, Gen Earle, Maureen Walker, Nancy Casacelli, Louis Leo, Nancy Hart, Joan Bonzaoli, Al Bonazoli.

Tellers: Terry Crean, Nancy McNamara, Larry Beatty, Virginia George, Claire Swan, Nancy Hart.

The Town Moderator, Frederick A. George III, called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Moderator George led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. The Rev. Leonard C. Cowan of the Church of the Nativity gave the invocation.

Moderator George outlined the guidelines of Town Meeting for new members and veteran members. He also outlined the boundaries of the Gym to include all of the floor area.

The Board of Selectmen awarded certifications of appreciation to the following people because of their dedication to the community.

Fran Bakstran – Council on Aging - 5 yrs.
Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund Committee - 3 yrs.

James Casella – Financial Planning Committee - 13 yrs.

Robert Couture – Interim Superintendent of Schools

Catherine Fleury – Community Affairs Committee - 5 yrs.

Joan Frank – Northborough School Committee - 12 yrs.

Rosalie Hentz – Council on Aging - 5 yrs.
Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund Committee - 4 yrs.

Melissa Kane – Cultural Council - 6 yrs.

Kevin Merchant – Regional School Committee - 3 yrs.

Reza Namin – Youth Commission - 6 yrs.

Marie Nieber – Personnel Board - 9 yrs.

Kathleen Polanowicz – Board of Selectmen - 6 yrs.

David Rawlings – Board of Trustees of Special Benevolent Funds - 5 yrs.

Susan Sartori – Financial Planning Committee - 6 yrs.

Peter Stone – Cemetery Commission - 11 yrs.

Lynne Welsh – Conservation Commission - 5 yrs., Open Space Committee - 5 yrs.

Moderator George read the receipt of the return of the posting of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting by the Constable.

Selectman Dawn Rand moved that the Town vote to waive the reading of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

No debate.

Majority Vote Required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 1

Dawn Rand, Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen Moved that the Town vote to ratify the appointment by the Moderator of Gerald Hickman as Deputy Moderator, as provided by Article II, Section 2-2 of the Northborough Home Rule Charter.

No Debate.

Majority Vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 2

Leslie Rutan, Selectman Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into a Compensating Balance Agreement or Agreements pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, if necessary.

Treasurer/Collector June Hubbard-Ward made a brief presentation.

No debate followed.

Majority Vote Required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or other available funds, a sum of money to pay bills incurred in prior years, or act in any way relative thereto.

Town Meeting action is required to pay bills incurred in prior fiscal years. This Article will be passed over if no bills for goods and services incurred in prior fiscal years are presented to the Town.

Barry Brenner, Town Administrator moved that the town pass over this article, as there are no outstanding bills.

No debate.

4/5 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 4

Barry M. Brenner, Town Administrator Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of Thirteen Million Four Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$13,499,197) for Town Government as displayed below, and to meet said appropriation, the following sums available for appropriation be transferred:

From:

Expendable Trust Fund Income (Cemetery)	\$ 36,450
Transfer from Cemetery Trust Fund for Equipment Purchase	\$ 10,000
Conservation Commission Fees	\$ 30,000
Transfer from Police Revolving Account	\$ 102,500
Transfer from Fire Emergency Medical Services Revolving Account	\$ 56,772
Transfer from Recreation Revolving Account	\$ 64,876
Transfer from Dog Control Revolving Account	\$ 12,500
Overlay Surplus	\$ 100,000
Free Cash	\$ 1,000,000

for a total of One Million Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand Ninety Eight Dollars (\$1,413,098), and that the sum of Twelve Million Eighty Six Thousand Ninety Nine Dollars (\$12,086,099) be raised by taxation.

Barry Brenner, Town Administrator gave a detailed presentation on the budget. The Appropriations Committee recommends approval of this warrant article. The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this warrant article. A brief debate followed.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of One Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four Dollars (\$136,654) for the operation of Town Government provided, however, that no sums for this purpose shall be expended unless and until the Town shall have voted to assess taxes in excess of the amount allowed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws (Proposition 21/2).

Override to Proposition 21/2 to fund the Department of Family & Youth Services.

Francis Bakstran, Member of the Board of Selectman Moved to **pass over** this article.

Barry Brenner, Town Administrator gave explanation – funding required has been secured within the main budget.

No debate.

Majority Vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 6

Barry M. Brenner, Town Administrator Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of Three Million Three Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$3,387,962) for Water/Sewer and Solid Waste Funds as displayed below for the operation of the Water/Sewer and Solid Waste Utilities, and to meet said appropriation, the following sums available for appropriations be transferred:

From:

Water Fund Free Cash	\$ 137,644
Sewer Fund Free Cash	\$ 198,102

for a total of Three Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Six Dollars (\$335,746) and that the sum of Three Million Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$3,052,216) be financed from Water/Sewer and Solid Waste Revenues.

Water Fund	\$ 1,639,493
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,027,637
Solid Waste	\$ 720,832
	\$ 3,387,962

Presentations made by Barry Brenner, Town Administrator, Kara Buzanowski, acting DPW Director, and Fred Litchfield, Town Engineer.

Appropriations Committee - recommends approval. The Board of Selectmen - recommends approval

No debate.

Majority Vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 7

Nancy Berglund, Chairperson of the Northborough School Committee Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of Fifteen Million Seven Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$15,776,324) for the operation of the Northborough Public Schools.

Presentation by interim School Superintendent Dr. Robert Couture

Appropriations Committee recommended approval.

No debate.

Majority Vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 8

Joan Frank, Member of the Northborough/Southborough Regional School Committee Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation Northborough's share of the assessment for the operation of the Northborough/ Southborough Regional School District, the sum of Eight Million Eight Hundred Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six Dollars (\$8,814,866).

Presentation by interim School

Superintendent Dr. Robert Couture

Appropriations Committee - recommends approval.

No debate.

Majority Vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 9

Dr. Anthony Poteete, Member of the Northborough/Southborough Regional School Committee Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of Three Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$362,734) for the operation of the Northborough/Southborough Regional School District, provided, however that no sums for this purpose shall be expended unless and until the Town shall have voted to assess taxes in excess of the amount allowed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the Massachusetts General Laws (Proposition 21/2).

Override to Proposition 21/2 to fund Northborough/Southborough Regional High School Operating Budget.

Dr. Anthony Poteete of the Regional School Committee and Dr. Robert Couture, interim school Superintendent presentations.

Appropriations committee - majority disapproved article, yes 2 votes/no 3 votes

Brief debate.

Majority Vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

Motion to reconsider fails

ARTICLE 10

Michael Casaceli, Assabet Valley Regional School Committee Member Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate by taxation Northborough's share of the assessment for the operation of the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District, the sum of Six Hundred Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$631,520).

Michael Casaceli made a brief presentation.

Appropriations Committee - recommends approval.

No debate

Majority Vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 11

Kathleen Polanowicz, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Library Trustees to accept and spend a sum of money received under the Library Incentive and Municipal Equalization Grants, and the Nonresident Circulation Offset program, under the provisions of Chapter 45, of the Acts of 2005, to be used by the Library Trustees for books, automation costs, or in any way that they may benefit the library, and to apply for State aid for the coming fiscal year.

Michelle Rehill, Chair Library Trustees made a brief presentation.

Appropriations Committee - recommends approval.

Majority Vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 12

Francis Bakstran, Selectman Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make such application as may be necessary for Federal and/or State funds or grants, to accept such funds or grants and to expend those funds as required by the various acts, if and when such funds are received.

Allows the Town to apply for grant funds through Federal and/or State agencies.

Presentation made by Town Administrator Barry Brenner.

Appropriation Committee - recommends approval. The Board of Selectmen - recommends approval.

No debate.

