

**2006
Annual
Reports**



**Town of
Acton,
Massachusetts**

**Two Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Municipal Year
for the year ending December 31, 2006**

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Two thousand and six has been a very productive and successful year for the Town of Acton. Last year we reported that an effort was underway to change the state formula under Ch. 70 aid to education. Through the leadership of many Actonians, those efforts were successful resulting in a new funding formula that has brought some budgetary relief to the town. In part due to funding formula changes, the town and the schools have been able to address pressing needs regarding the level of services provided, as well as the backlog of capital projects to be funded. As has been the case in the past, the town has exercised caution, crafting its budgets to address the carefully defined scope of needed services. Through the Acton Leadership Group (ALG), the relevant town boards and committees have again met throughout the budgetary year to present this year's budget for fiscal year '08.

In November, the Board of Selectman convened its third annual "State of the Town" meeting to hear citizens' concerns and comments about the town's financial situation, as well as other select topics, including the need for sidewalks throughout the town and the potential fiscal consequences of the state rule known as "990" and the impact that regulation is having on the level of services provided to our students at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School. The feedback received through the state of the town meeting was extremely helpful in crafting budgets and prioritizing concerns of citizens and we hope to repeat the same in future years.

Following on last year's annual town meeting, members of the Board of Selectmen, Finance and School Committees met to address the capital needs and have worked throughout the year in developing a five-year capital plan. The town saw renovations and improvements to the transfer station making the station more users friendly and improving the traffic flow and recycling area. Other capital improvements included the repair and replacement of the town hall slate roof and the repair to the ceiling of the Faulkner room in Town Hall that serves as a major gathering place for town activities. The town also saw the debut of the T. J. O'Grady skate park that together with community support and Community Preservation Act funds became a reality.

The Morrison Farm Reuse Committee made its presentation to the Board of Selectmen after almost two years of deliberations concerning the possible uses on the property purchased by the town in 1997. Those recommendations and any subsequent steps will be the subject of ongoing discussion with the Town and will serve to enhance the quality of living and resources available to all citizens. In addition, the Board continues to work through mediation to resolve the outstanding lawsuits and issues raised by W.R. Grace. Significant progress has been made and the town will continue its efforts to bring a final resolution to

these matters that could have an important financial impact on the residents in the Sewer District.

The membership of the Board of Selectman underwent some changes as well. At the board's annual reorganization after town meeting, Peter Ashton stepped down as Chairman, and I was elected to succeed him, my second term as Chair. Andrew Magee, who joined the board through a special election in December of 2005, was elected as Vice-Chair, and Lauren Rosenzweig became the Clerk of the Board. Selectman Andrew Magee was re-elected in the elections held in March 2006. Both Peter Ashton and I will complete our terms and service to the town this April. The Board recognizes the valuable contributions made by Mr. Ashton in his nine years of service as a Selectman, as well as his prior service on the Finance Committee. During his tenure, Mr. Ashton championed the cause of all citizens and worked to maximize tax revenues in a fair and fiscally sound manner, his leadership and valuable contributions to the town are greatly appreciated.

The Community Preservation Committee continued to recommend projects to the town that were well received and approved by the town's citizens. Inclusive of monies set aside for the purchase of open space, restoration of the historic Fitzgerald (Kennedy) piano, appropriations to build the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and to help build playgrounds, as well as funds for affordable housing initiatives, CPC remains today one of the best programs adopted by the town which leverages state funds for the benefit of everyone in Acton.

The Board of Selectman would like to thank all of those citizen volunteers who served on all of the town boards and committees (both elected and appointed) for having stepped forward and devoted their time, effort and talents to the town. As Theodore Roosevelt in the adapted quote noted, "The credit belongs to the man [and the woman] who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions, and spends [themselves] in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if [they] fail, at least fail while daring greatly, so that [their] place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." Democracy is not a spectator sport and our thanks go out to all of those citizens who participate by volunteering their time and, by their participation, make the end result that much better. We extend a special thanks to all our family members who have supported and continue to support all the town volunteers.

Looking toward the future, the Board of Selectmen are confident that with continued coordination and cooperation among the various town boards, with everyone's help, that Acton will remain a vibrant, engaging and a strong community that serves

and listens to everyone's interests. Recent news concerning the state aid to the town is very encouraging that the financial picture will continue to improve which should help the town face the inevitable challenges ahead. It has been an honor to serve the town, and I appreciate the opportunity to have worked with and to have represented the townsfolk of Acton.

Walter M. Foster

TOWN MANAGER

A Good Year:

2006 was a good year! This is among the best news I have been able to report in recent years. Just two years ago, every sign pointed to the need for an Operating Override to fund the FY08 Budget. As we closed Calendar Year 2005, however, we were beginning to see signs that the slow state economy that had plagued Massachusetts for half a decade might be turning around. Indeed, as we worked through 2006, the indications proved to be correct and by mid-year we had seen important indicators, such as State Aid, improve so substantially that we were talking about "windfall" revenues. Now, as we close 2006, the economic picture for Acton has changed so much that the Selectmen have announced that an Operating Override will not be needed in 2007. Moreover, the Board is giving serious consideration to limiting the Real Estate Tax increase for FY08 to approximately ½ of the allowable limit under Proposition 2 ½. 2006 was, indeed, a good year!

Sewers:

2006 also saw the reemergence of the public sewers discussion in Acton. After several years of very successful operation of the new Middle Fort Pond Brook Sewer District, the Selectmen have established a new committee to consider the options and possibilities of expansion of this system to other needy parts of town. This initiative will move forward in the months ahead, with recommendations expected at a subsequent Town Meeting.

Trash Disposal

After a full year of operations without the burden of the NESWC contract, we have a stable operation with predictable costs. Additionally, without the onerous conditions of this contract, we have finally been able to whole-heartedly promote recycling. Redesign of the recycling area this spring has provided clean, accessible facilities that invite recycling. All residents are encouraged to visit this facility and enjoy the benefits of recycling.

Middlesex Retirement:

Last year I reported the results of investigations of the operations of the Middlesex Retirement System and Acton's ongoing efforts to achieve significant reform of this system. This year I am pleased to report that:

1. As a result of its investigations, the Public Employees Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) has required the Middlesex Retirement Board to turn over substantially all of the System's assets to the Pension Reserve Investment Management Board (PRIM), overseers of the \$43 billion Pension Reserve Investment Trust Fund (PRIT). The PRIT Fund consists of the retirement assets of the State and the State Teachers' Retirement System. The PRIT Fund has had investment returns over recent years that far exceed the performance of the Middlesex investments over the same period.
2. There have been several key resignations from the Middlesex Retirement Board and System.
3. Gubernatorial candidates are calling for PRIM to take over the investment assets of numerous poorly performing retirement systems, such as Middlesex, throughout the state.
4. Acton has filed "Home Rule" legislation seeking permission to withdraw from the Middlesex Retirement System and reinvest our funds in a system that is better managed.

State of the Town:

The Selectmen convened the third successful "State of the Town" meeting in 2006. This year's meeting featured informational updates on ongoing WR Grace negotiations, the Acton Neighborhood Network and the work of the Design Review Guidelines Committee as well as featured subjects such as Capital Planning efforts of the Town and Schools and the "990" Mandate facing the Schools. These are timely, informal opportunities for Acton citizens to provide their thoughts and guidance to Town leaders. All residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you another year. It is truly an honor of which I am proud.

Respectfully submitted,
Don P. Johnson, Town Manager

TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE _____

The Town Report committee is responsible for the publication of the Annual Town Report. This involves notifying and collecting the individual components, proofing the items before and after they are sent to the printer and serving as a liaison with the printer to ensure that an accurate and complete as possible Town Report is prepared.

As has been true for recent years, Ann Chang and Christine Joyce have carried the main responsibility for this year's report. Particular thanks are given to Christine for her attention and support throughout all the steps in this process. We would like to thank all those boards and committees who got their reports in before the January 15 deadline. Cooperation on meeting the deadlines makes everyone's job easier, including the printer's.

We thank David Chang, Theodore Jarvis, and the Recreation Department for supplying the photographs Acton's recreation areas and the Richter family for the photograph of Edwin Richter.

Ann Chang
Mildred Jarvis
Christine Joyce

VOLUNTEER COORDINATING COMMITTEE _____

The Volunteer Coordinating Committee (VCC) works for the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and Town Moderator to help staff Town boards. During 2006 approximately 150 people served as volunteers on Town boards and committees. The VCC interviewed 25 candidates to fill openings and many were appointed to serve. We monitor the status of committee membership and recommend reappointment of members who are eligible and wish to serve additional terms.

Acton is fortunate to have an active and dedicated volunteer force serving on approximately 28 volunteer boards. Acton's volunteers contribute thousands of hours of valuable time and service to the Town. The Town could not function as well as it does without the dedicated volunteers.

We encourage anyone who is interested in serving on any Town committee to fill out a volunteer application. Applications are available at Town Hall, the Libraries and in the Town Report.

Nancy Whitcomb, Chairman
Giorgio Bruschi
Jean Schoch
Efi Papadopoulos

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Town's tax base grew by more than \$234 million in valuation from FY05. This was due to new construction and market changes, reflective January 1, 2005. At the annual classification hearing, the Board of Selectman voted a uniform tax rate of \$14.58.

Fiscal Year 2006 Valuation Summary

Property Class	Valuation	% of Total
Residential	3,318,844,983	87.9%
Commercial	310,323,682	8.2%
Industrial	106,668,445	2.8%
Personal Property	40,528,806	1.1%
Total Taxable Value	3,776,365,916	100%

The Board of Assessors regular scheduled meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall. Additional meetings are held as needed. Dates and times are posted 48 hours in advance.

Tax Rates

Residential	Com/Ind/PP
14.58	14.58
Assessors	
James Kotanchik, Chairman	
Susan Miller	
David Brown	

2005 HOME SALES

Number	Street Name	Sale Date	Price
523	ACORN PARK DR	7/8/2005	854,000
531	ACORN PARK DR	1/14/2005	817,500
35	AGAWAM RD	12/15/2005	355,000
14	ALCOTT ST	8/15/2005	540,000
51	ALCOTT ST	5/6/2005	545,000
66	ALCOTT ST	6/30/2005	652,000
80	ALCOTT ST	10/27/2005	590,000
11	ALEXANDRA WY	6/29/2005	793,000
6	ALGONQUIN RD	6/29/2005	475,000
156	ARLINGTON ST	5/27/2005	423,000
250	ARLINGTON ST	10/14/2005	440,000
356	ARLINGTON ST	7/26/2005	523,500
252	ARLINGTON ST	10/14/2005	440,000
2	ASHWOOD RD	11/29/2005	489,900
114	AUDUBON DR	7/22/2005	421,000
117	AUDUBON DR	9/15/2005	410,000
5	BADGER CIR	11/1/2005	710,000

Number	Street Name	Sale Date	Price
521	BANKSIDE HOLLOW	8/16/2005	335,500
11	BERRY LN	10/3/2005	572,000
6	BETH CIR	8/29/2005	314,900
11	BETH CIR	12/5/2005	299,000
15	BILLINGS ST	8/31/2005	458,000
2	BLACK HORSE DR	6/23/2005	471,900
26	BLACK HORSE DR	9/15/2005	537,000
1	BLUE HERON WY	8/10/2005	629,900
2	BLUEBERRY PA	10/7/2005	1,150,000
4	BREWSTER LN	9/9/2005	355,000
36	BREWSTER LN	7/1/2005	374,000
17	BROMFIELD RD	9/14/2005	645,000
1	BROOKSIDE CIR	7/13/2005	699,900
252	BROWN BEAR CRSG	6/9/2005	290,000
264	BROWN BEAR CRSG	4/15/2005	368,000
274	BROWN BEAR CRSG	3/16/2005	330,000
281	BROWN BEAR CRSG	8/1/2005	352,000
9	BRUCEWOOD RD	7/27/2005	600,000
53	BRUCEWOOD RD	3/4/2005	609,000
143	BUTTERNUT HOLLOW	12/1/2005	273,000
8	CANTERBURY HILL RD	12/16/2005	938,595
10	CANTERBURY HILL RD	12/29/2005	915,620
4	CASTLE DR	2/28/2005	535,000
21	CENTRAL ST	3/4/2005	694,000
103	CENTRAL ST	7/5/2005	420,000
108	CENTRAL ST	2/1/2005	199,999
207	CENTRAL ST	7/25/2005	649,900
399	CENTRAL ST	3/31/2005	275,000
413	CENTRAL ST	10/12/2005	450,000
1	CHESTNUT ST	1/18/2005	786,000
34	CONANT ST	3/25/2005	580,000
91	CONCORD RD	8/12/2005	640,000
97	CONCORD RD	6/15/2005	495,000
15	COOLIDGE DR	4/15/2005	670,000
15	COOLIDGE DR	4/15/2005	670,000
140	DAVIS RD	7/27/2005	666,000
19	DAVIS RD #A1	8/26/2005	190,000
17	DAVIS RD #A12	9/19/2005	138,000
23	DAVIS RD #A13	3/7/2005	110,740
23	DAVIS RD #A13	6/30/2005	142,900
17	DAVIS RD #A16	6/15/2005	168,000
19	DAVIS RD #A3	8/8/2005	145,000
23	DAVIS RD #A4	11/22/2005	105,000
17	DAVIS RD #A8	5/3/2005	135,000
19	DAVIS RD #A8	7/28/2005	139,900
9	DAVIS RD #B1	6/20/2005	200,000
23	DAVIS RD #B10	11/4/2005	180,000
15	DAVIS RD #B11	12/9/2005	130,000
9	DAVIS RD #B12	7/25/2005	149,000
15	DAVIS RD #B14	5/2/2005	130,000
15	DAVIS RD #B15	8/29/2005	195,000
17	DAVIS RD #B16	6/15/2005	183,900

Number	Street Name	Sale Date	Price	Number	Street Name	Sale Date	Price
19	DAVIS RD #B16	9/29/2005	195,840	360	GREAT RD	5/9/2005	539,900
19	DAVIS RD #B8	2/2/2005	137,000	376	GREAT RD #15	8/15/2005	157,000
11	DAVIS RD #C12	7/5/2005	197,000	403	GREAT RD #2	10/14/2005	275,000
9	DAVIS RD #C5	4/1/2005	110,000	424	GREAT RD #2	8/30/2005	124,000
9	DAVIS RD #C6	8/29/2005	157,900	401	GREAT RD #3	6/30/2005	282,000
15	DAVIS RD #C7	8/1/2005	185,000	405	GREAT RD #3	10/27/2005	160,000
11	DEVON DR	4/20/2005	390,000	428	GREAT RD #5	5/26/2005	130,000
19	DEVON DR	4/25/2005	415,000	370	GREAT RD #6	7/28/2005	285,000
3	DOWNEY RD	4/1/2005	630,000	397	GREAT RD #6	6/29/2005	289,000
36	DRUMMER RD	7/29/2005	310,000	424	GREAT RD #6	6/21/2005	125,000
47	DRUMMER RD	6/30/2005	289,000	187	GREAT RD #A6	8/2/2005	120,000
52	DRUMMER RD	11/1/2005	297,500	209	GREAT RD #B2	7/28/2005	181,000
59	DRUMMER RD	6/30/2005	296,000	209	GREAT RD #B5	3/31/2005	138,100
87	DRUMMER RD	4/29/2005	308,000	187	GREAT RD #B7	7/1/2005	115,000
1	DRUMMER RD #A2	5/27/2005	164,000	209	GREAT RD #B7	4/19/2005	142,900
1	DRUMMER RD #A5	4/28/2005	195,000	420	GREAT RD #B8	12/8/2005	151,000
3	DRUMMER RD #B6	8/19/2005	200,000	205	GREAT RD #C1	10/14/2005	197,500
5	DRUMMER RD #C3	7/29/2005	178,000	205	GREAT RD #C2	4/29/2005	172,500
6	DRUMMER RD #F2	8/22/2005	184,500	209	GREAT RD #C4	3/31/2005	138,000
6	DRUMMER RD #F6	8/31/2005	182,800	209	GREAT RD #C9	7/25/2005	205,000
5	DUGGAN RD	7/15/2005	505,000	388	GREAT RD A10	6/19/2005	151,000
2	DUNHAM LN	7/1/2005	673,500	388	GREAT RD A12	8/22/2005	143,500
3	DUNHAM LN	12/9/2005	700,000	388	GREAT RD A2	7/27/2005	147,500
4	DUNHAM LN	3/4/2005	150,000	392	GREAT RD A202	3/23/2005	139,000
9	DUNHAM LN	6/6/2005	785,000	384	GREAT RD A203	7/15/2005	197,000
11	DUNHAM LN	3/31/2005	749,900	382	GREAT RD A204	6/24/2005	150,000
12	DURKEE RD	8/23/2005	500,000	388	GREAT RD A3	11/1/2005	197,000
12	ELM ST	7/21/2005	300,000	392	GREAT RD A304	3/3/2005	143,000
9	ELM ST UNIT 1	8/12/2005	229,000	388	GREAT RD A4	5/20/2005	119,000
9	ELM ST UNIT 8	1/31/2005	204,000	388	GREAT RD B15	8/2/2005	119,500
1	EMERSON DR	10/31/2005	668,000	390	GREAT RD B17	6/29/2005	147,000
22	FAULKNER HILL RD	4/29/2005	416,000	388	GREAT RD B19	2/18/2005	144,900
7	FERNWOOD RD	7/5/2005	490,000	380	GREAT RD B201	8/5/2005	150,000
3	FOREST RD	5/27/2005	492,500	382	GREAT RD B203	6/30/2005	151,800
3	FOX HILL RD	7/11/2005	489,000	392	GREAT RD B203	1/28/2005	151,900
1	FRANKLIN PL	8/30/2005	195,000	8	GUSWOOD RD	9/29/2005	775,000
2	FRANKLIN PL	9/9/2005	582,794	17	HALF MOON HILL	10/27/2005	400,000
3	FRANKLIN PL	8/30/2005	195,000	30	HARRIS ST #B6	12/9/2005	267,950
4	FRANKLIN PL	8/30/2005	586,206	30	HARRIS ST #B8	4/28/2005	220,000
5	FRANKLIN PL	8/31/2005	195,000	12	HARTLAND WY	8/25/2005	416,000
6	FRANKLIN PL	9/22/2005	637,076	14	HARTLAND WY	12/22/2005	418,750
7	FRANKLIN PL	9/27/2005	603,255	27	HARTLAND WY #103	11/7/2005	398,900
8	FRANKLIN PL	9/15/2005	588,959	27	HARTLAND WY #106	6/28/2005	295,000
9	FRANKLIN PL	9/23/2005	589,000	27	HARTLAND WY #107	6/28/2005	340,000
9	FRANKLIN PL	4/28/2005	900,000	27	HARTLAND WY #203	9/8/2005	369,000
10	FRANKLIN PL	9/14/2005	619,440	4	HATCH RD	12/15/2005	375,000
10	FRANKLIN PL	4/28/2005	900,000	4	HAYNES CT	4/5/2005	411,500
11	FRANKLIN PL	9/30/2005	635,854	110	HAYWARD RD	8/17/2005	490,000
12	FRANKLIN PL	9/15/2005	605,350	9	HAZELNUT ST	4/20/2005	885,000
10	FREEDOM FARME RD	6/29/2005	737,500	15	HEMLOCK LN	8/23/2005	632,000
5	GIOCONDA AV	8/11/2005	448,000	7	HENLEY RD	8/16/2005	425,500
13	GIOCONDA AV	12/30/2005	495,000	4	HENNESSEY DR	6/30/2005	494,000
555	GREAT ELM WY	9/16/2005	355,000	2	HERITAGE RD	6/27/2005	480,000
124	GREAT RD	12/22/2005	405,000	33	HERITAGE RD	5/19/2005	525,000
144	GREAT RD	9/15/2005	749,000	55	HIGH ST	6/22/2005	370,000

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133	HIGH ST	5/16/2005	520,000	215	MEADOWS EDGE	8/15/2005	375,000
16	HILLCREST DR	9/15/2005	429,900	23	MEETINGHOUSE RD	9/22/2005	277,000
16	HILLCREST DR	9/16/2005	429,900	28	MEETINGHOUSE RD	9/29/2005	12,000
31	HOSMER ST	11/14/2005	520,000	10	MERRIAM LN	10/5/2005	430,000
57	HOSMER ST	7/28/2005	553,000	21	MEYER HILL DR	7/28/2005	497,000
85	HOSMER ST #C3	9/23/2005	170,000	29	MEYER HILL DR	4/28/2005	525,000
2	HURON RD	10/20/2005	341,250	33	MEYER HILL DR	4/28/2005	470,000
22	JACKSON DR	8/12/2005	1,112,500	36	MEYER HILL DR	7/7/2005	456,000
24	JACKSON DR	8/18/2005	989,900	41	MEYER HILL DR	6/17/2005	465,000
35	JACKSON DR	4/15/2005	652,500	42	MEYER HILL DR	10/20/2005	480,900
5	JEFFERSON DR	5/27/2005	444,000	42	MEYER HILL DR	10/21/2005	480,900
7	JOHN SWIFT RD	5/25/2005	572,000	43	MEYER HILL DR	6/17/2005	460,000
19	JOHN SWIFT RD	7/28/2005	570,000	44	MEYER HILL DR	11/15/2005	485,000
28	JOHN SWIFT RD	2/23/2005	437,000	22	MILLDAM RD	7/21/2005	715,000
26	JOSEPH REED LN	6/16/2005	706,000	11	MOHAWK DR	6/30/2005	649,900
28	JOSEPH REED LN	12/9/2005	635,000	14	MOHAWK DR	7/29/2005	625,300
13	JUNIPER RIDGE RD	10/28/2005	519,000	50	MOHAWK DR	11/18/2005	405,000
4	KELLEY RD	11/10/2005	429,900	13	MOHEGAN RD	11/14/2005	542,000
34	KINSLEY RD	6/8/2005	475,000	8	MONROE DR	6/28/2005	825,000
11	LARCH RD	10/3/2005	660,000	9	MONROE DR	9/15/2005	1,025,000
13	LAWSBROOK RD	12/30/2005	365,000	9	NAGOG HILL RD	7/15/2005	340,000
2	LONG RIDGE RD	8/4/2005	725,000	1	NASH RD	9/9/2005	380,000
3	MADDY LN	9/16/2005	779,000	3	NASH RD	12/21/2005	355,000
4	MAILLET DR	3/24/2005	690,000	4	NASH RD	3/18/2005	458,000
4	MAILLET DR	3/24/2005	690,000	60	NASHOBA RD	4/28/2005	490,000
71	MAIN ST	5/26/2005	408,000	107	NEWTOWN RD	11/30/2005	124,600
82	MAIN ST	2/3/2005	390,000	148	NEWTOWN RD	12/15/2005	450,000
100	MAIN ST	6/24/2005	349,000	196	NEWTOWN RD	1/19/2005	875,000
100	MAIN ST	6/24/2005	349,000	111	NONSET PA	6/9/2005	582,400
188	MAIN ST	7/28/2005	429,000	124	NONSET PA	6/23/2005	965,000
247	MAIN ST	8/19/2005	409,400	220	OLD BEAVERBROOK	8/5/2005	353,000
348	MAIN ST	12/16/2005	59,000	294	OLD BEAVERBROOK	8/31/2005	350,000
405	MAIN ST	6/28/2005	565,000	302	OLD BEAVERBROOK	2/28/2005	370,000
416	MAIN ST	11/2/2005	490,000	4	OLD CART PA	4/29/2005	680,000
461	MAIN ST	2/2/2005	650,000	5	OLD CART PA	10/21/2005	731,000
481	MAIN ST	9/16/2005	595,000	536	OLD STONEBROOK	6/9/2005	360,000
736	MAIN ST	6/28/2005	605,000	539	OLD STONEBROOK	1/27/2005	285,000
737	MAIN ST	11/1/2005	1,000,000	12	OLDE LANTERN RD	6/3/2005	650,000
743	MAIN ST	8/9/2005	519,000	14	OLDE SURREY DR	8/25/2005	430,000
875	MAIN ST	10/7/2005	50,000	3	ONEIDA RD	9/15/2005	563,000
248	MAIN ST #1	2/10/2005	300,000	22	ONEIDA RD	1/27/2005	485,000
246	MAIN ST #8	7/22/2005	358,000	10	ORCHARD DR	3/25/2005	325,000
274	MAIN ST #A1	6/30/2005	255,000	4	PALMER LN	8/15/2005	1,050,000
272	MAIN ST #B5	4/29/2005	250,000	3	PARKER ST	3/29/2005	592,500
10	MAPLE ST	3/29/2005	615,750	7	PARKER ST	9/1/2005	609,000
50	MAPLE ST	6/24/2005	508,000	27	PARKER ST	6/30/2005	548,500
15	MARIAN RD	4/1/2005	320,000	31	PARKER ST	4/21/2005	325,000
12	MARSHALL PA	11/4/2005	1,010,000	31	PARKER ST	9/16/2005	756,900
9	MARTIN ST	12/30/2005	385,000	45	PARKER ST	9/30/2005	399,500
446	MASS AV	7/8/2005	399,000	57	PARKER ST	11/21/2005	296,250
471	MASS AV	4/15/2005	699,900	183	PARKER ST	12/30/2005	695,500
522	MASS AV	6/10/2005	388,000	230	PARKER ST	3/29/2005	465,900
631	MASS AV	1/18/2005	530,000	258	PARKER ST	4/14/2005	675,000
664	MASS AV	3/25/2005	440,000	118	PARKER ST #35	2/3/2005	177,000
202	MEADOWS EDGE	11/15/2005	269,700	120	PARKER ST #36	6/22/2005	182,500

Number	Street Name	Sale Date	Price	Number	Street Name	Sale Date	Price
126	PARKER ST #A11	8/26/2005	158,000	193	SCHOOL ST	8/26/2005	531,400
126	PARKER ST #A21	1/7/2005	178,000	194	SCHOOL ST	1/28/2005	310,000
126	PARKER ST #A22	4/29/2005	179,900	251	SCHOOL ST	7/14/2005	525,000
126	PARKER ST #A23	11/30/2005	130,000	39	SEMINOLE RD	6/1/2005	440,000
132	PARKER ST #G5	4/20/2005	185,000	68	SEMINOLE RD	8/24/2005	480,000
132	PARKER ST #H3	9/19/2005	179,000	1	SENECA RD	10/14/2005	460,000
132	PARKER ST #I2	4/6/2005	163,800	9	SENECA RD	5/26/2005	525,000
130	PARKER ST #J5	6/8/2005	186,000	12	SETTLEMENT WY	6/24/2005	769,000
130	PARKER ST #L4	10/7/2005	180,000	4	SILVER HILL RD	8/12/2005	660,000
130	PARKER ST #L5	8/12/2005	214,900	6	SIMON HAPGOOD LN	7/25/2005	725,000
128	PARKER ST 2A	5/26/2005	305,550	21	SIMON WILLARD RD	10/27/2005	510,000
128	PARKER ST 2A	5/26/2005	305,550	5	SQUIRREL HILL RD	9/2/2005	863,322
5	PARTRIDGE POND RD	8/15/2005	1,130,000	6	SQUIRREL HILL RD	8/26/2005	766,900
4	PATRICK HENRY CIR	12/7/2005	590,000	7	SQUIRREL HILL RD	8/9/2005	809,900
6	PATRICK HENRY CIR	3/15/2005	459,900	8	SQUIRREL HILL RD	6/30/2005	734,427
7	PATRICK HENRY CIR	7/15/2005	610,000	9	SQUIRREL HILL RD	8/5/2005	828,825
18	PAUL REVERE RD	3/4/2005	500,000	10	SQUIRREL HILL RD	11/18/2005	769,027
20	PAUL REVERE RD	3/7/2005	260,000	11	SQUIRREL HILL RD	4/14/2005	774,325
27	PAUL REVERE RD	6/16/2005	492,000	12	SQUIRREL HILL RD	10/6/2005	817,073
9	PHALEN ST	4/28/2005	500,000	15	SQUIRREL HILL RD	11/18/2005	810,743
641	PHEASANT HILL	4/13/2005	272,000	16	SQUIRREL HILL RD	5/10/2005	794,580
592	PINE CONE STRAND	8/29/2005	340,000	17	SQUIRREL HILL RD	2/24/2005	774,900
2	PIPER RD	12/15/2005	585,000	20	SQUIRREL HILL RD	6/16/2005	745,000
12	PIPER RD	6/3/2005	639,000	22	SQUIRREL HILL RD	10/14/2005	814,512
39	PIPER RD	9/16/2005	505,000	24	SQUIRREL HILL RD	6/28/2005	565,000
59	PIPER RD	2/10/2005	520,000	25	SQUIRREL HILL RD	8/31/2005	805,000
66	PIPER RD	7/28/2005	520,000	33	SQUIRREL HILL RD	10/7/2005	834,466
80	PIPER RD	12/23/2005	295,600	35	SQUIRREL HILL RD	12/29/2005	781,520
70	POPE RD	1/18/2005	708,000	37	SQUIRREL HILL RD	11/18/2005	791,457
336	POPE RD	7/5/2005	960,000	29	STONE MEADE WY	9/16/2005	945,000
340	POPE RD	7/13/2005	948,000	49	STONE MEADE WY	8/25/2005	999,999
366	POPE RD	6/21/2005	1,150,000	145	STRAWBERRY HILL RD	5/26/2005	2,575,700
29	PROSPECT ST	8/15/2005	545,000	150	STRAWBERRY HILL RD	6/30/2005	725,000
81	PROSPECT ST	6/27/2005	525,000	24	SUMMER ST	9/8/2005	750,000
155	PROSPECT ST	11/23/2005	285,000	3	SWEENEY FARM LN	9/20/2005	796,992
22	PUTNAM RD	7/13/2005	743,000	4	SWEENEY FARM LN	7/11/2005	799,190
39	QUABOAG RD	12/2/2005	318,000	5	SWEENEY FARM LN	9/1/2005	809,537
45	QUABOAG RD	1/27/2005	490,000	6	SWEENEY FARM LN	11/29/2005	822,750
49	QUABOAG RD	3/1/2005	535,000	3	SWEETBRIAR WY	8/25/2005	665,500
2	QUAIL RUN	2/1/2005	660,000	45	TAYLOR RD	5/17/2005	469,900
4	QUAIL RUN	1/28/2005	450,000	81	TAYLOR RD	2/14/2005	231,250
4	REEVE ST	6/1/2005	795,000	17	THOREAU RD	7/27/2005	615,000
7	REEVE ST	11/30/2005	738,000	18	THOREAU RD	9/29/2005	615,000
15	REVOLUTIONARY RD	2/24/2005	507,000	6	TILL DR	8/30/2005	680,000
18	REVOLUTIONARY RD	5/31/2005	608,750	1	TOWNE HOUSE LN #14	7/29/2005	130,000
50	RIVER ST	5/26/2005	380,000	1	TOWNE HOUSE LN #7	4/15/2005	165,000
20	ROBINWOOD RD	7/1/2005	614,116	5	TOWNSEND RD	2/4/2005	480,000
23	ROBINWOOD RD	7/1/2005	627,000	8	TOWNSEND RD	10/18/2005	387,500
3	SAMANTHA WY	10/19/2005	457,500	23	TUTTLE DR	7/7/2005	399,000
6	SAMANTHA WY	8/31/2005	507,500	34	TUTTLE DR	7/25/2005	714,000
7	SAMUEL PARLIN DR	12/20/2005	648,600	2	VAN DERBELT RD	4/25/2005	419,000
7	SANDALWOOD RD	7/7/2005	640,000	18	VAN DERBELT RD	4/15/2005	484,450
182	SCHOOL ST	11/9/2005	530,000	9	WALNUT ST	2/28/2005	770,000
189	SCHOOL ST	9/1/2005	312,000	11	WAMPUS AV #A10	9/16/2005	142,500
193	SCHOOL ST	8/26/2005	531,400	11	WAMPUS AV #A13	9/27/2005	140,000