Majority Vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 13

Leslie Rutan, Selectman Moved the Town vote to combine Articles 14 through 21 as follows:

Article 14 - Reauthorizes Fire Department Revolving Fund Accounts;

Article 15 - Reauthorizes Police Department Revolving Fund Accounts;

Article 16 - Reauthorizes Dog Officer Revolving Fund Accounts;

Article 17 - Reauthorizes Board of Health Revolving Fund Accounts;

Article 18 - Reauthorizes Community Affairs Committee Revolving Fund Accounts;

Article 19 - Reauthorizes Family and Youth Services Department Revolving Fund Accounts;

Article 20 - Reauthorizes Council on Aging Revolving Fund Accounts;

Article 21 - Reauthorizes Applefest Committee Revolving Fund Accounts;

And in so voting that the Town vote to establish and/or reauthorize revolving fund accounts as stated in Articles 14 through 21 of the Warrant, said revolving accounts being authorized to and for the use of the Fire Department, Police Department, Dog Officer, Board of Health, Community Affairs Committee, Family and Youth Services Department, Council on Aging and Applefest Committee pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

Pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, it is required that these revolving accounts be reauthorized annually

Barry Brenner, Town Administrator made presentation.

Appropriations Committee - recommends approval.

No debate.

Majority Vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 14

Moved that the Town vote to reauthorize revolving accounts authorized to and for the use of the Northborough Fire Department for the receipt of site assessment fees, hazardous materials charges, SARA compliance, training/education programs, alarm fees, Local Emergency Planning, replacement of lost and/or damaged equipment, water supply maintenance and development, and Advanced Life Support/EMS and rescue maintenance; pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the

Massachusetts General Laws authorizes the Northborough Fire Department to maintain revolving fund accounts for the purposes enumerated in this Article. Under this statute, these revolving accounts must be reauthorized annually.

ARTICLE 15

Moved that the Town vote to reauthorize revolving fund accounts authorized to and for the use of the Northborough Police Department for the receipt of the Town's share of traffic enforcement fines and payment of expenses associated with traffic/radar enforcement; pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizes the Northborough Police Department to maintain revolving fund accounts for the purpose stated in this Article. Under this statute, such revolving accounts must be reauthorized annually.

ARTICLE 16

Moved that the Town vote to reauthorize revolving fund accounts authorized to and for the use of the Department of the Northborough Dog Officer for the receipt of dog license fees and related fines which sums shall be utilized to support the Dog Officer's expenditures; pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizes the Department of the Northborough Dog Officer to maintain revolving fund accounts for the purpose enumerated in this Article. Under this statute, such revolving accounts must be reauthorized annually.

ARTICLE 17

Moved that the Town vote to reauthorize revolving accounts authorized to and for the use of the Northborough Board of Health for the receipt of permit fees associated with grease and/or septic disposal, and to expend the receipts for grease and/or septic disposal and related expenses; pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizes the Northborough Board of Health to maintain revolving fund accounts for the purpose enumerated in this Article. Under this statute, such revolving fund accounts must be reauthorized annually.

ARTICLE 18

Moved that the Town vote to reauthorize revolving fund accounts authorized to and for the Community Affairs Committee for the receipt of income, gifts and donations and any other monies and for expenditure in connection with its related expenses; pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizes the Northborough Community Affairs Committee to maintain revolving fund accounts for the purpose enumerated in this Article. Under this statute, such revolving fund accounts must be reauthorized annually.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize revolving fund accounts authorized to and for the Family and Youth Services Department for the receipt of income, gifts and donations and any other monies and for expenditure in connection with its related expenses; pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizes the Northborough Family and Youth Services Department to maintain revolving fund accounts for the purpose enumerated in this Article. Under this statute, such revolving fund accounts must be reauthorized annually.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize revolving fund accounts authorized to and for the Council on Aging for the receipt of income, gifts and donations and any other monies and for expenditure in connection with its related expenses; pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizes the Council on Aging to maintain revolving fund

accounts for the purpose enumerated in this Article. Under this statute, such revolving fund accounts must be reauthorized annually.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize revolving fund accounts authorized to and for the Applefest Committee for the receipt of income, gifts and donations and any other monies and for expenditure in connection with its related expenses; pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.

Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizes the Applefest Committee to maintain revolving fund accounts for the purpose enumerated in this Article. Under this statute, such revolving accounts must be reauthorized annually.

Meeting of Authorization	Article	Purpose	Amount of Balance
April 28, 2003	#29	Repairs to Howard Street	\$ 19,840.00
April 26, 1999	#22	Whitney Street Water Mains	\$ 300,000.00
May 16, 1994	#25	Marlborough Sewer	\$ 21,500.00

ARTICLE 22

Kathleen Polanowicz, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000) for the use of the Northborough Senior Center for architectural design, with related engineering or other work that may be required for a new Senior Center, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000) be raised by borrowing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7(21) or 7(22) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor; subject to the condition that the Town shall have voted at an election to exempt the amounts required to pay for such bonds or notes from the provisions of Proposition 21/2.

Motion made to defer consideration of this article until the first order of business on Tuesday evening.

No debate.

Majority Vote Required.

Motion to defer article until Tuesday evening carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 23

Kara Buzanoski, Acting Public Works Director Moved that the Town vote to rescind certain balances of amounts that have been authorized to be borrowed for various capital projects, but which have not been utilized and which are no longer needed to accomplish the purposes for which such amounts were authorized, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Since these projects have been completed and no funds have been borrowed for these purposes, these balances can be rescinded.

June Hubbard-Ward, Treasurer/Collector made presentation.

Appropriations committee recommends approval.

No debate.

Majority Vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 24

Kara Buzanoski, Acting Public Works Director Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the design and construction of improvements to the Town Water Wells, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) be raised by borrowing, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8(3A) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

At the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, funds were allocated to initiate a water treatment evaluation of the Town Water Wells. This

project involves the continued evaluation, design and construction related to treatment for the Town Water Wells for compatibility with water from the MWRA which supplements Town water resources and compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The cost of this project will be financed by Water Fund fees and charges.

Presentation made by Kara Buzanowski Appropriations Committee - recommends approval. Financial Planning, priority 1 - unanimous approval.

No debate

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 25

Kara Buzanoski, Acting Public Works Director Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the construction of water mains and replacement/repair of water mains, and to meet said appropriation the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) be transferred from the South Street Water Main Project, representing the unexpended balance of Article 21 of the April 28, 2003 Town Meeting, and the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) be raised by borrowing, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8(5) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds, or notes therefor.

- This Project will make improvements to Water Mains in East Main Street and Allen Street. The scheduling of this Project is to coincide with the temporary closing of Allen Street by the State Highway Department to repair the Allen Street Bridge. The cost of this Project will be financed by Water Fund fees and charges.

Presentation made by Kara Buzanowski Appropriation Committee - recommends approval. Financial Planning, priority 2 - unanimous approval.

No debate.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 26

Kara Buzanoski, Acting Public Works Director Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the use of the Northborough Public Works Department Water Division to purchase departmental equipment to replace the 1988 Dump Truck, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) be raised by borrowing, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

The cost of this Project will be financed by Water Fund Fees and charges.

Presentation made by Kara Buzanowski Appropriations Committee - approval. Financial Planning - approval.

No debate.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 27

Kara Buzanoski, Acting Public Works Director Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000) for the design and construction of sewers, and to meet such appropriation the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) be transferred from the Church Street Sewer Project, representing the unexpended balance of Article 30 of the April 28, 1997 Town Meeting, and the sum of One Million Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$1,290,000) be raised by borrowing, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8(15) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- This Project provides for the final design and construction of sewers for Pinehaven Drive, Shady Lane, Jay Avenue, Woodlawn Street and Leland Avenue. The Project will also provide sewer to the Lincoln Street Elementary School. The cost of this Project will be financed by Sewer Fund fees and charges.

Kara Buzanowski made presentation Appropriations Committee - approval Financial Planning - approval.

No debate.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 28

David Durgin, Fire Chief Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$925,000) for the use of the Northborough Fire Department to purchase departmental equipment to replace the 1982 Aerial Ladder Truck and related equipment, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Nine Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$925,000) be raised by borrowing, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

The \$925,000 cost will be offset by \$400,000 in private funds to be received from the Developers of the Avalon Bay Residential Development and the Loop Retail Development on Route 20 near Route 9.

Presentation made by Fire Chief David Durgin.

Appropriation Committee - approval. Financial Planning - approval.

Brief debate

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 29

Leslie Rutan, Selectman Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the use of the Northborough Fire Department for an architectural feasibility study and design, with related engineering or other preliminary work that may be required for Renovation and Addition to the Fire Station, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) be raised by borrowing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7(21) or 7(22) or any other enabling authority, and the

Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

Fire Chief David Durgin made presentation. Appropriations Committee - approval
Financial Planning - approval.

No debate.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 30

Jeff Amberson, Selectman Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to provide improvements to the Police Station, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) be raised by borrowing, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(3A), 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- This Project is to provide exterior building repairs to the Police Station, including roof repairs, replacing rotted trimboards, reflashing doors and windows, replacement of roof gutters and downspouts.

Presentation made by Police Chief Mark Leahy and Det. Brian Griffin.

Appropriations Committee - approval.
Financial Planning - approval.

No debate

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 31

Dawn Rand, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to provide improvements to the Public Works Department Highway Garage, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) be raised by borrowing, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7(3A), 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

This Project is the second stage of provid-

ing improvements to the Public Works Department Highway Garage to comply with the U.S. EPA Regulations and to improve safety and security at the site. Project includes replacing the gas pumps at the Garage. The gas pumps provide fuel to all Municipal Vehicles including Police, Fire and Public Works. The first step of the Project included connecting the Garage to sewer, fencing and gating.

Motion and presentation made by Kara Buzanowski.

Financial Planning - approval.
Appropriations Committee - approval.

No debate.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 32

Kara Buzanoski, Acting Public Works Director Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the use of the Northborough Public Works Department to purchase departmental equipment to replace the 1993 Pick-up Truck with a One-Ton Truck with Plow, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) be raised by borrowing, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

Presentation made by Kara Buzanowski. Financial Planning - approval. Appropriations Committee - approval.

No debate

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 33

Jeff Amberson, Selectman Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to provide Park improvements, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) be raised by borrowing, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7(3A), 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the

Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- This Project provides improvements to Ellsworth-McAfee Park including installation of guardrail fencing, renovation of exercise stations, basketball court resurfacing, and related repairs and improvements.

Presentation made by Acting Public Works Director Kara Buzanowski
Financial Planning - approval. Appropriations Committee - disapproval.

No debate.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 34

Dawn Rand, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court for five (5) additional all-alcoholic beverage pouring licenses with substantially the following wording:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 138 of Massachusetts General Laws, the licensing authority of the Town of Northborough is hereby authorized to issue up to five (5) additional licenses for the sale of all-alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises under the provisions of Section 12 of said Chapter 138. Said licenses shall be restricted to the property to be used for a Commercial Center at property shown on Assessors Maps as follows, on Route 20 near Route 9 to promote economic vitality:

Map	Parcel
108	3
109	15
107	1
106	5
106	6
106	3
106	7
98	2

Said licenses shall be subject to all provisions of said Chapter 138, except Section 17; provided, however, that the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of said

licenses to any other locations," or to take any other action thereon.

Presentation made by Attorney Marshall Gould.

Board of Selectmen - recommends approval.

Some Debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

Motion made to adjourn at 11:08 pm

Motion to adjourn carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote.

**Adjourned Session
Tuesday, April 25, 2006**

At the adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting duly called and held in the Algonquin Regional High School, Northborough, MA on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 7:30pm the following ARTICLES were voted on in a legal manner.

Quorum Required: 100 voters

Voters present: 248 voters

ARTICLE 22

Dawn Rand, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000) for the use of the Northborough Senior Center for architectural design, with related engineering or other work that may be required for a new Senior Center, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000) be raised by borrowing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7(21) or 7(22) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor; subject to the condition that the Town shall have voted at an election to exempt the amounts required to pay for such bonds or notes from the provisions of Proposition 21/2.

Presentations made by Gerry Anderson, Jeff Leland, Kelly Burke, and Bill Sterling (architect).

Appropriations Committee - approval.

Financial Planning - approval.

Much Debate.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 35

Rick Leif, Chairperson of the Planning Board Moved that the Town vote to amend the Northborough Town Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 7-20-110 "Senior Residential Community Overlay District" by deleting the wording found within brackets [] and adding the wording as shown in brackets and underlined [].

7-20-110 Senior Residential Community Overlay District (Amended 4-22-220 ATM, Art. 46)

SENIOR RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY - Subject to the provisions of this article and a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board, a Senior Residential Community (SRC) may be developed and used on any land in any zone for which a Senior Residential Community Overlay District has been approved by a valid amendment to the "Zoning Map - Town of Northborough, Massachusetts."

(1) Objectives - The objectives of the Senior Residential Community are to provide alternative housing for a maturing population; to provide a type of housing which reduces residents' burdens of property maintenance and which reduces demands on municipal services; and to promote flexibility in land use planning in order to improve site layouts, protection of natural features and environmental values and utilization of land in harmony with neighboring properties.

(2) Planning Board Action - A SRC shall require a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall not grant a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval for a SRC unless it shall, after holding a public hearing in accordance with requirements of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, find that:

[(i)] [(a)] the SRC complies with the purposes of the SRC bylaw as stated in this section,

[(ii)] [(b)] the applicant has provided a site plan and impact statement meeting the

requirements of 7-20-040(B) Sections 1 and 2. (Those applicable to a "Retirement Community Park");

[(iii)] [(c)] [the applicant has provided a preliminary subdivision plan showing the development of the tract under the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw without regard to this section, for the purposes of determining density. In nonresidential zoning districts, the preliminary plan shall be designed pursuant to RB zoning district requirements without regard to this section for the purposes of determining density];

[(iv)] [(d)] the SRC is designed and arranged so that it does not significantly alter the character of the neighborhood;

[(v)] [(e)] adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the SRC;

[(vi)] [(f)] the proposed SRC complies with the tract qualifications, density and other dimensional requirements set forth in this article; and
[(g) the total cumulative number of units approved under this section by the Planning Board since January 2002 shall at no time exceed four percent (4%) of the total number of housing units based on the Assessors' records as of January 1st of the year in which the application is filed.]

(3) Qualifications - The following qualifications shall apply to all Senior Residential Communities:

(a) Tract Qualifications - At the time of granting a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board, the property under consideration for a SRC shall be located on one or more contiguous parcels, with definite boundaries ascertainable from a recorded deed or recorded plan, having an area of at least 5 acres, and complying with minimum lot size, minimum lot width and minimum lot frontage for the zone.

(b) Age Qualification - A SRC shall constitute housing intended for persons of age fifty-five or over within the meaning of M.G.L. c. 151B, § 4(6) and 42 USC '§ 3607(b)(2)(c), and in accordance with the same, one hundred percent

(100%) of the dwelling units in a Senior Residential Community shall each be owned and occupied by at least one person fifty-five years of age or older per dwelling unit, and such development shall be operated and maintained in all other respects in compliance with the requirements of said statutes and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. In the event of the death of the qualifying owner/occupant(s) of a unit, or foreclosure or other involuntary transfer of a unit in a SRC, a two-year exemption shall be allowed for the transfer of the unit to another eligible household.

(c) Applicant Qualifications - The applicant for a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval for a SRC shall be the owner of the tract proposed for such development or be authorized in writing by the owner to apply for and be issued such approval, and shall establish to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that the applicant has knowledge, experience and financial resources sufficient to construct and complete the development.

(4) Dimensional Requirements - Except as otherwise provided in this section 7-20-110, [the dwellings] all buildings within a SRC shall not be required to comply with section 7-16-010 or the schedule of dimensional requirements. In place thereof the following requirements shall apply to all Senior Residential Community Overlay Districts.

(a) [Number of Dwelling Units Permitted] [Density] - The maximum number of dwelling units in a SRC shall be computed based on the [following] [number of building lots permitted under a conventional subdivision].

(i) For projects for which at least fifty (50%) percent of the units are single family detached dwellings, the number of units shall not exceed 150% of the number [of building lots] [which would be permitted under a conventional subdivision of the tract of land for which a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval is sought. For purposes of this calculation

the number which would be permitted under a conventional subdivision shall be based upon the ability of the land to be subdivided with each resulting lot satisfying minimum lot area, frontage and all other applicable zoning regulations for the district in which the parcel is located. For purposes of this calculation, the number of resulting lots shall not be reduced by restrictions on building roads or structures arising from the potential effect of G.L. c. 131 § 40 (Wetlands Protection Act) but the actual SRC shall be subject to Section 4(b) below.]