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7	WAMPUS AV #B18	11/30/2005	109,400
21	WASHINGTON DR	6/9/2005	665,000
21	WASHINGTON DR	6/10/2005	665,000
70	WASHINGTON DR	10/4/2005	637,950
111	WATERSIDE CLR	2/25/2005	325,000
124	WATERSIDE CLR	1/20/2005	269,900
8	WEST RD	7/18/2005	447,000
15	WESTSIDE DR	7/29/2005	542,000
4	WHEELER LN	8/17/2005	935,069
8	WHEELER LN	8/17/2005	935,069
2	WHITTIER DR	3/18/2005	560,000
5	WHITTIER DR	9/16/2005	568,000
12	WHITTIER DR	1/14/2005	682,000
12	WHITTIER DR	1/14/2005	682,000
60	WILLOW ST	9/8/2005	750,000
111	WILLOW ST	6/29/2005	500,000
133	WILLOW ST	9/15/2005	355,000
160	WILLOW ST	6/28/2005	749,000
3	WINDINGWOOD LN	7/7/2005	635,000
98	WINDSOR AV	9/1/2005	743,500
2	WINTERBERRY PA	5/10/2005	713,500
6	WINTERBERRY PA	10/5/2005	645,000
7	WOODCHESTER DR	10/28/2005	633,750

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The charter of Acton's Finance Committee as stated in the Town bylaws is to "consider any and all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports and recommendations...the Finance Committee shall include in its duties the review of and recommendations concerning the budget for the annual meeting, the review of and recommendations concerning any other matter of financial nature arising at the annual meeting or at any special meeting, and the preparation of long range fiscal plans for the Town." The Finance Committee fulfills that role in a variety of manners.

The Finance Committee generally meets twice a month, although sometimes less frequently in the summer and more frequently as Town Meeting approaches. The Finance Committee sends representatives to the meetings of the major boards and committees and actively participates in the annual budget hearings held by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and the School Committees (SC). Finance Committee members sit on the Health Insurance Trust, and the Water Resources Advisory Committee. Members also attended the Acton Memorial Library Long Range Plan workshop. This participation allows the Finance Committee to work in a coordinated manner with the other committees. The Finance Committee Chair and Vice Chair serve as members of the Acton Leadership Group (ALG). ALG consists of representatives from the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Acton Public School Committee, Acton-Boxboro Regional School Committee, School Administration and Town Administration. At the ALG meetings, the members discuss, debate, and attempt to reach consensus on policy recommendations, primarily concerning budget issues, that are then brought to their respective boards for debate.

Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) presented us with a number of financial opportunities and challenges. A most welcome opportunity this year was the significant increase in state aid for education we received through the hard work of our legislative representatives, school and town staff and board and committee representatives. Challenges for FY07 include finding the most effective way to comply with a The charter of Acton's Finance Committee as stated in the Town bylaws is to "consider any and all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports and recommendations...the Finance Committee shall include in its duties the review of and recommendations concerning the budget for the annual meeting, the review of and recommendations concerning any other matter of financial nature arising at the annual meeting or at any special meeting, and the preparation of long range fiscal plans for the Town." The Finance Committee fulfills that role in a variety of manners.

ELIZABETH WHITE FUND

George R. White bequeathed a permanent fund to the Town of Acton in memory of his mother Elizabeth. The income from the fund is to be used only "in relieving the necessities of the deserving poor and unfortunate. It shall be the duty of the Town to anticipate such necessity of aid and assistance by inquiry and investigation, in advance of the claims as far as possible, in order that sensitive and deserving people may receive assistance, who might, because of publicity, refrain from making an application for aid."

The Board of Selectmen approved the White Fund's Trustees request for a total distribution in FY 06 of \$2,500 given to individuals and households in need.

Trustees
 Cornelia Huber
 Frank Joyner
 Andrea Miller

We would like to thank former members of the Finance Committee for their significant contribution to the Town. Members resigning from the Committee including and David Stone and Jonathan Chinitz, who resigned after being elected to the School Committee. Rheta Roeber completed her period of service after serving nine years on the Finance Committee. In FY07, Kent Sharp was made a voting member from an associate member and Bill Mullin joined the Finance Committee as a voting member.

Patricia Easterly (Chairman)
 Patricia Clifford (Vice-Chairman)
 Bob Evans
 Herman Kabakoff
 Bill Mullin
 Allen Nitschelm
 Steve Noone (Clerk)
 Kent Sharp

THE GOODNOW FUND _____

The Goodnow Fund specifies that the interest earned each year be used to pay for the perpetual care for the Goodnow lot in Woodlawn Cemetery and the balance go to the Acton Congregational Church to be used toward the minister's salary.

Investment \$3,000

Receipts and Disbursements:

Interest earned July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005	\$ 122.54
Town of Acton Perpetual Care	\$16.71
Balance to the treasurer of the Acton Congregational Church	\$105.83

Trustees
 Alice P. Miller
 Becky Rockwell Bent
 Sally Moore

TOWN ACCOUNTANT _____

I respectfully submit the following for the 2006 Annual Report of the Town of Acton:

Financial Reports for the period ended June 30, 2006:

- 1) Statement of Revenues and Expenditure - General Fund
- 2) Detailed Budget Object Report
- 3) Trust Fund Activity - Principal and Income

My sincere thanks to Karen Kucala, Lisa Krause, and Joanne Butman for all their hard work for the department. Their dedication to the Town has been tremendous and I'm honored to work along side them.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Barrett CPA
 Finance Director/Town Accountant

TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006
(UNAUDITED)

	GENERAL FUND
REVENUES:	
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES,	
NET OF TAX REFUNDS	\$ 54,459,836
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	5,447,076
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	2,805,457
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES	69,515
INVESTMENT INCOME	354,574
DEPARTMENTAL & OTHER INCOME	1,150,989
TOTAL REVENUES	64,267,447
EXPENDITURES:	
CURRENT:	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	4,415,567
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,787,397
EDUCATION	41,678,470
PUBLIC WORKS	1,878,608
HUMAN SERVICES	777,028
LIBRARY	856,178
PENSION	1,736,915
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,330,724
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	195,447
DEBT SERVICE	2,890,812
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	62,547,146
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,740,301
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	73,168
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	73,168
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	1,813,469
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,643,649
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 9,457,118

TOWN OF ACTON				
DEPARTMENT OBJECT BUDGET				
SUB ACCT	DESCRIPTION	FY2006 BUDGET	FY2006 EXPENDED	
ACCOUNTANT/COMPTROLLER				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 212,206	\$ 209,973	-1.05%
5200	Services	\$ 970	\$ 4,429	356.55%
5400	Supplies	\$ 2,060	\$ 571	-72.26%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 215,236	\$ 214,973	-0.12%
ASSESSORS				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 155,546	\$ 149,065	-4.17%
5200	Services	\$ 182,026	\$ 33,836	-81.52%
5400	Supplies	\$ 1,437	\$ 1,083	-24.62%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 339,009	\$ 183,784	-45.79%
BUILDING INSPECTOR				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 174,188	\$ 193,530	11.10%
5200	Services	\$ 1,277	\$ 1,219	-4.54%
5400	Supplies	\$ 3,307	\$ 3,126	-5.48%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 178,772	\$ 197,874	10.69%
TOWN CLERK				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 106,645	\$ 108,133	1.39%
5200	Services	\$ 12,777	\$ 1,548	-87.88%
5400	Supplies	\$ 1,545	\$ 1,405	-9.05%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 120,967	\$ 111,086	-8.17%
CIVIL DEFENSE				
5200	Services	\$ 2,102	\$ 570	-72.88%
5400	Supplies	\$ 2,833	\$ -	-100.00%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 4,935	\$ 570	-88.45%
COA/COUNCIL ON AGING				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 118,835	\$ 116,079	-2.32%
5200	Services	\$ 10,031	\$ 9,239	-7.90%
5400	Supplies	\$ 6,895	\$ 8,265	19.87%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 135,761	\$ 133,583	-1.60%
COLLECTOR				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 177,146	\$ 108,943	-38.50%
5200	Services	\$ 49,029	\$ 40,109	-18.19%
5400	Supplies	\$ 26,780	\$ 19,819	-25.99%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 252,955	\$ 168,870	-33.24%
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES				
5200	Services	\$ 1,545	\$ 52	-96.63%
DISPATCH				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 364,672	\$ 409,025.98	12.16%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 364,672	\$ 409,025.98	12.16%
DOG OFFICER				
5100	Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
5200	Services	\$ 10,548	\$ 9,400	-10.88%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 10,548	\$ 9,400	-10.88%
ELECTIONS				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 2,318	\$ 1,300	-43.92%
5200	Services	\$ 19,712	\$ 15,986	-18.90%
5400	Supplies	\$ 5,562	\$ 4,146	-25.46%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 27,592	\$ 21,433	-22.32%

TOWN OF ACTON				
DEPARTMENT OBJECT BUDGET				
SUB ACCT	DESCRIPTION	FY2006 BUDGET	FY2006 EXPENDED	
ENGINEERING				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 204,119	\$ 180,706	-11.47%
5200	Services	\$ 19,991	\$ 1,788	-91.05%
5400	Supplies	\$ 2,883	\$ 10,777	273.82%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 226,993	\$ 193,272	-14.86%
FINANCE DIRECTOR				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 142,684	\$ 142,707	0.02%
5200	Services	\$ 129,356	\$ 81,061	-52.80%
5400	Supplies	\$ 92,716	\$ 74,355	-19.80%
5600	Intergovernmental	\$ 43,116	\$ 43,116	0.00%
5700	Other Appropriations	\$ 4,735,743	\$ 4,458,375	-5.86%
5900	Debt Service	\$ 2,912,161	\$ 2,881,765	-1.04%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 8,055,776	\$ 7,661,379	-4.90%
FINANCE COMMITTEE				
5200	Services	\$ 1,030	\$ 250	-75.73%
5700	Other Appropriations	\$ 25,000	\$ -	-100.00%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 26,030	\$ 250	-99.04%
FIRE				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 2,615,640	\$ 2,631,156	0.59%
5200	Services	\$ 33,575	\$ 15,847	-52.80%
5400	Supplies	\$ 67,884	\$ 75,273	10.88%
5600	Intergovernmental	\$ 2,575	\$ 1,450	-43.69%
5800	Capital Outlay	\$ 18,000	\$ 1,278	-92.90%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 2,737,674	\$ 2,725,004	-0.46%
HEALTH				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 84,365	\$ 85,467	1.31%
5200	Services	\$ 56,109	\$ 77,266	37.71%
5400	Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,021	234.73%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 141,974	\$ 167,755	18.16%
HIGHWAY				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 754,513	\$ 760,592	0.81%
5200	Services	\$ 503,424	\$ 342,865	-31.89%
5400	Supplies	\$ 391,026	\$ 389,906	-0.28%
5700	Other Appropriations	\$ 13,356	\$ 5,756	-56.90%
5800	Capital Outlay	\$ 278,615	\$ 166,615	-40.20%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 1,940,934	\$ 1,665,735	-14.18%
HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
5400	Supplies	\$ 618	\$ 185	-70.02%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 618	\$ 185	-70.02%
HUMAN RESOURCES				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 118,656	\$ 77,842	-34.40%
5200	Services	\$ 29,829	\$ 28,269	-5.23%
5400	Supplies	\$ 1,855	\$ 845	-54.43%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 150,340	\$ 106,957	-28.86%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
5100	Personal Services	\$ 139,767	\$ 135,433	-3.10%
5200	Services	\$ 457,422	\$ 438,910	-4.05%
5400	Supplies	\$ 1,042	\$ 1,888	81.18%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 598,231	\$ 576,231	-3.66%

TOWN OF ACTON					
DEPARTMENT OBJECT BUDGET					
SUB ACCT	DESCRIPTION	FY2006 BUDGET	FY2006 EXPENDED		
TOWN MANAGER					
5100	Personal Services	\$ 341,120	\$ 308,636		-9.52%
5200	Services	\$ 682,673	\$ 607,179		-11.06%
5400	Supplies	\$ 19,664	\$ 12,710		-35.37%
5800	Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -		0.00%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 1,043,457	\$ 928,525		-11.01%
MEMORIAL LIBRARY					
5100	Personal Services	\$ 653,479	\$ 659,872		0.98%
5200	Services	\$ 35,731	\$ 35,620		-0.31%
5400	Supplies	\$ 128,958	\$ 125,987		-2.30%
5700	Other Appropriations	\$ -	\$ -		0.00%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 818,168	\$ 821,479		0.40%
TOWN MEETING MODERATOR					
5100	Personal Services	\$ 200	\$ 40		-80.00%
5400	Supplies	\$ 20	\$ -		-100.00%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 220	\$ 40		-81.82%
MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES					
5100	Personal Services	\$ 423,862	\$ 409,385		-3.42%
5200	Services	\$ 652,602	\$ 692,189		6.07%
5400	Supplies	\$ 45,938	\$ 29,799		-35.13%
5800	Capital Items	\$ 44,700	\$ 58,821		31.14%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 1,167,102	\$ 1,190,003		1.96%
NATURAL RESOURCES/CEMETERY					
5100	Personal Services	\$ 451,824	\$ 419,127		-7.20%
5200	Services	\$ 17,825	\$ 15,211		-14.66%
5400	Supplies	\$ 22,600	\$ 20,619		-8.77%
5800	Capital Items	\$ -	\$ -		0.00%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 492,049	\$ 454,957		-7.54%
PLANNING BOARD					
5100	Personal Services	\$ 143,468	\$ 143,439		-0.02%
5200	Services	\$ 5,116	\$ 1,354		-73.54%
5400	Supplies	\$ 2,293	\$ 6,450		181.29%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 150,877	\$ 151,242		0.24%
POLICE					
5100	Personal Services	\$ 2,278,746	\$ 2,266,968		-0.52%
5200	Services	\$ 37,737	\$ 41,173		9.11%
5400	Supplies	\$ 63,733	\$ 57,838		-9.25%
5800	Capital Outlay	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000		0.00%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 2,455,216	\$ 2,440,978		-0.58%
PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS					
5100	Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -		0.00%
5200	Services	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,925		54.00%
5400	Supplies	\$ 2,865	\$ 1,223		-57.62%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 4,135	\$ 3,148		-23.88%
VETERANS SERVICE					
5100	Personal Services	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,216		-53.22%
5200	Services	\$ 927	\$ 111		0.00%
5400	Supplies	\$ 206	\$ -		-100.00%
5700	Other Appropriations	\$ 16,000	\$ 18,677		16.73%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 19,733	\$ 20,004		1.37%
WEST ACTON LIBRARY					
5100	Personal Services	\$ 25,696	\$ 26,132		1.70%
5200	Services	\$ -	\$ -		0.00%
5400	Supplies	\$ 5,720	\$ 5,235		-8.49%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 31,416	\$ 31,366		-0.16%
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS					
5400	Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 299		-40.14%
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$ 500	\$ 299		
		\$ 21,713,435	\$ 20,589,461		