(ii) For projects for which at least fifty (50%) percent of the units are contained in two family or multiple family dwellings the number of units shall not exceed [four units per acre] [the lesser of four units per acre or four units per building lot].

(iii) For purposes of this section, for any lot or parcel which is in two or more zoning districts the applicant may calculate the number of dwellings which could be constructed under a conventional subdivision as if the entire parcel is subject to the minimum lot size and frontage requirements applicable to the [least] [most] restricted of those zoning districts which permits residential use.

(b) Density and Minimum Open Space:

(i) At least fifty [percent] (50%) of the area of the parcel shall be Open Space;

(ii) [No SRC shall contain more total floor area than an amount equal to forty (40%) percent of the amount of upland (total land less wetland) on the lot]; [Amended 4-26-2005 ATM, Art. 40]

(iii) The total area of the lot which is covered by buildings shall not exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of the amount of upland on the lot.

(c) Ownership of Open Space - The open space shall be owned in common by the owners of the dwelling units in the

SRC, or by an organization or entity made up of, owned or controlled by such dwelling unit owners. If, in the opinion of the Planning Board, the common ownership or unit owner organization is not sufficient to assure compliance with this provision, the Board may make as a condition of the Special Permit with Site Plan Approval that an enforceable restriction shall be recorded on all open space parcels providing that such land shall be kept in an open or natural state and not be built for residential use or developed for accessory uses such as parking, roadway or active recreation.

(d) Perimeter Buffer - A buffer between structures in a SRC and abutting properties is required around the entire SRC perimeter which buffer shall be at least the minimum applicable front yard setback requirement for the zone in which that portion of the property is located.

(e) Maximum Height - No building constructed in a SRC shall exceed 35 feet in height.

(f) Maximum Number of Bedrooms - No dwelling unit constructed in a SRC shall contain more than three bedrooms. All units must have at least one bedroom on the first floor.

(g) Accessory Buildings and Structures - In a SRC, accessory buildings and structures may be permitted, including clubhouse, swimming pool, [tennis court], cabanas, storage and maintenance structures, and other customary accessory structures. Accessory buildings and structures shall be shown on the Site Plan. The [floor area and] lot coverage area of those buildings [(but not structures such as tennis courts, which are not also buildings)] shall be included in the density and open space calculations set forth above.

(h) Interrelationship of Buildings - [The proposed buildings shall be related harmoniously to each other with adequate light, air, circulation, privacy and separation between buildings.] Buildings shall comply with a minimum separation of ten (10) feet from each

other and all other structures in the development.

(5) Additional Requirements - The following additional requirements shall apply to all Senior Residential Communities:

(a) Parking - Two parking spaces shall be provided for each dwelling unit (with the exception of one bedroom units, which shall require one parking space per unit), in reasonable proximity to the dwelling, or in garages. Additional parking in proximity to any clubhouse or other facility serving residents in common, or guest parking, shall be provided in off-street parking areas, provided that no single accessory parking area shall contain more than eight parking spaces, and all such areas shall be adequately landscaped.

(b) Private Roads - Roads and driveways within a SRC shall meet reasonable width, grades, radius of curvature and construction standards as the Planning Board shall determine, so as to accommodate emergency vehicles including but not limited to police, fire and ambulance, but shall not necessarily need to meet the standards provided in the regulations governing subdivisions, as is deemed necessary to meet site conditions and design requirements. In no circumstances shall the roadway width be less than twenty-four (24) feet from curb to curb. No building permit shall be issued until such time as the developer posts a bond with the Planning Board to guarantee the completion of the roadways in accordance with the Planning Board requirements.

(c) Other Facilities - All facilities for utility services, drainage, lighting and signage shall be in accordance with requirements established by the Planning Board, consistent with applicable provisions of the Zoning Bylaw and the regulations governing subdivisions, as the same may be waived or modified by the Planning Board to meet site conditions and design requirements.

(d) Project Maintenance - In every SRC there shall be an organization of the owners of the dwelling units which

shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of internal roads and driveways, snow plowing, landscape maintenance, trash removal, utility services and maintenance and repair of other common elements and facilities serving the residents, and the Town of Northborough shall not be responsible therefor.

(e) Wastewater Disposal - In every development wastewater disposal shall comply with the regulations of the Northborough Board of Health and Applicable Department of Environmental Protection Regulations.

(6) In the event of a violation of law, an unauthorized sale or lease of the approved development site or any dwelling unit therein, development that deviates from the site plan approved or any requirements of this article, any use of the property that is not permitted by this Article in the SRC, the failure to maintain open space or if the applicant or subsequent owners shall otherwise fail or neglect to comply with the conditions and safeguards imposed by this article, the Building Inspector or Zoning Enforcement Officer may deliver a stop order to the person in violation or his agent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by posting the same in a conspicuous location on said site. The order shall describe the nature of the violation, and the date on which said order shall expire. Failure of the Town to deliver a stop order for any reason shall not prevent the Town from pursuing any other legal remedy permitted under law. Any person who shall violate the provisions of a stop order shall be deemed in violation of the zoning bylaw.

(7) Effect of Overlay District - Land in a Senior Residential Community Overlay District may be used in conformity with all zoning applicable to the underlying district(s) until such time as a project granted a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval is actually built and used in conformity with this article.

(8) If any section of this by-law is ruled invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling will not affect the validity of the remainder of the by-law.

Between 2002 and 2003, three SRC developments were approved in this community for a total of 121 age restricted units. After working with the bylaw for three years, the Planning Board is proposing a cap be placed on how many SRC units may be built in a given year. These amendments also represent clarifications to the bylaw.

Presentation made by Rick Leif and Bob Rosenberg from the Planning Board. Planning Board recommendation - 4 in favor, 1 against. Municipal Code and Bylaw Committee - approval. Some debate.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 36

John Campbell, Chairperson of the Community Preservation Committee Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) from the Community Preservation Fund revenues and place said amount in the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for the purpose of future open space acquisitions.

John Campbell made a brief presentation before making his motion with permission from the Moderator. After the motion was read, Mr. Campbell continued his presentation. Appropriations Committee - approval. Short debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 37

John Campbell, Chairperson of the Community Preservation Committee Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) from the Community Preservation Fund revenues and place said amount in the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve.

John Campbell made motion and a brief presentation. Appropriations Committee - approval.

No debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 38

John Campbell, Chairperson of the Community Preservation Committee Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Community Preservation Fund revenues to the Northborough Free Library for the renovation of the 1894 library building including foundation and exterior walls; thermal and moisture protection; windows and doors; finishes to walls, floors, and ceilings; upgrades to the mechanical, electrical, and fire protection systems; and new fittings in the children's program room.

John Campbell made motion and a brief presentation

Appropriations Committee - disapproval.

Financial Planning - approval 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstained.

Some debate and opinion from town counsel.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 39

John Campbell, Chairperson of the Community Preservation Committee Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Community Preservation Fund revenues to the Northborough Historical Commission for a comprehensive survey of the Town's historical resources.

John Campbell made presentation.

Appropriations Committee - approval.

Financial Planning - approval.

Some debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 40

John Campbell, Chairperson of the Community Preservation Committee Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$3,100) from the Community Preservation Fund revenues to the Northborough Trails Committee, a subcommittee of the Northborough Open Space Committee, for

equipment and supplies associated with trail development.

John Campbell made presentation.

Appropriations Committee - approval.

No debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 41

John Campbell, Chairperson of the Community Preservation Committee Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$1,322) from the Community Preservation Fund revenues to the Northborough Parks & Recreation Commission for the illumination of the Ellsworth-McAfee Park flagpole.

John Campbell made presentation.

Appropriations Committee - disapproval.

Short debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 42

John Campbell, Chairperson of the Community Preservation Committee Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) from the Community Preservation Fund revenues to the Northborough Community Preservation Committee for expenses associated with the implementation of the Community Preservation Act including but not limited to clerical assistance, office supplies, property surveys, appraisals, attorney's fees, and other professional services, recording fees, printing and all other necessary and proper expenses for the Fiscal Year 2007.

John Campbell made presentation.

Appropriations Committee - approval.

No debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 43

John Coderre, Assistant Town Administrator Moved that the Town vote to (i) revoke the designation of the South East Industrial

Sector Economic Opportunity Area, as previously approved by Article 17 of the April 26, 1999 Annual Town Meeting, and as amended by Article 7 of the March 13, 2000 Special Town Meeting; (ii) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council of the Commonwealth to revoke such designation pursuant to Section 3E of Chapter 23A of the General Laws, and take such other and further action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article; or (iii) take any other action relative thereto.

Presentation made by John Coderre.

Industrial Development Commission - approval. Board of Selectmen - recommends approval.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 44

John Coderre, Assistant Town Administrator Moved that the Town vote to (a) designate as an Economic Opportunity Area the property at 210 Bartlett Street in Northborough, Massachusetts, shown as Lot 15 on Assessors Map 66, as described in the Town of Northborough's Economic Opportunity Area Application for the A. Duie Pyle Economic Opportunity Area; (b) approve the Certified Project application for the development of a new facility to be located within the A. Duie Pyle Economic Opportunity Area; (c) approve the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan including designation of a TIF Zone as described in the A. Duie Pyle, Inc. TIF Plan; and (d) authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute a Tax Increment Financing Agreement, all substantially in the form of such documents on file with the Town Clerk, and to submit all such documents to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council, or take any other action relative thereto.

- The TIF Agreement is for a 10 year period. The Company plans on constructing a 110,000 square foot warehouse and distribution facility in 2 phases. Company investing \$10.9 million. In return, Town provides tax exemption on property improvements as follows:

FY 2008	50%
FY 2013	5%
FY 2009	40%
FY 2014	4%
FY 2010	30%
FY 2015	3%
FY 2011	10%
FY 2016	2%
FY 2012	10%
FY 2017	1%

Presentation made by John Coderre.
Industrial Development Commission - recommends approval.
Board of Selectmen - recommends approval.
Short debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 45

Kathleen Polanowicz, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen Moved that the Town vote to increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A from \$20,000 to \$40,000, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006.

- Provides expanded eligibility for Elderly to participate in Property Tax Deferral Program.

Presentation made by June Hubbard-Ward.
Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
No debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 46

Francis Bakstran, Selectman Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Intermunicipal Joint Purchasing Agreement pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4A for the provision of technology solutions and related consulting and support services with the Community Software Consortium, preserving the rights and privileges established in prior agreement(s). The duration of this agreement, in accordance to

statute, shall be for not more than 25 years, with the ability of the community to withdraw from this agreement at any time. The annual obligation of the municipality under this agreement will be paid from the participating departments' expense appropriations. The annual obligation is determined by membership vote pursuant to the consortium's bylaws.

- Agreement provides continued use to the Board of Assessors of the Software System used for Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA).

Presentation by Diane O'Connor, principal assessor.

No debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 47

Francis Bakstran, Selectman Moved that the Town vote, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4A, to authorize the Board of Health to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, or take any other action relative thereto.

Presentation made by Glenn French, Chairman of the Board of Health.

No debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 48

Leslie Rutan, Selectman Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for the disposal of solid waste pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 12(f), for a term not to exceed twenty years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

- The Town's 1985 contract with the Wheelabrator Incinerator in Millbury for disposal of Solid Waste is expiring in FY

2008 (December 31, 2007); a renewal contract has been negotiated by the Central Massachusetts Resource Recovery Committee consisting of representatives of the Cities and Towns that use the Incinerator.

The renewal contract provides for a new 20-year Agreement with a Tipping Fee at a rate not to exceed \$70.50 per ton effective January 1, 2008. The actual rate will be based on changes in the Consumer Price Index between January 1, 2005 and January 1, 2008.

Each year after January 1, 2008, the contract will increase at a rate of three-fourths of the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index.

Presentation made by Town Engineer Fred Litchfield.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval.
No debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 49

John Coderre, Assistant Town Administrator Moved that the Town vote to amend the Consolidated Personnel Bylaw as printed in the handout (copies of which were available in the Town Clerk's Office continuously prior to the posting of the Warrant until the time of Town Meeting) entitled "Article 49 - Consolidated Personnel Bylaw Amendments - 2006 Annual Town Meeting."

Presentation made by John Coderre.
Personnel Board - approval.
Municipal Code & Bylaw - approval.

No debate.

Majority vote required.

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 50

Shirley Lundberg, Northborough School Committee Member Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) for the use of the Northborough School Department for the purpose of making extraordinary repairs, renovations, and/or purchasing equipment of a capital nature at the Melican Middle School,

and to meet said appropriation the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000) be raised by borrowing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7(3A) and 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- Sound Improvement System to Teaching Center at Melican Middle School **\$34,000**

Dr. Robert Couture, interim Superintendent of Schools made presentation.

Appropriations Committee - approval.

Financial Planning - approval.

2/3 vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 51

Shirley Lundberg, Northborough School Committee Member Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the use of the Northborough School Department for the purpose of making extraordinary repairs, renovations, and/or purchasing equipment of a capital nature at the Melican Middle School, and to meet said appropriation the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) be raised by borrowing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7(9) and 7(29) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- Teaching Center Floor Leveling at Melican Middle School **\$40,000**

Dr. Robert Couture, interim Superintendent of Schools made presentation

Appropriations Committee - recommends approval.

Financial Planning - approval.

No debate.

2/3 vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 52

Joan Frank, Northborough School Committee Member Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Ninety Six Thousand

Four Hundred Fifty (\$96,450) for the use of the Northborough School Department for the purpose of making extraordinary repairs, renovations, and/or purchasing equipment of a capital nature at the Melican Middle School, and to meet said appropriation the sum of Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$96,450) be raised by borrowing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- Elevator Repair at Melican Middle School **\$96,450**

Dr. Robert Couture, interim Superintendent of Schools made presentation.

Appropriations Committee - approval.

Financial Planning - approval.

No debate.

2/3 vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 53

Susan Sartori, Northborough School Committee Member Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$31,977) for the use of the Northborough School Department for the purpose of making extraordinary repairs, renovations, and/or purchasing equipment of a capital nature at the Melican Middle School and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$31,977) be raised by borrowing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7(3A) and 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- Door hardware replacement at Melican Middle School **\$31,977**

Dr. Robert Couture, interim Superintendent of Schools made presentation.

Appropriations Committee - recommends approval.

Financial Planning - recommends approval.

No debate.

2/3 vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 54

Karen Richardson, Northborough School Committee Member Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$111,802) for the use of the Northborough School Department for computer equipment for the multi-year technology update for the Northborough School Department, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$111,802) be raised by borrowing, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7(28) and 7(29) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- Multi-year Technology Update **\$111,802**

Dr. Robert Couture, interim Superintendent of Schools made presentation.

Appropriations Committee - recommends approval.

Financial Planning - recommends approval.

No debate.

2/3 vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 55

Karen Richardson, Northborough School Committee Member Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty One Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$51,050) for the use of the Northborough School Department for the purpose of making extraordinary repairs, renovations, and/or purchasing equipment of a capital nature at the Northborough K-8 Schools, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Fifty One Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$51,050) be raised by borrowing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- Replace Kitchen Equipment **\$51,050**

Dr. Robert Couture, interim Superintendent of Schools made presentation
Appropriations Committee - recommends approval.
Financial Planning - recommends approval.
No debate.

2/3 vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 56

Joan Frank, Northborough School Committee Member Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$330,000) for the use of the Northborough School Department for the purpose of making extraordinary repairs, renovations, and/or purchasing equipment of a capital nature at the Peaslee School, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$330,000) be raised by borrowing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- Roof Replacement at Peaslee School
\$330,000

Dr. Robert Couture, interim Superintendent of Schools gave presentation.
Appropriations Committee - recommends approval.
Financial Planning - recommends approval.
No debate.

2/3 vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 57

Susan Sartori, Northborough School Committee member Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$28,850) for the use of the Northborough School Department for the purpose of making extraordinary repairs, renovations, and/or purchasing equipment of a capital nature at the Peaslee School and Melican Middle School, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$28,850) be raised by borrowing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue bonds or notes therefor.

- Furniture replacement at Peaslee School and Melican Middle School \$28,850

Susan Sartori made motion. Dr. Robert Couture, interim Superintendent of Schools made presentation.
Appropriations Committee - recommends approval.
Financial Planning - recommends disapproval.
Short debate.