TOWN OF ACTON
TRUST FUNDS
NON-EXPENDABLE FY06

ACCOUNT	BEG BAL 7/1/2005	EXPENDITURES	REVENUES	j/e and transfers IN (OUT)	<CALCULATED> END EXPENDABLE
					BAL PER G/L 6/30/2006
PRINCIPAL					
T-16 ELIZABETH WHITE	7002	25,080.00		0.00	25,080.00
T-28 VARNUMN TUTTLE MEM'L	7003	10,000.00			10,000.00
T-05 BETSY BALL CHARITY	7004	10,095.26			10,095.26
T-18 GEORGIA WHITNEY CHAR	7005	14,073.70			14,073.70
TOTAL CHARITY TRUST FUNDS		59,248.96	0.00	0.00	59,248.96
T-01 CHARLOTTE GOODNOW	7006	3,000.00			3,000.00
TOTAL RELIGIOUS TRUST		3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
T-37 ACTON YOUTH	7007	21,074.00			21,074.00
T-40 JAMES KINSLEY	7008	1,000.00			1,000.00
DRUM TRICENTENNIAL FUND	7009	0.00			0.00
T-02 FIREMEN RELIEF	7010	12,870.00			12,870.00
T-32 W ACTON FIRE RELIEF	7011	0.00			0.00
CONSERVATION FUND	7012	0.00			0.00
TOTAL MISC TRUST		34,944.00	0.00	0.00	34,944.00
T-17 GEORGIA WHITNEY	7013	15,000.00			15,000.00
T-31 WATSON FUND	7014	2,500.00			2,500.00
T-21 HOIT & SCOTT FUND	7015	500.00			500.00
T-10 DR ROBERT DAVIS	7016	1,000.00			1,000.00
T-20 FRANK HAYWARD	7017	1,000.00			1,000.00
T-03 GEORGE AMES	7018	465.49			465.49
T-19 GEORGIA WHITNEY	7019	1,500.00			1,500.00
T-15 ROBBINS & AMES	7020	21,210.08			21,210.08
CAPTAIN ROBBINS	7021	2,500.00			2,500.00
T-13 ROBBINS WOODLAND	7022	1,500.00			1,500.00
T-34 JENKS FAMILY	7023	142,176.26			142,176.26
T-12 ELDRIDGE ROBBINS	7024	1,000.00			1,000.00
T-11 MARTHA DESMOND	7025	3,000.00			3,000.00
T-05 NEW PERPETUAL CARE	7026	859,781.00			859,781.00
T-25 RAYMOND MONUMENT	7027	700.00			700.00
T-06 OLD PERPETUAL CARE	7028	178,259.92			178,259.92
T-04 ARLETTE APPLEYARD	7029	2,000.00			2,000.00
T-26 RAYMOND CARE	7030	2,000.00			2,000.00
T-35 MARY SMITH FUND	7031	2,000.00			2,000.00
T-27 HOSMER	7032	102,238.95			102,238.95
T-29 WETHERBEE	7033	10,000.00			10,000.00
T-36 ERNEST JONES	7034	1,000.00			1,000.00
T-24 BLANCHARD	7035	2,419.24			2,419.24
T-07 AB CONANT FAMILY	7036	1,000.00			1,000.00
T-23 FRANK KNOWLTON	7037	1,000.00			1,000.00
T-22 MRS ONEIL	7038	372.39			372.39
T-33 WELLS	7039	3,000.00			3,000.00
PORTER JENKS	7040	76,977.01			76,977.01
TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUND		1,436,100.34	0.00	0.00	1,436,100.34
T-01 HIGH SCHOOL	7041	4,000.00			4,000.00
T-90 KATHERINE M. KINSLEY	7042	9,461.75			9,461.75
T-88 WILLIAM A WILD	7043	9,006.00			9,006.00
T-78 SUSAN/LUTHER CONANT	7044	1,532.00			1,532.00
T-86 LUKE TUTTLE	7045	200.00			200.00
T-84 NEWELL B TAINTER	7046	11,849.79			11,849.79
T-82 LIBRARY PLANTER	7047	1,000.00			1,000.00
T-80 MILDRED P MOORE	7046	2,000.00			2,000.00
T-70 MARK CLAPP	7049	1,142.00			1,142.00
T-76 HIRAM J HAPGOOD	7050	200.00			200.00
T-72 CHARLOTTE CONANT	7051	1,500.00			1,500.00
T-74 MINNIE DAVIS	7052	336.50			336.50
FLORENE GRANDINE	7053	20,672.34			20,672.34
ACTON MEM'L LBY FUND	7055	0.00			0.00
TOTAL LIBRARY & ED TRUST		62,900.38	0.00	0.00	62,900.38
TOTAL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST		1,596,193.68	0.00	0.00	1,596,193.68

**TOWN OF ACTON
TRUST FUNDS
EXPENDABLE FY06**

INCOME ACCOUNTS	ACCOUNT	BEG BAL 7/1/2005	EXPENDITURES	REVENUES	ENCUMBRANCE	END BAL PER G/L 6/30/2006
T-16 ELIZABETH WHITE FUND	7002	1,488.34	(202.91)	1,221.53		2,506.96
T-28 VARNUM TUTTLE MEM'L	7003	112,154.84	(864.16)	4,064.51		115,355.19
7-05 BETSEY BALL CHARITY	7004	56,851.38	(1,083.02)	2,460.28		58,228.64
T-18 GEORGIA WHITNEY CHAR	7005	22,916.37	(261.10)	1,299.59		23,954.86
TOTAL CHARITY TRUST FUNDS		193,410.93	(2,411.19)	9,045.91	0.00	200,045.65
T-01 CHARLOTTE GOODNOW	7006	188.16	(42.55)	104.86		250.47
TOTAL RELIGIOUS FUND		188.16	(42.55)	104.86	0.00	250.47
T-37 JENKS - ACTON YOUTH FD	7007	2,196.88	(820.55)	924.57		2,300.90
T-40 JAMES KINSLEY FUND	7008	6,346.81	(51.99)	242.24		6,537.06
DRUM TRICENTENNIAL FUND	7009	827.38	(5.85)	27.17		848.70
FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND	7010	173,310.32	(3,232.29)	6,030.38		176,108.41
T-32 W. ACTON FIRE RELIEF	7011	15,095.93	(106.81)	1,000.17		15,989.29
CONSERVATION FUND	7012	38,455.60	(272.23)	1,257.13		39,440.50
TOTAL MISC TRUST FUND		236,232.92	(4,489.72)	9,481.66	0.00	241,224.86
T-17 GEORGIA WHITNEY MEML	7013	16,968.09	(988.11)	1,116.30		17,096.28
T-31 WATSON FUND	7014	6,449.46	(381.25)	320.31		6,388.52
T-21 HOIT & SCOTT FUND	7015	911.25	(79.37)	52.81		884.69
T-10 DR ROBERT DAVIS FUND	7016	2,910.79	(176.60)	140.45		2,874.64
T-20 FRANK HAYWARD FUND	7017	9,192.24	(215.86)	345.57		9,321.95
T-03 GEORGE AMES FUND	7018	711.61	(136.10)	43.62		619.13
T-19 GEORGIA WHITNEY FUND	7019	1,564.30	(164.58)	114.42		1,514.14
T-15 ROBBINS & AMES FUND	7020	89,016.13	(5,487.49)	3,886.18		87,414.82
T-14 CAPTAIN ROBBINS FUND	7021	16,518.02	(379.17)	645.59		16,784.44
T-13 ROBBINS WOODLAND FUND	7022	2,831.47	(216.80)	158.81		2,773.48
T-34 JENKS FAMILY FUND	7023	131,769.66	(13,353.38)	10,067.72	0.00	128,484.00
T-12 ELDRIDGE ROBBIND FUND	7024	2,213.13	(146.98)	115.57		2,181.72
T-11 MARTHA DESMOND FUND	7025	6,705.41	(471.23)	349.78		6,583.96
T-05 NEW PERPETUAL CARE	7026	21,120.35	(33,674.01)	27,417.20	0.00	14,863.54
T-25 RAYMOND MONUMENT FD	7027	12,449.93	(111.18)	434.73		12,773.48
T-06 OLD PERPETUAL CARE	7028	187,604.81	(18,778.35)	13,573.90	0.00	182,400.36
T-04 ARLETTE APPEYARD FUND	7029	5,165.98	(229.77)	255.64		5,191.85
T-26 RAYMOND CARE FUND	7030	4,924.25	(335.80)	254.11		4,842.56
T-35 MARY SMITH FUND	7031	2,500.54	(233.05)	166.47		2,433.96
T-27 HOSMER FUND	7032	147,869.29	(12,304.30)	9,192.14	0.00	144,757.13
T-29 WETHERBEE FUND	7033	115,682.70	(1,366.28)	4,173.20		118,489.62
T-36 ERNEST JONES FUND	7034	1,745.84	(65.68)	97.20		1,777.36
T-24 BLANCHARD FUND	7035	6,938.63	(341.94)	328.35		6,925.04
T-07 AB CONANT FAMILY FD	7036	2,490.50	(166.58)	128.58		2,452.50
T-23 FRANK KNOWLTON FUND	7037	1,791.43	(138.49)	103.33		1,756.27
T-22 MRS ONEIL FUND	7038	1,573.96	(88.27)	66.59		1,552.28
T-33 WELLS FUND	7039	26,462.25	(304.04)	982.74		27,140.95
PORTER JENKS TRUST FUND	7040	9,632.69	(3,646.88)	2,320.22		8,306.03
TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS		835,714.71	(93,981.54)	76,851.53	0.00	818,584.70
T-01 HIGH SCHOOL FUND	7041	766.35	(256.50)	179.48		689.33
T-90 KATHERINE M. KINSLEY	7042	1,082.64	(112.54)	484.87	0.00	1,454.97
T-88 WILLIAM A WILD FUND	7043	2,710.97	(615.66)	463.05	0.00	2,558.36
T-78 SUSAN/LUTHER CONANT	7044	3,578.37	(36.08)	175.65		3,717.94
T-86 LUKE TUTTLE FUND	7045	1,496.16	(12.44)	56.25		1,539.97
T-84 NEWELL B TAINTER	7046	4,242.87	(164.03)	611.15		4,689.99
T-82 LIBRARY PLANTER FUND	7047	1,474.04	(129.65)	96.44		1,440.83
T-80 MILDRED P. MOORE	7048	1,644.35	(25.81)	132.41		1,750.95
T-70 MARK CLAPP FUND	7049	297.46	(10.43)	55.88		342.91
T-76 HIRAM J HAPGOOD FUND	7050	877.15	(7.62)	35.97		905.50
T-72 CHARLOTTE CONANT	7051	1,599.46	201.09	109.83		1,910.38
T-74 MINNIE DAVIS FUND	7052	322.14	(4.65)	23.73		341.22
FLORENCE GRANDINE FUND	7053	3,804.28	(586.31)	689.22		3,907.19
GEORGE J. KASHUA TRUST	7054	4,086.82	(29.04)	120.93		4,178.71
ACTON MEM'L LBY FUND ENDOW	7055	280,809.13	(3,299.06)	8,624.61		286,134.68
TOTAL LIBRARY & ED TRUST		308,792.19	(5,088.73)	11,859.47	0.00	315,562.93
TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST		1,574,338.91	(106,013.73)	107,343.43	0.00	1,575,668.61

HUMAN SERVICES

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

In 2006, the Commission on Disability addressed the needs of people with disabilities in our community by purchasing a DPH video, "Medical Care: Adults with Physical Disabilities" and designing a training workshop for Medical Providers around accessibility and communication.

We joined forces with the Recreation Department to survey the Town playgrounds in order to develop a plan for improving their safety and accessibility.

We continued to raise awareness in Acton with our booth at Oktoberfest, our detection of barriers and contributing our considered opinions on variance requests to the state Architectural Access Board. Our publication, "Accessible Dining In Acton," was of interest to the Lexington commission and they are using it as a guide for their own.

In the past we initiated the process of looking into transportation issues. Twenty-five percent of the calls we received were transportation related. This year we handed the reins over to the Transportation Advisory Committee to continue to work on this vital piece of infrastructure.

We received a request from the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission for help in developing a regional resource guide for consumers and MRC professionals. We donated a book on disabilities, "Just Like Life Only More So" by a local author, Dana Snyder-Grant, to the high school library and other materials to the Acton Memorial Library.

As always, we responded to phone calls from individual residents and service agencies in Acton. Twenty-five percent of the calls were transportation related; 10% about government agencies; 20% on medical information (which we refer to more knowledgeable sources). The remainder of the calls were from individuals in need of an accessible ear. To reach Commission members call 978 263-2579 or 266-1129

Commission Members

John Brako
Brenda Viola
Janet Feasel
Beatriz Maimone
Jean Nigro
Lisa Franklin

ACTON COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION

The Acton Community Housing Corporation, a town board appointed by the Board of Selectmen, with a mission to increase the supply of affordable housing in the town. ACHC exists to facilitate the creation of affordable housing opportunities with priority to Acton residents, children of Acton residents, and employees working in Acton. The committee continues to be very busy overseeing the creation of new affordable housing units.

Most of ACHC's time in 2006 was spent with developers of proposed 40B affordable housing developments, creating a Comprehensive Permit Policy with the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen, and participating on the Community Preservation Committee. But our primary focus was on the ACHC's first ever housing proposal, the Willow-Central residences. This is a wrap-up of the 2006 activities.

Willow-Central Residences, Chapter 40B development

ACHC members Ryan Bettez and Nancy Tavernier spent most of this year working on the ACHC proposal for the re-use of a parcel of Town-owned land on Willow and Central Streets for affordable housing. The parcel was taken for back-taxes in 1995. The ACHC proposes to select a developer to build a duplex farmhouse style building on the Central Street side of the parcel and a single family bungalow style building on the Willow Street side. The duplex would contain a 3-BR unit and a 2-BR unit; the bungalow would be a 3-BR unit. The conceptual design was created with input from the neighborhood and town boards.

ACHC received a state grant to fund the preliminary design work and permitting costs. This grant was used to do engineering and architectural design for the project. April Town Meeting voters authorized the Board of Selectmen to convey the property to ACHC. ACHC paid the Town the back taxes, penalties, legal expenses, and clean-up costs of the property, totaling \$203,000 using CPA and housing gift funds. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the Comprehensive Permit in December. The next step is to put out an RFP seeking a developer of the 3 unit project. We anticipate conveying the property to a selected developer by late spring and occupancy of the three units by late fall. The units will be sold to low-moderate income households with incomes no greater than 80% of the Area Median Income. One of the units may be purchased by the Acton Housing Authority. Proceeds from the sale of the units, CPA funds, gift funds, and grants will be part of the development revenue mix.

The pace of this project has been agonizing and frustrating at times but the reward will be great when it is finally complete. We have many people to thank for keeping us going, both within Town government and throughout the community.

Fort Pond Brook Place, Chapter 40B development

The Fort Pond Brook Place development on River Street was completed and occupied by April 2006. The development includes two affordable units, one of which was purchased by an Acton school teacher.