2/3 vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 58 CITIZENS' PETITION

Mark Fidrych, Petitioner Moved that the Town of Northborough vote to amend the Zoning Map for the Town of Northborough so that the land known as 260 West Street, Map 59, Parcel 12, shall be included in the Senior Residential Community Overlay District as defined in Sec. 7-20-110 of the Northborough Zoning Bylaws, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

Presentation made by Mark Fidrych.
Planning Board - opposed this article by unanimous vote.
Municipal Code and Bylaw - passed over/no recommendation.

Lengthy debate.

Motion made by Selectman Dawn Rand to pass over this article.

2/3 vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 59 CITIZENS' PETITION

To see if the Town of Northborough vote to use \$16,000 from the EMS Revolving Account for the purchase of eight (8) Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). Seven AED's will be placed in the Town's police cruisers and one will be kept at the Police Station. Northborough Police Officers are the first responders to every ambulance call, and all Officers have been trained and certified in the use of AED's per the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee regulations. In the event of cardiac arrest, it is critical the defibrillation occur as quickly as possible. A delay of minutes can often mean the difference between life and death. We propose that Northborough follow the recommendation of health professionals by making AED's available for our first line responders, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

Jeff Amberson moved to pass over this article. Explanation: funding made available jointly by the Fire Department and Police Department.

Majority vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

ARTICLE 60

To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and to act thereon; also to choose any committee the voters deem necessary, and to appropriate money for their use, or act in any way relative thereto.

Dawn Rand moved to pass over this article.

Majority vote required

Motion carried in the affirmative by a unanimous vote

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 pm April 25, 2006.

**Respectfully submitted,
Andrew T. Dowd, Town Clerk**

Annual Town Election – May 8, 2006

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Town Moderator					
Frederick A. George, Jr. (re)	725	605	728	767	2825
Write-ins	13	5	5	4	27
Blanks	125	187	161	198	
Total votes	863	797	894	969	3523

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Board of Selectmen					
Kenneth Jeff Amberson(re)	482	454	505	601	2042
Mitchell Gordon	503	377	439	511	1830
William J. Pantazis	418	445	510	496	1869
Write-ins	2	7	3	8	20
Blanks	321	311	331	322	1285
Total votes	1726	1594	1788	1938	7046

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Planning Board					
George Pember(re)	659	568	628	685	2540
Robert Rosenberg(re)	513	449	512	607	2081
Write-ins	3	4	6	7	20
Blanks	551	573	642	639	2405
Total votes	1726	1594	1788	1938	7046

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Northborough School Committee 3 yr					
Susan Sartori (re)	570	506	574	637	2287
Cecil Adderley	577	473	545	585	2180
Write-in	7	10	6	6	29
Blanks	572	605	663	710	2550
Total votes	1726	1594	1788	1938	7046

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Nboro votes for NB/SB Regional School					
Northborough Candidate					
Anthony Poteete (re)	570	485	530	572	2157
Susan Sartori	574	514	574	629	2291
Write-ins	7	5	4	8	24
Blanks	575	590	680	729	2574
Total votes	1726	1594	1788	1938	7046

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Sboro votes for NB/SB Regional School					
Northborough Candidate					
Anthony Poteete (re)					850
Susan Sartori					849
Total votes Regional School Northboro					3007
Poteete					3140
Sartori					

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Northborough Vote for NB/SB Regional School					
Southborough Candidate					
Janice L. Hunt	538	438	500	538	2014
Beth A. Wittcoff	521	405	469	510	1905
Write-ins	4	4	2	4	14
Write-ins	2	1	3	3	9
Blanks	661	746	814	883	3104
Total votes	1726	1594	1788	1938	7046

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Southborough Vote for NB/SB Regional School					
Southborough Candidate					
Janice L. Hunt					975
Beth A. Wittcoff					872

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Total votes for NS/SB Regional School Committee					
Hunt					2989
Wittcoff					2777

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Assabet Valley Regional School Committee					
Michael C. Casaceli	620	533	630	669	2452
Write-ins	5	3	3	1	12
Blanks	238	261	261	299	1059
Total Votes	625	536	633	670	3523

QUESTION	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Question 1 - Addtl \$136,654 Taxes Family & Youth Services					
YES	391	343	378	412	1524
NO	379	371	414	463	1627
BLANKS	93	83	102	94	372
TOTAL	863	797	894	969	3523

QUESTION	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Question 2 - Addtl \$362,734 Taxes for operation of ARHS reg school					
YES	464	391	418	495	1768
NO	397	402	466	466	1731
BLANKS	2	4	10	8	24
TOTAL	863	797	894	969	3523

QUESTION	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Southborough Votes for ARHS override question					
YES					855
NO					520

QUESTION	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Total Northborough/Southborough votes for ARHS override question					
YES					2623
NO					2250

QUESTION	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Question 3 - Exempt from 2-1/2 Architectural Design for New Senior Center					
YES	445	343	416	469	1673
NO	393	431	459	481	1764
BLANKS	25	23	19	19	86
TOTAL	863	797	894	969	3523

Total Reg Voters Prec. 1	2229	Total Reg Voters Prec. 2	2235
Total Reg Voters Prec. 3	2196	Total Reg Voters Prec. 4	2318
*Total Number Registered	8978	Total Votes Cast in Precinct 1	863
Total Votes Cast in Precinct 2	796	Total Votes Cast in Precinct 3	894
Total Votes Cast in Precinct 4	969		
Total Votes Cast	3522	Voter Turnout	39.22%

*As of April 4, 2006: Deadline to register to vote for Annual Town Election in Northborough

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State Primary Election – September 19, 2006

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Democrat					
Senator in Congress					
Edward M. Kennedy	424	373	392	438	1627
Write-ins	9	11	11	10	41
Blanks	100	85	89	102	376
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

GOVERNOR					
Christopher F. Gabrieli	142	118	122	170	552
Deval L. Patrick	290	266	277	315	1148
Thomas F. Reilly	95	82	92	62	331
Write-ins	0	2	0	0	2
Blanks	6	1	1	3	11
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
Deborah B. Goldberg	82	72	99	98	351
Timothy P. Murray	366	319	307	354	1346
Andrea C. Silbert	57	55	64	71	247
Blanks	28	23	22	27	100
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

ATTORNEY GENERAL					
Martha Coakley	417	351	390	408	1566
Write-ins	3	3	3	2	11
Blanks	113	115	99	140	467
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

SECRETARY OF STATE					
William Francis Galvin	377	321	364	382	1444
John Bonifaz	78	63	59	69	269
Write-ins	1	2	1	2	6
Blanks	77	83	68	97	325
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

TREASURER					
Timothy P. Cahill	398	344	388	385	1515
Write-ins	2	4	2	3	11
Blanks	133	121	102	162	518
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

AUDITOR					
A. Joseph DeNucci	382	324	374	373	1453
Write-ins	2	3	1	2	8
Blanks	149	142	117	175	583
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

United States Rep. – Third District					
James P. McGovern	437	384	404	435	1660
Write-ins	3	7	2	7	19
Blanks	93	78	86	108	365
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Governor's Councillor – Seventh District – Precinct 1, 2, 4					
Brian J. Buckley	68	66	0	84	218
John C. Burke	32	25	0	24	81
Brian D'Andrea	97	99	0	91	287
Thomas J. Foley	140	113	0	138	391
Daniel S. O'Connor	49	36	0	31	116
Write-ins	0	1	0	1	2
Blanks	147	129	0	181	457
TOTALS	533	469	0	550	1552

Governor's Councillor – Third District – Precinct 3					
Marilyn M. Pettito Devaney	0	0	340	0	340
Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	0	151	0	151
TOTALS	0	0	492	0	492

Senator in General Court – Middlesex & Worcester District – Precinct 3					
Pamela P. Resor	0	0	376	0	376
Write-ins	0	0	4	0	4
Blanks	0	0	112	0	112
TOTALS	0	0	492	0	492

First Worcester District – Precinct 1, 2, 4					
Harriette L. Chandler	328	310	0	358	996
Deirdre Healy	133	105	0	118	356
Write-ins	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	72	54	0	73	199
TOTALS	533	469	0	550	1552