The Woodlands at Laurel Hill, Chapter 40B development

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved this 296 rental unit development at the end of December 2005, allowing an additional 305 units to be added to Acton's affordable housing count since all units in a rental development count as affordable. In addition, the Planning Board approved 64 2-BR condominium townhouses as an age-restricted development adjacent to the rental complex, with 10% of the units affordable. In December 2006, the development was sold to Avalon Bay, a publicly traded apartment developer who builds throughout the country.

Davis Place, Chapter 40B development

Developers approached ACHC to seek their input on a proposed 40B development on the corner of Prospect St. and Mass. Ave. ACHC was able to give design and site lay-out preferences for an 8 unit development in a village style design. The ACHC, BOS, DHCD, and the ZBA all approved the development and it was cited as being one of the friendliest 40B's yet experienced in Acton. The new Comprehensive Permit policy was used for the first time with this development, it was a good case study. Construction began in November.

Blanchard Place, Chapter 40B development

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a comprehensive permit for a 12-unit townhouse development at 137 Prospect St. Four of the units will be in a farmhouse-style building facing Prospect St. with eight units being in two separate buildings to the rear of the property. Three of the units will be affordable and sold to First Time Homebuyers.

Madison Place, Chapter 40B development

The proposed Madison Place development on North Main St. was put on hold while alternatives to the demolition of an historic house on site were pursued. After agreement was reached with the Historical Commission that would allow the house to be moved, the project moved forward to the Zoning Board of Appeals and should be approved easily in early 2007. It is an 8 unit development in 4 duplex buildings similar to the Franklin Place design. The developers of Madison Place have shown a great willingness to work in a collaborative approach with the Town.

Lillian Road Residences

ACHC met several times with a developer of a proposed 2 unit 40B development on a site with an existing house which would remain as part of the project. The affordable unit would be a small single family home with a yard, located at the end of a cul de sac. Unfortunately, the Board of Selectmen declined to approve the LIP application even though ACHC had recommended it.

140 Main Street, the Acton Music Center

The developer of this multifamily renovation met with the ACHC to discuss possible affordable housing involvement. The building will be preserved and restored while adding six luxury condominium units. After negotiations, the special permit for the building was conditioned to allow ACHC to buy down a unit for sale as an affordable unit or, a cash or in-kind contribution to ACHC. Unfortunately the amount of subsidy needed for the buy down would exceed ACHC's budget. Instead the architect is providing architectural services to the ACHC for the Willow-Central development.

Towne Building Reuse

The plans to develop the Towne Building into 18 units of mixed income rental moved forward in 2006 after languishing in red tape for several years. The ACHC and the Town revised the original Request for Proposals and selected a new developer in April, Common Ground, Inc., an affiliate of Lowell-based Community Teamwork, Inc. The long-term lease was finally signed by the Board of Selectmen on December, 18, 2006. It will take at least a year for the developer to begin the renovation of the building. This project would never have happened without the dedication and perseverance of ACHC member Bob Whittlesey. He created the original RFP documents and sought out developers to bid on the project.

Condominium Buy Down Program

Consultant Judi Barrett was hired to develop an action plan for the ACHC to buy down the market price of selected condominiums to an affordable price and make them deed restricted units. The ACHC plans to begin a pilot program in 2007, using CPA funds for the subsidy. We will first hold a lottery to measure the interest in such unit ownerships and to see what size units are the most in demand. Then ACHC will approach unit owners in a few developments to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement leading to the placement of an income eligible family.

Soft Second Loan

The Town is a DHCD-approved Soft Second Loan community allowing First Time Homebuyers to get a discount on their mortgage expenses through participating local banks.

Community Preservation Committee

ACHC Chair Nancy Tavernier serves as an Associate member of the Community Preservation Committee. The ACHC received Town Meeting approval for its CPA request for Land Acquisition and Development costs of Willow-Central at

\$160,000. ACHC has submitted a proposal to the CPC for 2007 that would add \$100,000 to the Community Housing Program Fund to be used to create new deed-restricted units.

Affordable Unit count for 2006

The current total of subsidized housing units in Acton as of December 2006 is 534, of which 36 are affordable home ownership units and 304 are rentals under the oversight of ACHC. The major increase in the housing count comes from the approval of The Woodlands where all 296 rental units will be counted as affordable. In addition to the ACHC units, 155 units for low income rentals under the control of the Acton Housing Authority are included in the total count. This represents 7% of the total housing units in the town as affordable. This is a dramatic step forward to the goal of 10%.

This was a very busy year for the members of the Acton Community Housing Corporation but always interesting and rewarding. We would like to especially thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Staff, and Town Counsel for their ongoing support of the Willow-Central project. We also wish to thank local affordable housing developers for their collaboration in delivering another productive year.

As Chairman, I would especially like to thank our very loyal and talented committee members. Without their dedication, there would be little progress made in the affordable housing effort. This year member Robert Whittlesey retired from ACHC to focus more on his involvement with the Acton Housing Authority. Bob was a tireless supporter of the Towne Building project and a dedicated long-term affordable housing advocate. Bob is badly missed on ACHC, we are grateful for all we learned from him.

- Chairman, Nancy Tavernier
- Vice Chairman, Ryan Bettez
- Clerk, Naomi McManus
- Members Dan Buckley
- Kevin McManus
- Robert Whittlesey (retired)
- Assoc. Members Pam Shuttle
- Bernice Baran

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Acton Council on Aging provides services and programs to citizens 60 and over in the Town of Acton. The Smith-Cloonan Senior Center is located on 50 Audubon Drive in South Acton. In addition to staff offices, the senior center has two large rooms providing space for dining, daily exercise, other classes, group meetings, programs and recreation. A smaller room accommodates health clinics, computer classes, legal consultation and tax appointments. The Minuteman Senior Services lunch program takes place in the dining room four days a week. Home delivered meals are offered to homebound seniors five days a week.

The Council on Aging staff is available 8 to 5, Monday through Friday, to provide resource information and consultation to seniors and their families and to make referrals to other community agencies when appropriate. Staff members are Jean Fleming, Director, Carol Steiner, Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator, Debby Mozzicato, Program Coordinator, Judy Peters, Administrative Assistant, Ron Paskavitz, Van Driver and Steve Ryan, Substitute Van Driver. Edith Dietrich is the Minuteman Senior Services meal site manager. Barbara Winders, a most valued staff member, retired this year after 20 years of service.

The COA budget is funded primarily by the Town of Acton. An annual grant from the State Executive Office of Elder Affairs funds limited additional staffing hours and supplies. The Friends of the Council on Aging funds numerous classes, programs, special events and day trips.

A major project this year has been the development and distribution of a comprehensive survey to all Acton seniors. The COA staff and Board worked over the summer to develop the survey, which was then mailed out in our October newsletter. 500 surveys have been returned and tabulated. A summary of data is in progress and new programs are already being planned for this spring, based on survey responses. We greatly appreciate all who took the time to fill out and return this survey, which will help us in program development for the next few years.

New programs this year have included a "Maintaining Your Balance" series and two very popular programs planned in conjunction with Framingham State College: Broadway Songwriters and An Overview of World Religions. Recognizing the importance of encouraging seniors to be physically active, we started an outdoor walking group in the fall, the Acton Striders. Have you spotted their lime green T shirts on a Wednesday morning? This new group supplements our five day a week exercise programs held in the Senior Center living room. Our Computer program has branched out this year also. A Computer Club is now offered on a drop in basis in addition to a variety of computer workshops. There is always a waiting list for workshops dealing with digital photography, a most popular topic. We offer popular programs on health insurance, financial and

legal planning, residential options, memory enhancement and volunteer opportunities. Our third annual elegant Holiday Tea was greatly enjoyed, as was the spring Fashion Show with Acton seniors modeling the latest attire. The "Elderberries" are in their second full year of production, as topics of community interest are presented each month on our local cable channel.

Ongoing Senior Art exhibits enhance the living room space as program participants and visitors appreciate the breadth of local senior artistic talent. Art classes are offered regularly throughout the year and encourage new as well as experienced artists to express their creativity. The "One Stroke Painting" class contributed items to the Friends of the Council on Aging for their raffle this fall, a most successful venture.

Our Bridge enthusiasts have series of lessons, play informally and have planned social/dinner get-togethers. The spring opera workshop attracted new enthusiasts and those who have had a lifelong love of opera. Our weekly Quilting Group donated a beautiful quilt for the "Friends" raffle, and quilts donated to area residents. The Genealogy group continues to explore their roots and is always open to new members, as is the Book Discussion Group. French classes were offered in the spring and fall, as more seniors expressed interest in learning or brushing up on other languages.

The monthly "Men's and Ladies' Breakfast" has been well attended. After lunch, seniors enjoy pool, ping pong and card games. Weekly movies are viewed on our large screen TV and entertainment is offered throughout the year by amateur, professional and scholastic musical groups. Day trips are offered to museums, flowering gardens, Boston Symphony rehearsals, ballgames, boat, train and foliage tours, holiday events and of course, restaurants!

Assistance with income tax applications is offered by trained AARP tax volunteers and free legal consultation appointments are offered bi-monthly by a local elder law attorney. Podiatry, blood pressure and cholesterol clinics are scheduled by the Acton Public Health Nursing Service. A monthly hearing clinic is available. Health insurance counseling is provided by the Acton SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) volunteer, supervised by Minuteman Senior Services. Our SHINE counselor has been invaluable in helping seniors figure out the maze of Medicare D this past year. Resource information is provided in areas of housing, legal and financial assistance, adult day care, home health services, residential care facilities, with specialized resources for Alzheimer's care. Long distance caregivers also receive assistance via phone calls and our web site. Residents receive help preparing fuel assistance applications as well as accessing other state and local fuel assistance programs.

A Bereavement group was offered this fall in follow up to the Widows/ Widowers group, which has transitioned into a luncheon gathering. An Indian luncheon, offering delicious Indian fare and a cultural program, funded by a grant to the "Friends"

from United Way and planned in conjunction with Minuteman Senior Services, drew over 70 participants. The Friendly Visitor program provides companionship to isolated seniors and an opportunity to socialize at Senior Center events. The RUOK phone check in program is coordinated with the Acton Police Department. The Handyman program meets the requests of seniors for minor home repairs. Durable medical equipment is donated by seniors and loaned out to other seniors in need. The "File of Life", an invaluable form detailing medical emergency information and stored in a magnetized packet on the refrigerator door, is mailed to every senior in Acton by "the Friends".

The Senior Work program, coordinated by the Acton Dept. of Human Resources, provides opportunities for temporary employment in municipal departments. Seniors earn up to \$750 each fiscal year in this program designed to provide assistance with real estate taxes.

The Council on Aging van is a ten passenger van with wheelchair capacity, which transports seniors and disabled adults within the towns of Acton, Concord and Maynard. Fares are \$1.00 each way within Acton, and \$1.50 each way out of town. The COA van and another local van, the Road Runner, are both administered by the Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA). The LRTA has recently added service to Westford and Boston hospitals once a week, scheduled directly with the LRTA office in Lowell.

Information about all programs, classes and services is detailed in the COA Senior Citizen Newsletter, mailed nine times a year to senior citizens.

We greatly appreciate our versatile, talented and hard working corps of volunteers. The COA Board advocates for seniors, with continued focus on real estate tax relief, maintaining frequent contact with legislators and town officials. Development and follow up to the Senior Survey is their major goal this year. The Friends of the COA fund many COA classes and programs, subsidize day trips, administer the Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund and mail the "File of Life" to each senior's home. Volunteers deliver meals to homebound seniors each weekday, help serve special luncheons, teach classes, do minor home repairs, prepare the monthly special breakfast, create quilts, laps robes, hats and mittens to donate to those in need. They provide tax assistance, legal counseling, prepare the newsletter for mailing, answer office phones and organize our library and video bookshelves. Friendly Visitors provide welcome companionship to isolated seniors. All these volunteers are honored at our spring Volunteer Recognition event.

The Acton Lions Club and Acton-Boxboro Rotary Club provide seasonal dinner events for over 100 seniors at the Senior Center. Theater III provides free dress rehearsals and Video Signals a weekly movie. High school students rake lawns and deliver buckets of "safety sand" to seniors' homes. The Salvation

Army, Community Supper and the Friends of the Acton COA assist seniors in need. The Acton Women's Club, school groups, area church groups, an area businessman and private citizens donate food and gifts to others at the holidays.

THANK YOU to all who have volunteered their time, energy and skills to enhance the well being of Acton's senior citizens.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY _____

The Acton Housing Authority (AHA) Board of Commissioners and staff strive to provide safe, decent, affordable housing our residents and Town can take pride in. The AHA owns and operates 142 units of state-aided housing. The AHA has two developments for elderly and/or handicapped individuals; 68 units located on Windsor Avenue and 23 units located on Sachem Way. Both developments were constructed in the 1980's. The AHA has a 12 unit home for people with disabilities which was purchased in 1985 and built in 1900. The AHA has 12 family units in six duplexes and 27 condominium units scattered throughout Acton. The AHA also manages 170 rental subsidies. These rental subsidies are used to assist low-income individuals and families rent housing in the private market.

The AHA was established in 1970 and has a five person Board of Commissioners, four are elected and one is appointed by the Governor. The Board is responsible for setting policy and for budget oversight.

The AHA is appreciative of the Town of Acton's ongoing support. The Town awarded the AHA with Community Preservation Funds for a housing consultant last year. The AHA will be working with the consultant and community advocates to identify new ways to assist people in need of housing assistance. The AHA is also in the process of purchasing new condominium units to increase the supply of affordable housing in Acton.

The State of Massachusetts level funded housing authorities from 2002 through 2006. With increasing utility expenses and ongoing maintenance demands the AHA is struggling to

meet the needs of our residents and buildings. Federal funding levels continue to decrease. While balancing these shortfalls the AHA continues to pride itself on its proactive approach to assisting residents. Our Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) has helped many families increase their incomes and improve their lives. Over the past couple of years several families have moved from our housing and into home ownership. This year another one of our participants will be a first time home buyer.

The Housing Authority Board, staff and residents are very thankful for the ongoing support and generosity of the people who live and work in Acton. During the Holiday season many churches, synagogues, communities of faith, local businesses, the Lions Club and countless individuals and families donated food and gifts to our residents. These contributions made a real difference in the lives of the people we serve. The AHA would also like to thank the Family Self-Sufficiency Program Committee members and the Eliot Community Health Center for the invaluable services they provide to our residents.

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

The ACTON PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE, a division of the Health Department, has been dedicated to providing quality care to Acton residents since 1923.

We are proud to carry on the tradition of providing highly skilled, personalized services to the Acton community as both a Medicare Certified Home Health Agency and a Public Health entity.

As a Medicare Certified Home Health Agency our comprehensive services include Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Medical Social Worker & Home Health Aide. We are able to bill Medicare, Mass Health and most private insurance carriers for these services. We encourage residents requiring skilled services to know they have a choice in homecare and ask for Acton Public Health Nursing service by name. Our highly skilled staff can provide care in residents home's in close communication with their primary care physician.

Our Public Health Services are quite comprehensive. We provide blood pressure clinics at several locations throughout the community each month, a cholesterol screening service, a monthly podiatry clinic and influenza and other immunization clinics. We work under the guidelines of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in the reporting and monitoring of communicable diseases. We continue to work in conjunction with Acton's Health Department on the Emergency Dispensing Site Plan. We provide walk in services at our office located on the second floor of Town Hall for childhood & adult vaccinations as well as blood pressure checks. We encourage residents to call before coming to ensure availability of a nurse to assist them.

Volunteers and other departments within the town generously continue to provide support to the Nursing Service. The Friends of Acton Nursing Service (FANS) provide ongoing financial and volunteer support. The Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) provides support in the form of guidance and review. The dispatchers at the Public Safety Facility provide off-hours paging services. The Council on Aging provides space where we conduct many of our health promotion activities and screenings. *** Most generously Dr. Thomas Wong continues to support the Nursing Service by acting as our Medical Director.

Public Health Nursing Service Statistical Data FY2006

Home Visits	
Skilled Nursing	1747
Physical Therapy	1808
Occupational therapy	112
Speech Therapy	10
Medical Social Worker	2
Home Health Aide	2763
Total	6442
Health Promotion	
Blood Pressure	1021
Cholesterol Screen	34
Influenza immunization	1255
Immunizations (other)	78
Mantoux	65
Podiatry care	180
Injection admin	24
Total	1402
Communicable Disease Surveillance and Reporting	
Animal bite	1
Campylobacter	5
Hepatitis B	5
Hepatitis C	2
Lyme disease	28
Pertussis	14
Salmonella	4
Strep Pneumonia	2
Tuberculosis	16
Total	77

Joelle Darcy, RN, BSN, COS-C
Administrator

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Sealer of Weights and Measures annually checks the accuracy of all weighing and measuring devices used by all retail and wholesale businesses in the conduct of their trade. This includes scales, gasoline and oil pumps, scanners, yard goods and measuring devices as well as investigating complaints in the sale of cordwood.

Number of Devices Sealed	
Scales	113
Gasoline Pumps	200
Bulk Storage	3
Oil Trucks	2
Scanner Inspections	21
Scales not Sealed	1
Scales Adjusted	5
Scales Condemned	0
Pumps not Sealed	0
Pumps Adjusted	24

Mark FitzPatrick
Sealer of Weights and Measures

George G. Nelson Sr. U.S. Navy	WWII	August 16	Woodlawn
David W. Perley U.S. Army	Korea	April 26	Woodlawn
Joseph R. Peters Jr. U.S. Marine	Korea	September 10	Woodlawn
Robert P. Reardon U.S. Navy	Vietnam	September 11	Woodlawn
William B. Reich U.S. Navy	Korea	January 9	Woodlawn
George Y. Robinson U.S. Army	WWII	August 13	Woodlawn
Harry Snyder Jr. U.S. Navy	WWII	January 19	Woodlawn
Harry Snyder III U.S. Navy	Vietnam	December 13	Woodlawn

The following information did not appear in the 2005 Town Report as we were unaware of the veteran status until we received the government markers:

William W. Falwell U.S. Marines	September 22, 2005	Mount Hope
Clyde J. Horne U.S. Air Force	WWII July 12, 2005	Mount Hope

VETERAN'S GRAVES

The following are name, branch of service, date of death and location of interment of the nineteen known United States Veterans interred in Acton Cemeteries in 2006:

William T. Bradley U.S. Navy	Korea	October 9	Mount Hope
Stuart G. Dickson U.S. Navy	WWII	July 22	Mount Hope
Howard R. Edwards U.S. Army Air Corps	WWII	June 12	Woodlawn
James E. Gallagher U.S. Navy	WWII	February	Woodlawn
Glenn C. Gould Jr. U.S. Coast Guard	WWII	December 26	Mount Hope
William B. Graves U.S. Navy	Korea	September 16	Mount Hope
Gunther A. Imke U.S. Marines	Korea	December 17	Woodlawn
Walter J. Johnson U.S. Marine		February 6	Mount Hope
Chandler Wyman Jones U.S. Navy	Korea	May 10	Mount Hope
Thomas J. Kennedy U.S. Navy	WWII	July 8	Woodlawn
Joseph A. Marcewicz U.S. Navy	WWII	April 24	Mount Hope

In preparation for Memorial Day, a veteran flag standard, an American flag and a geranium are placed at the grave of each known U.S. Veteran. If the veteran status was omitted on the Burial Permit or Cremation Certificate, we have no way of knowing that your loved one was a veteran unless/until we receive a government grave marker. The United States Government will provide a bronze or granite veteran's grave marker at no cost to the family, provided that the next-of-kin fills out an application, available from all funeral directors or from the Veteran's Agent, and forwards it to the proper authority.

If you know of a veteran whose grave has not been recognized with a flag and a flag standard, please call the cemetery office at 978 264-9644.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOLS

EDUCATION REPORT 2005-2006

Introduction

The 2005-2006 school year once again witnessed a myriad of activities that added to the learning experiences of all our students. As an educational community committed to excellence in all our endeavors, the Acton Public Schools and Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools continued to develop, research, and further enhance our curricular and instructional skills and course offerings. With a culture that believes in supporting all learners, we are proud of our accomplishments over the past year and anticipate that even greater successes lie ahead.

Enrollment

The elementary enrollment of 2,591 on October 1, 2005 was a decrease of 14 students from the previous October 1. Kindergarten enrollment decreased by 22 students, from 330 to 308. There were no school choice students at the elementary level. The junior high school enrollment increased by 37 students, from 917 to 954 with no school choice students remaining. The high school numbers went from 1,725 to 1,849, an increase of 124. There were 52 school choice students – an increase of 49 students from the previous year.

Personnel

Staffing changes for the 2005-06 school year were affected by the June 2005 retirement of eight Acton Public and two Acton-Boxborough Regional teachers. Leaves of absence for four ABRSD teachers and thirteen APS teachers were granted, and six APS and eight AB resignations were received. The 15.8 ABRSD and 21.6 APS full-time equivalent new teachers who were hired filled these vacancies and additional openings.

Curriculum and Instruction

Throughout the year, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction had the privilege of meeting with curriculum leaders, teachers, students, parents and many other groups and committees who represent all aspects of our curriculum – academic and cultural. Our entry in the Town Report presents an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate all that we do for the children of Acton and Boxborough, both in our classes and beyond the walls of our classrooms. Our staff is forever refining their craft to ensure that our schools are exceptional places for teaching and learning.

Countless programs, resources, and opportunities for students were made possible through the support of parents the community. These groups worked tirelessly to give students cultural programs, classroom materials, extra-curricular activities, curriculum enhancement, and donated hundreds of hours of their time. Individually and collectively, these organizations, faculty, staff and parents benefited all our children by collaborating with other community organizations to sponsor programs and events open to everyone.

Curriculum is the what, the why, and the how of the classroom. We are always asking what it is that we want our children to know, understand, and be able to do. Why do we teach what we teach? What are the best strategies by which children learn? When and how will we know our children have achieved their goals? What to teach, how to teach it, and how to determine if students have learned are continual questions to be answered.

Change is ever present. As educators we view these changes as opportunities to grow and as a way to invest in the future of our students. Teachers use a range of strategies and techniques for the diverse demands that accompany today's drive for high-quality instruction because curriculum matters. A great deal of time and quality effort has been and is being expended on behalf of learning.

Learning together creates new ideas that bring inspiration to our work with students.

In the elementary grades, K-6 . . .

We refined two new science and engineering units. In addition, the fifth grade Living Democracy project entered its third year of collaboration with the Acton Area League of Women Voters. This project informed and educated local voters about the workings of local government through a series of "mock" town meetings held in the schools, presented by fifth graders for the community.

We continued our business partnership project at grades three and five, where the science curriculum was enriched by classroom visits and/or field trips to local businesses.

In the fall of 2005, the "Outdoor Classroom" opened in the retention pond between the Parker Damon Building and the Administration Building, thanks to the efforts of many volunteer groups, including the Acton Area Rotary, The Garden Club, the Town of Acton's Natural Resources Department, and many Eagle Scouts.

Our schools are immersed in math program adoptions and literacy initiatives to improve student learning.

Second Step Program and Steps to Respect are districtwide APS initiatives; however, each school has decided how to begin the implementation, since each school is at a different point of adoption.

Second Step has two components to help students develop social-emotional competence.

Our second program is called Steps to Respect: A Bullying Prevention Program. Children learn to recognize bullying, learn bullying-refusal skills, learn how to reach out to someone who is being bullied, and develop bullying-reporting skills.

In the secondary grades: English . . .

At the junior high

The faculty is becoming familiar with the vast potential of our new literature anthologies, Prentice-Hall's "Timeless Themes and Timeless Voices" series.

The teachers have begun to use some of the readings to enrich their thematic units and to help the students continue to develop their reading and writing skills.

There has been collaboration between the junior high English and Social Studies teachers to discuss the importance of the writing process and evaluation of writing in all curriculum areas.

At the high school

English teachers and Social Studies teachers have discussed common curriculum issues, such as writing instruction, curriculum content, SAT prep, MCAS prep, research and MLA documentation and style guides.

Ninth-grade teachers prepared for an extensive review of the English I curriculum, and 12th-grade teachers designed a Senior Project component for English 4AE.

In the secondary grades: Math . . .

At the junior high

Curriculum work entailed the development of a review of the standards covered in the Geometry and Measurement Strands of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for eighth-grade students. Students cover these topics in 7th grade but are tested at the end of 8th grade.

Teachers prioritized the topics to be covered in the various 8th-grade levels to assure coverage of topics to be tested on MCAS before the exam. They also determined what supplementary topics needed to be covered in the AE and Honors level.

Teachers began slight revisions to the 7th-grade curriculum to better meet the 7th-grade standards and developed a new mini-unit to introduce linear equations in a more conceptual manner.

At the high school

The 2005 MCAS exam was reviewed on Professional Development Day; Geometry teachers are ensuring proper coverage of topics.

We decided to reinstitute the Probability/Statistics unlevleed course with an updated curriculum. This course was publicized, and over fifty students enrolled.

We instituted a new course, Statistics H/AP. This course was publicized, and over forty students enrolled.

In the secondary grades: Science . . .

At the junior high

Teachers revised the 8th-grade physics unit to include use of a new physics text.

Students and teachers alike learned and used Australian Woodlands, food web computer simulation, in the 7th grade.

There was continued use of the TELS (Technology Enhanced Learning in Science) igneous rock computer-based lab activities in some 7th-grade classes.

At the high school

The department piloted an on-line version of its AP Environmental Science class. The majority of the work is done in an online environment; the class does meet once a week for two hours at night for more traditional labs and tests.

The Science Department began using computers in the chemistry classrooms for data acquisition and analysis.

Congratulations to students in the ABRHS Science Team! The ABRHS Science Team came in 1st place in the Massachusetts competition among 36 other teams in the state. The students traveled to Indiana for the National Science Olympiad.

In the secondary grades: Social Studies . . .

At the junior high

The department worked to enhance and document the curriculum in both 7th and 8th grades.

In an effort to improve communication and connections among teachers, a series of curriculum topics were discussed: increased geography skills, writing skills, integration of current events, common assessment terms, and critical thinking skills.

Coordination with the English Department to discuss writing goals and a common language resulted in the writing of a thesis statement and well-supported essay to be included in grade 8 and paragraph writing to be emphasized in grade 7.

At the high school

World History teachers created a new unit, "The Silk Road." It is designed for all ability levels, maintains alignment with frameworks, and further globalizes the course. The Silk Road unit streamlines the more significant elements of Byzantium, China, Islam, and even some Roman themes.

In the secondary grades: World Language . . .

At the junior high

The department participated in a World Language Institute, where teachers created rubrics, revised their grading policy, and developed new curriculum units.

The department sponsored its annual National Foreign Language Week.

Additionally, grade 8 students of French and Spanish took the national exams.

Future selections of additional language offerings were surveyed at the JHS.

At the high school

World Language Institute rubrics for listening and reading second language skills were developed.

Textbooks for Spanish IV Honors were reviewed and analyzed for adoption.

Classroom activities were developed for French III Honors classes in the WL Institute.

Some students participated in a trip to Spain.

Hope for Haiti, a community-service-learning-oriented project, continued this year.

The Language Lab Institute for WL teachers enabled the use of varied strategies in technology to enhance teaching in world languages.

We revived the French and Spanish clubs.

Students participated in the National French and Spanish exams.

World Language Awards Night honors those students who have excelled in the National French and Spanish exams, inducts members into the French and Spanish Honor Societies, and provides certificates of merit for the highest averages in each of the language levels taught.

Districtwide Initiatives for both Acton and Acton-Boxborough . . .

Wellness Policy Committee

This year the district formed a committee to begin the process of developing a Wellness Policy. The members of this group included physical and health educators, nurses, teachers, curriculum leaders, the assistant superintendent, parents, a town health board member, food director, and a cross section of representation from all seven schools. The council reviewed the regulations and guidelines and met regularly to discuss the suggested direction for the districts.

By the start of the next school year, it is mandated by the state and federal government that all districts have an adopted Wellness Policy.

The Wellness Policy includes four categories:

Nutrition Education, addressing nutrition in the classroom.

Nutrition Standards, addressing all foods available on campus.

Physical Activity, addressing recess, gym and other activities.

Other Events, addressing fundraising, classroom celebrations, school stores, etc.

Next, we will begin defining the planning stages and implementation of this new policy.

Wellness Activities

The following represents a sampling of the activities that took place this year.

Book Groups

"Talk So Teens Will Listen and Listen So Teens Will Talk" by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish

“Queen Bees and Wannabes” by Rosalind Wiseman

“The Secret Life of Bees” by Sue Monk Kidd

“The Wonder of Boys” by Michael Gurian

“Real Boys” by William Pollack

January’s theme was Teen Dating: Reality, Risks, and Rewards.

February’s theme was a panel discussion on Depression and Anxiety.

March’s theme was The Blossoming Teenager.

Emerson’s YRBS (Youth Risk Behavior Survey) was developed and revised this year for 2006 administration.

Project Wellness: a 7th-grade conference for parent and students on a variety of wellness issues.

At a combined Gates’ and Douglas’ PTO night, a workshop focused on parenting and how to prevent risky behaviors and open the lines of communication: Risky Behavior in Elementary School - What’s the Big Deal?

April’s theme sponsored discussion groups on issues that concerned 7th-grade parents.

May’s topics included an Internet Safety presentation in collaboration with Project Alliance/Middlesex District Attorney’s Office, and Sexuality and Talking with Kids was a two-part program for 6th-grade parents and guardians.

School Business Partnership Programs

The following represents a sampling of activities:

Job Shadowing: Students had an opportunity to meet their business hosts and talk with educational staff; they then visited their business sites for a job-shadowing experience.

Career Speakers: This program offered approximately 250 students an opportunity to listen to speakers who shared information about their typical day, requirements and training for their job and their career path.

Senior Internship

Thirty students participated in a three-week internship, working in a career field in which they have a strong interest.

The internship provided students with practical work experience and a “hands on” look at a career field they selected.

Elementary School Partnerships

For the seventh year, we continued our partnerships between businesses and our elementary schools.

Guest speakers in the classroom and field trips to work sites provided students and teachers with opportunities to see curriculum “at work.”

Parent Involvement Programs (PIP)

Acton PIP (Parent Involvement Project) offered high-quality science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning experiences for Acton families. A typical Acton PIP event is “hands-on” and curriculum-centered with a twist.

This year’s major PIP events included:

Sci-Tech Fest (grades 6-12), a parent-led, science and career festival for every student who ever wondered why they needed to study trigonometry, chemistry or physics.

Market Math Mania (grades 3 & 5), a melding of classroom math concepts with “real world” ideas like counting with M&Ms and estimation at the grocery scanner.

Star Party, where the 4th-grade astronomy curriculum came to life with a night of stargazing and more, thanks to the Acton Public Schools, the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston (ATMoB) and PIP.

Family Domino Night (grade 3+) was an entree into domino games that reinforced problem solving, logical reasoning, and number sense.

Additional PIP events included:

Water-wise activities at the Earth Day Festival.