Representative in General Court (State Rep) – 2th Worcester District					
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	420	361	387	434	1602
Write-ins	3	3	1	2	9
Blanks	110	105	104	114	433
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Middle District					
Joseph D. Early Jr.	336	298	289	322	1245
Daniel Joseph Shea	118	102	139	124	483
Write-ins	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	79	69	64	103	315
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

CLERK OF COURTS – Worcester County					
Dennis P. McManus	385	317	361	359	1422
Write-ins	1	3	3	1	8
Blanks	147	149	128	190	614
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

REGISTER OF DEEDS – Worcester District					
Anthony J. Vigliotti	382	319	370	363	1434
Write-ins	1	2	1	1	5
Blanks	150	148	121	186	605
TOTALS	533	469	492	550	2044

State Primary Election – September 19, 2006

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Republican					
Senator in Congress					
Blanks	5	5	5	5	20
Kenneth G. Chase	18	23	22	16	79
Kevin P. Scott	14	24	26	28	92
Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
GOVERNOR					
Kerry Healey	30	45	47	42	164
Write-ins	3	0	2	3	8
Blanks	4	7	5	4	20
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
Reed V. Hillman	31	43	41	40	155
Write-ins	1	0	1	0	2
Blanks	5	9	12	9	35
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
Larry Frisoli	31	39	44	39	153
Write-ins	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	6	12	10	10	38
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
SECRETARY OF STATE					
Write-ins	1	5	5	1	12
Blanks	36	47	49	48	180
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
TREASURER					
Write-ins	0	5	3	2	10
Blanks	37	47	51	47	182
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
AUDITOR					
Write-ins	1	4	4	0	9
Blanks	36	48	50	49	183
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
United States Rep. – Third District					
Write-ins	1	3	5	0	9
Blanks	36	49	49	49	183
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
Governor's Councillor – Seventh District – Precinct 1,2,4					
Write-ins	1	2	0	0	3
Blanks	36	50	0	49	135
TOTALS	37	52	0	49	138
Governor's Councillor – Third District – Precinct 3					
Write-ins	0	0	3	0	3
Blanks	0	0	51	0	51
TOTALS	0	0	54	0	54

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Senator in General Court					
Middlesex & Worcester District – Precinct 3					
Write-ins	0	0	3	0	3
Blanks	0	0	51	0	51
TOTALS	0	0	54	0	54
First Worcester District – Precinct 1, 2, 4					
Paul E. Nordborg	27	34	0	36	97
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	10	18	0	13	41
TOTALS	37	52	0	49	138
Representative in General Court (State Rep)					
Twelfth Worcester District					
Write-ins	1	1	3	0	5
Blanks	36	51	51	49	187
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
DISTRICT ATTORNEY – Middle District					
Write-ins	1	1	3	1	6
Blanks	36	51	51	48	186
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
CLERK OF COURTS					
Worcester County					
Write-ins	1	1	3	0	5
Blanks	36	51	51	49	187
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
REGISTER OF DEEDS					
Worcester District					
Write-ins	1	0	3	0	4
Blanks	36	52	51	49	188
TOTALS	37	52	54	49	192
*Total Registered Voters Pct. #1		2250			
*Total Registered Voters Pct. #2		2259			
*Total Registered Voters Pct. #3		2238			
*Total Registered Voters Pct. #4		2337			
*Total Number Registered		9084			
Total votes cast Pct. #1		570			
Total votes cast Pct. #2		521			
Total votes cast Pct. #3		546			
Total votes cast Pct. #4		599			
Total votes cast		2236			
Voter turnout		24.61%			

**As of the August 30, 2006 deadline to register to vote for the State Primary Election*

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State Election – November 7, 2006

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Senator in Congress					
Edward M. Kennedy	996	905	922	903	3726
Kenneth G. Chase	495	524	572	662	2253
Blanks	51	41	56	44	192
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
GOVERNOR					
Healey and Hillman	610	575	654	711	2550
Patrick and Murray	783	746	732	764	3025
Mihos and Sullivan	102	102	121	91	416
Ross and Robinson	33	27	32	33	125
Blanks	14	20	11	10	55
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
Martha Coakley	1039	923	985	996	3943
Larry Frisoli	436	484	483	534	1937
Blanks	67	63	82	79	291
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
SECRETARY OF STATE					
William Francis Galvin	1131	1042	1112	1110	4395
Jill E. Stein	254	270	268	316	1108
Blanks	157	158	170	183	668
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
TREASURER					
Timothy P. Cahill	1138	1049	1118	1110	4415
James O'Keefe	232	251	237	284	1004
Blanks	172	170	195	215	752
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
AUDITOR					
A. Joseph DeNucci	1055	1001	1071	1085	4212
Rand Wilson	292	271	264	299	1126
Blanks	195	198	215	225	833
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
United States Rep. Third District					
James P. McGovern	1218	1145	1160	1198	4721
Blanks	324	325	390	411	1450
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Governor's Councillor - Seventh District - Precinct 1,2,4					
Thomas J. Foley	1143	1059		1133	3335
Blanks	399	411		476	1286
TOTALS	1542	1470	0	1609	4621

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Governor's Councillor - Third District - Precinct 3					
Marilyn M. Pettito Devaney	0	0	1041	0	1041
Blanks	0	0	509	0	509
TOTALS	0	0	1550	0	1550

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Representative General Court (State Rep) - 12th Worcester Dist.					
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	1217	1146	1144	1241	4748
Blanks	325	324	406	368	1423
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Senator in General Court - Middlesex & Worcester District - Precinct 3					
Pamela P. Resor	0	0	1121	0	1121
Blanks	0	0	429	0	429
TOTALS	0	0	1550	0	1550

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
First Worcester District - Precinct 1, 2, 4					
Harriette L. Chandler	943	885		930	2758
Paul E. Nordborg	477	470		561	1508
Blanks	122	115		118	355
TOTALS	1542	1470	0	1609	4621

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Middle District					
Joseph D. Early Jr.	1173	1110	1132	1169	4584
Blanks	369	360	418	440	1587
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
CLERK OF COURTS - Worcester County					
Dennis P. McManus	1145	1078	1077	1126	4426
Blanks	397	392	473	483	1745
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

CANDIDATE	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
REGISTER OF DEEDS - Worcester District					
Anthony J. Vigliotti	1155	1095	1098	1144	4492
Blanks	387	375	452	465	1679
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

QUESTION	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Question 1					
Yes	581	630	614	684	2509
NO	907	795	802	835	3339
Blanks	54	45	134	90	323
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

QUESTION	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Question 2					
Yes	428	464	459	502	1853
No	985	885	867	950	3687
Blanks	129	121	224	157	631
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

QUESTION	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	TOTAL
Question 3					
Yes	589	562	582	603	2336
No	831	805	752	864	3252
Blanks	122	103	216	142	583
TOTALS	1542	1470	1550	1609	6171

*Total Reg Voters Pct. #1	2274	*Total Reg Voters Pct. #2	2328
*Total Reg Voters Pct. #3	2293	*Total Reg Voters Pct. #4	2367
*Total Number Reg	9296	Total votes cast Pct. #1	1542
Total votes cast Pct. #2	1470	Total votes cast Pct. #3	1550
Total votes cast Pct. #4	1609	Total votes cast	6171
Voter turnout	66.38%		

*As of the October 18, 2006 deadline to register to vote for the State Election

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Information and Statistics

Vital Statistics 2006

INCORPORATED	January 24, 1766	
LOCATION	Latitude: 42 19 min., 11 sec. North Longitude: 71.38 min., 34 sec West	
AREA	18.72 square miles	
ALTITUDE	Mean: 300 feet above sea level Top of Water Tower 440 ft above sea level Top of Mt. Pisgah: 715 ft above sea level	
HIGHWAYS	State Highways	11.91 miles
	County & Town Highways	68.06 miles
	TOTAL	79.97 miles

In the past, the Town Clerk's Office furnished a list of births, deaths and marriages in the Town. In an effort to condense the report, the Town Clerk's Office has changed their report to include just numbers for the year 2006.