Math reviews with the Summer Skills Fundraiser.

Real-time physics, with PIP and Danny’s Place sponsoring a local Skid School.

Community Service Learning

The school district received a DOE Partnership Grant again this year to support and encourage community service learning in grades K-12 in Acton and Boxborough. Service learning is an educational strategy that combines classroom learning and community service.

In addition, local and regional professional development opportunities were available to teachers. Some of these included a CSL course at Fitchburg State College, a Roots and Shoots project training at Drumlin Farms, and a statewide service learning conference.

Over twenty community and non-profit agencies and teachers worked together at a fall Community Forum to gain an understanding of each other's needs.

Teachers have researched, developed or enhanced a wide variety of service learning projects:

HS: Social Change world history project.

7th grade: Lowell community team project.

Merriam: Sportsmanship project.

Douglas: Something Beautiful is an outreach project with the nursing home and nursery school.

Conant: Project for Perkins School for the Blind.

McCarthy-Towne: Knitting project.

Gates: Water resources and conservation project.

Living Democracy is also a CSL Partnership grant; it was in its third year.

The purpose was to increase the practice of service learning while implementing the Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework.

All 5th-grade classes and two 7th-grade teams developed projects that help to teach history and citizenship while providing a service to the community.

The Discovery Museums

The Discovery Museums are very excited about the newly remodeled space at the Administration Building to use as a distribution center for the Museums' Traveling Science Workshop program. They have enjoyed bringing their hands-on physical science programs to our elementary classrooms this winter and spring and have been thrilled with the positive response from Both teachers and students.

It's all about learning . . .

The aforementioned curriculum highlights represent only a sampling of what is happening in our schools. When educators design the curriculum, it helps them to see the bigger picture of student experience, and it enables them to make the logical connections. If a viable curriculum is what determines how well students achieve, no educator can leave the school's curriculum unexamined. Designing curriculum means defining and redefining what is taught and when, in order to improve student learning. We all benefit when we work together. We can build off of each other's ideas, contribute to the development of new initiatives and help each other solve problems.

Pupil Services

In February 2006, the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District received the results of the Department of Education's Coordinated Program Review, where the Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School Districts were commended for "having a significant and positive impact on the delivery of educational services for enrolled students." Specific to Pupil Services, the following areas were evaluated during on-site visits: Special Education, English Language Learner Education, Civil Rights, and Other General Requirements, such as health education, counseling services, and more. Program initiatives and best practices are described below.

In special education, special educators, speech and language specialists, and occupational and physical therapists make up a cohesive group of talented and dedicated specialists serving students with disabilities. Classroom teachers, specialists, and therapeutic disciplines communicate regularly. Special Education Teams provide highly effective services, including detailed and comprehensive evaluation reports and Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Strong professional development is offered to all specialists, increasing their repertoire of strategies and interventions used to remediate reading, writing, and math disabilities. Additional professional development is provided to train specialists on the administration of current cognitive and academic assessment batteries used to qualify students for special education services. Specific training and resources are also offered to classroom teachers, broadening their repertoire of educational approaches, accommodations and modifications. A continuum of services exists among the preschool, elementary schools, the junior high, and the senior high school programs ensuring a highly organized, specialized range of programs and services in all buildings. As students transition from preschool to kindergarten, from the 6th to the 7th grade, from the junior high to the high school, parents/guardians are provided with opportunities to participate in relevant transition discussions with Pupil Services Coordinators through question and answer forums.

Within all schools, continued support is provided to help families understand new special education regulations pertaining to eligibility, services and methodology. An additional emphasis has been placed on helping families of secondary students with transitional planning toward adulthood. In particular, this has included transitional discussions during IEP Team meetings that focus on effective transition planning, course of study, employment, community experiences, and daily living skills and needs. This results-oriented planning promotes movement from high school to post-school activities based upon an individual child's needs.

The Acton Public Schools Preschool, including the Integrated Preschool and Preschool ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) Program, is a well-respected early childhood option within the community. The Integrated Preschool continues to provide opportunities for typical students to learn alongside students with

special education needs in a developmentally appropriate setting. The ABA Program focuses on children on the Autism Spectrum. The APS staff works closely with the elementary school staff to ensure a smooth transition for students entering Kindergarten.

District, state, and national data document that the population of students on the Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) continues to rise, and as such, specialized staff training is ongoing, including student assessment, curriculum development, behavior plan development, supervision and consultation. Additionally, the early childhood staff participated in a number of professional development opportunities to gain greater knowledge and insight regarding various cultural childrearing practices, establishing appropriate educational expectations and evaluation practices.

The school nurses continued to consult with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Town of Acton Board of Health on issues including pertussis, varicella, life-threatening allergies and emergency treatment. Relevant planning for communicable diseases such as pandemic flu has been an important focus as well. Nurses have stayed involved with the state-funded Essential School Health Services with Consultation grant, providing professional development for nurses, as well as community education through Project Wellness. Within buildings, the nurses provided ongoing, individualized health teaching to students, staff, and families, as well as coordinating state-mandated vision, hearing, height, weight and postural screenings. At the elementary level, nurses participated in classroom teaching opportunities, including Human Growth and Development for fifth- and sixth-grade students, safety, scoliosis, and handwashing and hygiene practices to prevent spread of infection, including influenza. Several nurses participated in a skin cancer prevention program called Sunwise, developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This included being part of a study group and providing sun skin care information to parents. During Professional Day in March, the nurses spent the day at Children's Hospital in Boston. They participated in workshops and spent time on psychiatric, diabetes, respiratory, gastrointestinal and emergency medicine clinical units. For their study group, the nurses continued reviewing and updating health office procedures. In the fall, the nurses trained bus drivers, teachers and other staff in recognition of life-threatening allergic reactions and EpiPen administration and continued to support the implementation of the systemwide Emergency Response Plan in collaboration with school principals and safety committees. In the spring, the nurses developed an educational slide show on health office services, which included current information about increasing student medical needs and current challenges for nurses in this system. One of the nursing supervisors presented this program to the AB and APS school committees, with all the nurses in attendance as well.

With a new English Language Learner (ELL) teacher at the regional level, increased collaboration has occurred among the elementary schools and the junior and senior high schools. A review of existing ELL services and an assessment of needs has

been completed; results indicate a need to significantly increase classroom teacher training and support at all levels. This has been initiated, organized by grade/curriculum level rather than by building. Supporting and involving ELL parents/guardians has also been a priority for staff. The district has implemented a paired buddies program, in which English-proficient parents are placed with limited-English-proficient parents to facilitate the involvement of limited-English-proficient-parents' involvement in the school. Parent evenings that provide information about the schools, as well as community resources, have been well received.

Members of the elementary counseling department met with the APS Curriculum Specialist to coordinate anti-bullying and social skills programming for all elementary schools. Second Step and other "Committee for Children" kits were selected for use in classrooms. Counselors also participated in various conferences and workshops. One highlight included a conference on multi-cultural counseling; these materials were shared at the counselors' bi-weekly study group. Other workshops pertaining to behavior management and strategies for de-escalating behavior provided strategies for responding to students in crises. An inservice training at Emerson Hospital provided valuable information on "Domestic Violence in Privileged Communities," sponsored through the Domestic Victim Assistance Program. Finally, counselors advanced their training and expertise in the use of evaluation tools, including intelligence and behavioral/emotional assessments.

At the junior high, school counselors continue to establish strong relationships with teams and regularly attend team meetings. The department prioritizes programming and services that focus on respecting individual differences and maintaining a safe and welcoming climate for all students and staff. The counseling staff was involved in delivering the sexual harassment curriculum to all seventh-grade teams, which include units on respect, bullying, teasing, and sexual harassment. Expanding the curriculum into the eighth grade is a priority. Counselors and a school psychologist participated in a Social Integrity Committee, that developed a student questionnaire pertaining to the important issues outlined above. Learning more about the daily experiences of our junior high school students outside of the classroom helps our faculty and administration explore current issues to ensure a comfortable environment for all.

In addition to their strong involvement in building-based programs such as VOICE (Valuing Others in an Inclusive and Caring Environment), Mentors in Violence Prevention, and class advisorships, the high school counseling department was fortunate to receive grant money to hire a part-time social worker whose primary focus was to support students with substance abuse issues. The department was also excited to have several talented school psychologist interns to assist in meeting the academic, social, emotional, and career goals of students. The department initiated the use of the new web-based college search program, Naviance. This versatile program allows students to

use a variety of tools in planning their post-graduation years, including interest/career exploration and college and financial aid exploration. The program also includes information about post-Acton-Boxborough college application history, formally provided through the College Action Report.

Acton Public Schools

The five elementary schools – Conant, Douglas, Gates, McCarthy-Towne, and Merriam – have the following in common.

Each has a School Council, as required by the Educational Reform Act of 1993.

Vital parent involvement plays an active role in the life of each school. These parents sponsored numerous assembly programs that enriched their school's cultural and aesthetic life with musicians, storytellers, and other performers. They raised funds for schoolwide projects; provided volunteers for many in- and out-of-class activities, tasks and services; staffed the "Safe Arrival" hotlines; and also sponsored school newsletters and other activities.

School-wide events, such as orientation programs for kindergarten parents and children as the school year begins, back-to-school-night open houses in the fall, and a Memorial Day Program in the spring.

Students use computers, technology, associated software, and the Internet in various ways: to supplement the writing/composing process, to enrich or extend learning experiences in each curricular area, to strengthen the learning of concepts and practice of skills via the Internet.

The faculty participates in professional development through one or more of these activities: pursuit of formal course work; involvement in systemwide curriculum and instruction review and improvement projects; participation in the district-wide Professional Development Day; and attendance at professional conferences and workshops. In addition, many teachers work with student teachers. Through their actions, every year the faculty shows that they are truly committed to the concept of being life-long learners.

Each school has a reception or event to celebrate and honor the parents and volunteers who assist them during the school year.

Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools

R. J. Grey Junior High School

R. J. Grey began the 2005-2006 school year with 954 students, 500 in the seventh grade and 454 in the eighth grade on October 1. This was an increase of 40 students over the enrollment for October 1, 2004. As school began, Craig Hardimon, Principal, welcomed new Assistant Principal Megan Hatt.

At R. J. Grey, all students are divided into teams. Teaming is the ideal format through which we can deliver those programs and values we most believe in, as expressed in our Statement of Purpose; e.g., meeting the needs of the adolescent, maintaining curricular quality and interdisciplinary opportunities, and creating a sense of community. There were four teams in both seventh and eighth grades. Each seventh-grade team had approximately 125 students and five teachers (English, Social Studies, Math, Science, and Spanish and/or French). In grade eight, each team averaged 114 students and five teachers (Math, Science, English, Social Studies, and one of the four "exploratory" subjects that rotated each quarter of the year). World Language teachers are "off-team" in grade eight. Teachers plan integrated curricular activities, which help students see the relationships between the various subjects. The team model allows us to create a strong web of support to enhance student success. A large school becomes a smaller school. With built-in consistent communication among team teachers, there are fewer cracks for students to fall through. Issues are addressed early, and students have the best chance of success. Students have an opportunity to develop close relationships with their teachers, and with a familiar peer group.

All students take English, Social Studies, Math, Science, and Physical Education/ Health. The curriculum demonstrates the core values of reading (the English program is literature-based), writing (although skills are primarily taught in English classes, the other academic subjects have adopted the "Writing Across the Curriculum" approach, which provides students with a more consistent writing approach), Math (with the added skill development of reading mathematical language), and our physical (Science) and cultural (Social Studies) world. Most of our students, not exempted by a Special Education Individual Educational Plan, take a world language, with two times as many taking Spanish as French. Seventh graders participate in an "exploratory program" that consists of Study Skills, Art, Music and Minuteman Technology Lab I, each of which meets every other day for half of the year. Exploratory courses for the eighth graders are Art, Minuteman Technology Lab II, Life Skills/Health, and Study Skills Technology; these classes last for one marking period.

In addition to the core curriculum, students elect to participate in band, chorus or x-block. X-block is a combination of curriculum-related mini-courses and study halls with team teachers.

Learning and connecting with members of the R. J. Grey community took place for many students through our extracurricular activities. The interscholastic athletic program included teams in cross country, soccer, field hockey, basketball, softball, track, and baseball. All participants on these teams paid an activity fee, which helped to support these programs. The intramural program was available to all students, meeting either before or after school. These intramurals included basketball, lacrosse, strength training, and Club 107, a running group to prepare students to run in Boston before the marathon. Other

after-school activities included Art Club, Adopt-a-Grandparent, Jazz Band, Speech and Debate Team, Chess/Board Games Club, the Tolkien Society, Math Counts, Science Olympiad, the Yearbook and the AB Blueprint (school literary publication). The school musical, "Honk, Jr.," involved over 150 students and 125 parents. R. J. Grey held its third annual Spelling Bee, and the winner represented our school at the Lowell Sun's 66th Annual Northern Middlesex Spelling Bee. We continued the tradition of the Rotunda Project, where each student created a small, self-representative piece of art. These individual squares were then hung in the rotunda on poster-board painted the color of each team.

Another way students connected was through involvement in the Student Council. This group helped to plan school-wide activities, dances, and service learning projects. Several Student Council members continued to serve on the Principal Student Advisory Board. Our annual community service learning projects, such as the Coat Drive, Walk to the West Acton Food Pantry, and collecting for Toys for Tots, the Student Council and teams found new programs to support. Among these were a day of maintenance work at local parks and conservation lands, visiting local community service agencies, such as Life Care Center of Acton, and supporting Heifer International. In addition, our annual used-coat drive earned us praise from Anton's Cleaners for the most coats collected per capita.

In our continued effort to address all of the needs of students and parents/guardians, we held our fifth annual Project Wellness Day. This event brought seventh-grade students and adult family members together at Merrimack College on March 15, 2006 to learn more and better ways to communicate with each other about difficult issues and sensitive topics, ranging from time management to drug use to relationships. Approximately 1,000 students, family members, and staff participated in this event. We also cosponsored for the fifth consecutive year the parent evening, "Recognizing Adolescent Depression and Anxiety," with the RPTSO, CAFY, and NAMI-Mass. The counseling department facilitated classroom-wide sessions in the seventh grade, addressing respect, harassment, and bullying behavior.

Other special events during the school year included Halloween Dress-up Day, the Thanksgiving Assembly, Blue and Gold Day (school spirit day), World Language Week, a weekend ski trip to Waterville Valley, the end-of-year seventh-grade Boston Harbor Cruise and eighth-grade day at Canobie Lake Park, and the Student Recognition Assembly.

Throughout the school year, several groups met regularly to look at the future of R. J. Grey and to consider ways we can continue to meet the academic needs of our students. The entire staff, as well as a committee of department leaders and staff representatives, continued to look at the parts of the program that are highly valued in order to preserve them, and also looked at ways to enhance the learning opportunities of all students. The Advisory Committee continued the work of investigating implementation of an advisory program at R. J. Grey.

The School Council, consisting of four parents, one community-person-at-large, three staff members, and the principal, addressed a wide variety of issues and made recommendations to the administration that were very helpful. The School Council continued to have a strong voice in the development of the school and the overall school climate. An active P.T.S.O. organization (for families in grades seven through twelve) planned, organized, and assisted with many events at R. J. Grey. Parents/guardians were invited to attend monthly noontime informational meetings with both the RJG and ABRHS principals, who presented reports and answered questions. The P.T.S.O. also sponsored evening programs designed to provide information about the schools. The P.T.S.O. newsletter, Shades of Grey, and the P.T.S.O. e-mail list helped us to communicate more effectively with families. Our principal continued to distribute his weekly email newsletter to parents, "Grey Matters," and offered monthly "Drop-In" hours to facilitate more communication between home and school.