Children born in Northborough, and children who were born in another town in the Commonwealth, but whose parents resided in Northborough at the time of birth. BIRTHS 108

Citizens who died in Northborough or who died in another town in the Commonwealth but were residents here. DEATHS 122

Citizens of the Commonwealth who applied for their marriage license in the Town of Northborough. These are not necessarily residents of the Town. MARRIAGES 49

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew T. Dowd, Northborough Town Clerk

Growth Trends

Year	Population	Reg. Voters	Houses	Tax Rate	Total Valuation
1940-49	2,958	742			2,145,895
1950-54	4,713	1,074			3,906,825
1955-59	6,839	1,647			16,027,995
1960	7,183	3,006	1,728	44.00	16,298,325*
1964	8,040	3,236	1,882	38.00	29,520,640*
1968	8,706	3,500	2,079	37.50	39,103,830
1972	9,188	4,467	2,349	54.00	52,655,980
1976FY	10,561	5,038	2,661	54.60	61,896,155
1977FY	10,507	5,138	2,703	58.40	65,588,465
1978FY	10,582	5,726	2,717	64.00	68,154,865
1979FY	10,773	5,463	2,738	75.30	67,171,695
1980FY	10,462	5,129	2,781	75.00	68,576,885
1981FY	10,712	5,452	2,800	73.00	71,100,005
1982FY	10,620	5,632	2,833	27.00	231,955,042*
1983FY	11,000	5,662	2,866	24.80	256,467,195
1984FY	10,938	5,728	2,880	23.00	284,936,652*
1985FY	10,964	5,484	2,897	23.50	219,684,166
1986FY	11,079	5,775	3,015	23.50	236,812,190
1987FY	11,445	6,155	3,269	17.80	450,344,800
1988FY	11,594	5,927	3,373	17.50	477,809,150*
1989FY	11,390	5,804	3,425	18.95	497,272,250
1990FY	11,549	5,905	3,572	10.80	935,350,985 *
1991FY	11,664	6,201	3,641	11.62	968,529,015
1992FY	11,780	6,351	3,675	13.33	899,844,213
1993FY	12,172	7,094	3,692	14.54	853,602,147
1994FY	12,302	6,856	3,757	15.70	814,060,518
1995FY	12,704	7,241	3,843	15.97	828,508,734
1996FY	12,799	7,176	3,962	16.20	907,049,610
1997FY	13,014	8,123	4,062	16.52	939,535,960
1998FY	13,374	8,339	4,183	16.30	939,535,960*
1999FY	13,400	8,499	4,242	15.40	1,034,825,814
2000FY	13,985	8,561	4,336	16.21	1,090,648,617
2001FY	14,182	9,231	4,469	16.84	1,133,703,807*
2002FY	14,185	8,553	4,497	15.23	1,323,615,920
2003FY	14,004	8574	4,478	16.58	1,353,523,390
2004FY	14,080	8798	4,491	15.83	1,504,004,730*
2005FY	14,293	9235	4,562	13.32	1,606,540,400
2006FY	14,505	9188	4,601	12.27	1,829,349,000
2007FY	14,726	9296	4,748	12.39	1,946,347,900* <i>*Revaluation Year</i>

Town Government Organization

Northborough Voters Elect:

Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, School Committees, Town Moderator.

Moderator Appoints:

Appropriations Committee, Municipal Code & Bylaw Committee, Personnel Board.

Selectmen Appoint:

Board of Registrars, Board of Trustees of Special Benevolent Funds, Cable Television Advisory Committee, Community Affairs Committee, Conservation Commission, Constables, Council on Aging, Cultural Council, Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund Committee, Election Officers, Fire Chief, Housing Authority, Industrial Development Commission, Industrial Development Finance Authority, Library Trustees, Open Space Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Police Chief, Police Officers, Recycling Committee, Representative to Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission, Scholarship Committee, Town Accountant, Town Administrator, Town Counsel, Veterans Agent, Youth Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals.

Town Administrator Appoints: Assistant Town Administrator, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Cemetery Commission, Civil Defense Director, D.P.W. Director, Dog Officer, Family & Youth Services Director, Health Agent, Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Officer, MIS/GIS Director, Principal Assessor, Recreation Director, Senior Center Director, Town Clerk, Town Engineer, Town Planner, Treasurer/Collector, Water/Sewer Commission, all other Town Personnel.

Other Appointments:

Earth Removal Board: 5 members: 1 each appointed by Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Moderator, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Financial Planning Committee: 6 members: 1 each appointed by Appropriations Committee, Planning Board, School Committee; 3 appointed by Moderator.

Groundwater Advisory Committee: 5 members: 1 each appointed by Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Water/Sewer Commission

Library Director: appointed by Library Trustees.

Application for Northborough Town Government

Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone (Work): _____ Telephone (Home): _____

Town Position Desired: _____

Have you ever served on a Government Committee? Yes No

If yes, name of Committee/Office held: _____

Occupation: _____

Education: _____ If college graduate, indicate major: _____

How many years have you lived in Northborough? _____

Please attach a resume or briefly describe your interest and provide background information in regard to your interest in serving on this particular board. _____

Completed application should be returned to: Diane Wackell, Selectmen's Office, Municipal Office Building,
63 Main Street, Northborough, MA 01532. For information on available appointments call 508-393-5040

SERVICE - If you want...**TOWN DEPARTMENT - Call..****PHONE #**

Applefest Information
Birth Certificates
Building Permits
Burning Permits
Business Certificates
Cable Access
Cemetery Graves
Census
Class I, II, III Licenses
Common Victualler Licenses
Conservation Issues
Counseling
Death Certificates
Dog Issues
Dog Licenses/Fine Payments
Earth Removal Issues
Economic Development
Employment Opportunities
Excise Bill Payments
Firearm Permits
Fishing/Hunting Licenses
Food Service Permits
Groundwater Issues
Library Services
Liquor Licenses
Marriage Licenses
Motor Vehicle Abatements
Motor Vehicle Excise Questions
Park/Field Usage
Passports
Personnel Inquiries
Plumbing, Gas, Electrical Permits
Property Info, Assessments, Record Cards
Raffle Permits
Recreation Program
Recycling Information/Bins
Residents Listing Book
School-Age Child Care
School Administration
Senior Center Information
Septic System Installations
Site Plans
Street/Sidewalk Issues
Subdivision Plans
Swimming Pool Permits
Tax Bill Payments
Tax Exemptions
Trash
Town Code/Town Bylaws
Town Web Information
Vaccination Information
Veterans Information
Voter Registration
Water/Sewer Bill Payments
Wood Stove Permits
ZBA Special Permits/Variations

Recreation 508-393-5034
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 Building Department 508-393-5010
 Fire Headquarters, 11 Pierce St. 507-393-1537
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 Cable Access Director 508-393-6195
 Cemetery Superintendent 508-393-5031
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 Administration 508-393-5040
 Administration 508-393-5040
 Engineering 508-393-5015
 Family & Youth Services 508-393-5020
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 Dog Officer 508-842-8208
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 Engineering 508-393-5015
 Administration 508-393-5040
 Administration 508-393-5040
 Treasurer/Collector 508-393-5045
 Police Headquarters, 211 Main St. 508-393-1515
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 Board of Health 508-393-5009
 Engineering 508-393-5015
 Library, 34 Main Street 508-393-5025
 Administration 508-393-5040
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 Assessors 508-393-5005
 Assessors 508-393-5005
 Recreation 508-393-5034
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 Administration 508-393-5040
 Building Department 508-393-5010
 Assessors 508-393-5005
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 Recreation 508-393-5034
 Engineering 508-393-5015
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 NEDP/FunCare 508-393-7020
 District Offices, 44 Bearfoot Rd. 508-351-7000
 Senior Center, 1 Centre Drive 508-393-5035
 Board of Health 508-393-5010
 Planning 508-393-5019
 Department of Public Works 508-393-5030
 Planning 508-393-5019
 Board of Health 508-393-5009
 Treasurer/Collector 508-393-5045
 Assessors 508-593-5005
 Engineering 508-393-5015
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 MIS/GIS 508-393-1525
 Board of Health 508-393-5009
 Veterans Agent 508-393-5024
 Town Clerk 508-393-5001
 Department of Public Works 508-393-5030
 Building Department 508-393-5010
 Planning 508-393-5019



Wesson Estate with old fountain



White Cliffs c. 1965



White Cliffs c. 1967