In October 2006, R. J. Grey (as well as the high school and elementary schools) received the results of the state-mandated MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) tests from the previous spring. We continue to be proud that our students' scores compared favorably with the top-performing schools in the state. This is a result of the high quality of teachers and teaching, an excellent curriculum, fine students, and the supportive families who make education a priority for their children.

At the end of the 2005-2006 school year, one veteran staff member, Joanne Lazdowski, retired after many years of service to our school. This professional devoted decades to our school community and touched the lives of several hundred students and families. We thank her for her many years of leadership, support, and dedication to the students of R. J. Grey Junior High.

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

Post Secondary Education: The ABRHS Class of 2006 was comprised of 436 students; of these, 89% enrolled at four-year schools, while 6% continued their education at two-year colleges and technical schools.

Standardized Test Results: Average SAT scores for 2006 seniors again exceeded those of state and national populations. This is significant since 99% of AB students took the SATs, compared to the state average of 85% and the national average of 48%. Our average combined score for the SATs was 1236, which is 215 points higher than the average combined Massachusetts score of 1028.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation: Twenty-one members of the Class of 2006 achieved semi-finalist recognition; 69 others received letters of commendation.

National Honor Society: There were 118 members of the class of 2005 inducted into the NHS.

National World Language Honor Societies: In 2006, sixty ABRHS students qualified for membership in local chapters of the National French and Spanish Honor Societies.

National, Regional, and State World Language Competitions: Four ABRHS students placed nationally in the National Spanish Examination; 71 students placed statewide; 76 students received certificates of merit. Eighty-one students placed nationally and at the chapter level in the National French Contest.

World Language Achievement Awards and Leadership Award: Twenty-six students of Spanish and French were recipients of the World Language Achievement Awards. These students, who achieved the highest average in their language classes for the year, represented all of the levels that are taught in the department. Laura Press was the recipient of the Leadership Award; Nicola Rentschler received the Excellence in Spanish Award; and Kate Brady received the Excellence in French Award.

Academic Decathlon Team: In its 18th year of competition, this team of nine regulars and twenty alternates placed first in the Massachusetts State Championship, which was held in March. A total of forty-five Massachusetts high schools competed. In addition, the team placed 6th overall in the country. English teacher Andrew Crick coached the team.

Mathematics Team: In 2005–2006, Acton-Boxborough Regional High School finished in third place in the Massachusetts Mathematics League and then finished in third place in New England among large schools at the New England Math League Competition in May. Six students from Acton-Boxborough Regional High School were finalists on the state Mathematics Olympiad examination: Alex Kazberouk, Patrick Wu, George Hong, Feigi Jiang, Anandh Swaminathan and Andrew Dai. There were 17 Acton-Boxborough Regional High School students as finalists for the National Exam: Feigi Jiang, Alex Kazberouk, Rashmi Jasrasaria, Patrick Wu, Andrew Dai, Michael Ryan, Bob Liu, Anandh Swaminathan, David Corwin, Anton Li, George Hong, Mike Sestrich, Lijian Zhou, Hursha Krovi, Max Tabachnik, Samarth Bhargava and Prabhat Putchakayala.

Speech & Debate Team: The Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Speech & Debate Team had a very successful 2005-2006 season. More than 75 boys and girls, grades 9-12, competed for the team in such diverse events as Original Oratory, Play Reading, and Student Congress. The team competed throughout the year in the Massachusetts Catholic Forensic League against public, Catholic and private school teams from the entire state. The team consistently placed in the top five scorers in tournament team sweepstakes awards and placed fourth in the prestigious Natick Holly Tournament and fifth in the State Tournament. Five students represented the ABRHS team at the Grand National Tournament held over Memorial Day weekend in Chicago. The team was directed by Coach Chris Beck and Faculty Advisor Frank Calore.

Athletics: Participation in athletics exceeded 1,700 students in grades 7-12. In the fall season, our Girls Swim team ranked second in their sectional and at the state meets. Our Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Field Hockey teams each qualified for post-season play. The Field Hockey team was divisional runner-up, and the Boys Soccer team won the Eastern Massachusetts Championship.

In the winter, many of our teams enjoyed successful seasons and qualified for tournament participation. The Girls Indoor Track team was DCL Champions, and Division A & State Champions.

Performing Arts: The Performing Arts Department continued its outreach and service to the community. There were performances at the Memorial Day Parade, West Acton's Oktoberfest, and numerous senior gatherings. (See the following Performing Arts section for more details.)

Proscenium Circus: Proscenium Circus, which grew in its membership and activities during 2005-2006, placed Acton on the Massachusetts high school theatre map with several awards. (See the following Performing Arts section for more details.)

Peer Leadership Program: Peer Leadership had another very successful year with a spike in membership of over thirty dedicated students. The peer leaders facilitated alcohol/drug awareness programs in Acton's elementary schools, led social development programs at R. J. Grey Junior High, chaperoned the sixth-grade social, and engaged in smoking awareness programs.

The School Newspaper: The Spectrum, published five times during the school year, includes articles and photography of interest to the ABRHS community. Its staff of approximately forty students works on all aspects of the paper, including writing, editing, photography, layout and copy editing. For five consecutive years, the paper has received an award for Excellence in Writing from Suffolk University.

The Literary Magazine: Each year the student Literary Magazine produces and publishes two issues of a collection of student writing and artwork. To generate submissions, a contest is held prior to each issue with separate categories for artwork, poetry, and short stories. All layout and printing—copying, collating and stapling—is done in-house by the students.

Idiosyncrasy: The high school topical magazine, *Idiosyncrasy*, began four years ago when a group of enthusiastic students approached English teacher Dennis Kavanagh with the idea. Since then, the magazine has put out many issues. This year we decided to make several changes to the magazine to make it more relevant and appealing.

Harvard Model Congress: Ten juniors represented ABRHS at this four-day government simulation. The Acton

League of Women Voters generously underwrote their participation. Those representing ABRHS were Mark Amoroso, Amy Corron, Alexandra Essman, David Estabrook, Matt Finley, Clara Kollm, Jita Ray, Hannah Slocum, Monica Trobagis and Martina Zartarian.

Girls State: One junior attended with the support of the Maynard Emblem Club.

Career Exploration Activities: Beginning in November, approximately 150 students made one-day job shadowing visits to a variety of work sites. This program owes its success to the support of the Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce School Business Partnership Committee, which sponsors a Job Shadowing Kick-off Breakfast in November. At three Career Breakfasts during the year, career speakers talked to groups of students interested in their fields of work. About thirty members of the senior class completed three-week full-time internships at the end of the school year. Other career exploration activities included the Senior Seminar course, the Work Study program, a website listing employment opportunities, and workshops on resume writing and searching for jobs and internships.

Senior Community Service Day: On April 28, the Class of 2006 spent the day working on volunteer projects in and around Acton and Boxborough. Before the seniors began their projects, they were served breakfast at the school by the faculty and administration. This was the twelfth year that the senior class has organized a Senior Community Service Day.

Community Service Activities: The school's Accept the Challenge Program encourages every student to become involved in some way in volunteer activities, either during the school year, during the summer, or both. The school held its sixth Community Service Awards Night on January 16. At this ceremony and other class assemblies, 547 students received recognition for their volunteer efforts. A new addition to the school's extracurricular activities was Youth In Philanthropy, an effort sponsored by the Crossroads Community Foundation, which trained a team of students in the principles of philanthropy and grant-making and gave them the opportunity to read grants and make recommendations about which agency applicants would receive funding for projects serving children and youth.

The Performing Arts

Many exciting events took place throughout our elementary schools. In addition to their weekly music-learning experiences in the classroom, each of our schools held class plays/musicals and choral/band concerts. Choruses from the Gates and Douglas Schools came together with the Blanchard Elementary School to sing in a systemwide Pan Choral Concert with the Junior and Senior High School Choruses. The elementary school bands came together to march in Acton's Memorial Day Parade. This has become a wonderful tradition for our band program,

beginning in grade 5. The band program also finished the year with a Town-wide band concert combining the five elementary school bands. The 300+ students involved were a sight to see and hear!

At the R. J. Grey Junior High School, ten students were selected to perform in the concert band, orchestra or chorus at the MMEA Northeast Junior District Music Festival held in March. The Band and the Chorus performed winter and spring concerts, displaying their improving musicianship, and did a great job providing support and building esprit de corps at school assemblies. The 8th-grade band and chorus performed at the Great East Music Festival in May, where the band earned a Gold Medal and the Chorus took top honors with Platinum! The students of R. J. Grey performed a musical, "Seussical," to sold-out audiences for six consecutive performances.

At the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, our Band and Chorus continued its outreach and service to the community. Performances at the Memorial Day Parade, West Acton's Oktoberfest, and numerous senior gatherings are a few. Twelve students were selected to perform in the concert band, chorus and orchestra at the MMEA Northeast Senior District Festival, held in January; five of these earned an All-State recommendation. Our Madrigal Singers performed a Madrigal Dinner for the community in which they performed a renaissance-style dinner theater. A trip to Dublin, Ireland, where the band marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, was an outstanding experience for our band members as they took home Best Overall Band honors!

Proscenium Circus, which grew in its membership and activities during 2005-2006, placed Acton on the Massachusetts high school theatre map with several awards. Over 200 students participated in activities and shows throughout the year. Students began the year by performing at the West Acton Oktoberfest. "Wiley and the Hairy Man," the fall play directed by Linda Potter, was enjoyed by large audiences. "42nd Street," the musical directed by Linda Potter, Jeanie Furlan and Melinda Samperi, played to sold-out houses. Nominated for twelve awards at the Northshore Music Theatre Awards Night, "42nd Street" took first place in five categories, including "Best Musical of the Year." The Massachusetts State Drama Festival Play, directed by Andrea Southwick, went all the way to the state finals of the competition for the first time in nine years. Over 100 students participated in eight student-directed plays supervised by PC Director Linda Potter. The newly formed adult drama support group, Friends of Drama, established its charter and was granted tax-exempt status by the State of Massachusetts. This group funded special professionally led seminars for PC and supported each production in varied ways.

The Visual Arts

In the ongoing process of curriculum articulation and review, the Visual Arts staff continued to implement a visual journaling component for the grades 5 through 12 curriculum.

The goal for this initiative is for students to practice the process of developing ideas by creating multiple planning sketches. Art teachers have been serving as role models for their students by maintaining their own art journals and sharing these with their classes.



"Sunnyside" from The Acton-Boxborough High School's production of 42nd Street: Susan Williams, photographer

Throughout the school year, student efforts and accomplishments in the Visual Arts program were exhibited in each of the systems' seven schools and the Administrative Building Conference Room, as well as off-site settings. Student artwork appeared in various school newsletters, and a kindergarten student's drawing graced the cover of the Kindergarten Handbook.

In the highly competitive Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards, 24 ABRSD students (twenty high school and four junior high) received a total of 25 state-level awards. These awards included: six Gold Key Awards, eleven Silver Key Awards, and eight Honorable Mention Awards. The Gold and Silver Key student work was exhibited at the State Transportation Building in Boston during January and February. Award-winning students were recognized at an awards ceremony at Hancock Hall in Boston. Student work receiving Gold Key Awards was sent to New York for the National Scholastics judging. One high school art teacher, the Visual Arts Director, and four high school students assisted teams of judges during the daylong Scholastics judging process held at the State Transportation Building in January. The K-12 Visual Arts Director also served on the Massachusetts Scholastics Advisory Board.

Two high school students were among 140 high school juniors statewide who were selected to participate in Art All-State at the Worcester Art Museum in May. Art All-State is a weekend-long program for art students to work with their peers and with practicing artists who serve as mentors. Each district is limited to two student applicants. Selection is based on slides of student work, a written application and an interview with a team of art educators. The K-12 Visual Arts Director served on the Art All-State Steering Committee.

Students in the high school Art History and Junior/Senior Portfolio classes traveled to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. The one-day museum visit supported units of study in these courses. The field trip was organized by the three high school art teachers.

Students in the Junior/Senior Portfolio class prepared and exhibited their work in a show entitled "Elections," which was held at the Acton Memorial Library during the spring. The work of four high school art students was selected for exhibition in a show at the Art Institute of New Hampshire.

One high school art teacher, working with ABCO, directed the "Empty Bowls Project." Students created clay bowls that were sold to raise money to ease world hunger. Money raised from this project was donated to the Acton Food Pantry and to Lesotho, Africa.

AB graduates who are majoring in art at the college level returned to AB to share their experiences with students in the Junior-Senior Portfolio class. Advice on the college application process was also shared.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students at R. J. Grey had the opportunity to participate in an after-school art club that met once a week. A Virtual Art Show, highlighting artwork from both seventh- and eighth-grade students, was posted on the RJG website.

The grade 8/Art 2 art teacher at RJG organized and led the school-wide "Unification Project," where students and staff were each encouraged to create a collage square that voiced their personality and personal interests. The squares were assembled into "quilts" by the teams and hung in the RJG Rotunda area as symbols of the school's unity.

During March, Acton and Acton-Boxborough student artwork was included in the annual Youth Art Month Show at the Worcester Art Museum. Over fifty student works were included. There was an opening reception for students, their families and art teachers in the Museum's Renaissance Court. The Conant, Douglas, Gates, Merriam and McCarthy-Towne Schools, as well as RJ Grey Junior High and the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, were all represented in this show.

A show of representative student artwork from each of the seven schools was on display at the Acton Senior Center during the month of May. An opening reception was held for the students, their teachers and parents, and members of the general community.

One elementary art teacher and the visual arts director were among the art educators making presentations at the Massachusetts Art Education Association Spring Conference held at the De Cordova Museum. Theorem Painting was the topic of this presentation. One elementary art teacher, who is a member of the

Kingston Gallery in Boston, had a solo show installed at the gallery in March. The show was featured and favorably reviewed in both the Boston Globe and Art New England. Another elementary art teacher exhibited her artwork in a group show at The Java Hut in Worcester in June.

Grade 6 students at the Conant School participated in an online art gallery through the website Artsonia. Students were able to display their own work and also view work from other schools in the United States and many countries worldwide. The Conant Gallery was organized and posted by the Conant art teacher.

All five elementary schools participated in two month-long art shows during the spring, "Printmaking" and "Collage," at the Continental Café Gallery in Acton.

A series of digital photographs of high school students enrolled in Digital Photography was exhibited at the Acton Memorial Library in the spring. The exhibit later traveled to the Administration Building Conference Room and then to the Administrative Conference Room at the high school.

Several professional development workshops were offered for art teachers. K-12 art teachers participating in an art journaling workshop created, maintained and shared their work during a series of sessions. K-6 art teachers worked together to develop rubrics for three art units of study during a series of five two-hour workshops on standards-based assessment.

During the summer of 2006 the K-12 Art Director taught a weeklong Teacher Institute at the Worcester Art Museum. This course, "Making Connections Through Art," was open to teachers of all content areas.

Technology

Districtwide: Priscilla Kotyk, Director of Technology Integration and Instruction, and Steve Hall, Director of Information Technology, continued to collaborate to provide integrated technology services to address both curriculum integration support and technical support. The PowerSchool student information system is being used in all schools to manage student data, track information related to DOE reporting requirements, and provide valuable information for a variety of reports and data analysis. The IT group continued to provide infrastructure, technical support services, and project management for a wide range of technology-related functions.

High School: Many exciting ongoing projects are underway in the area of technology integration and instruction. Teachers at the high school continued to embrace technology as an instructional tool, employing new techniques. Students used technology to create art, produce videos, and write music. In the sciences, students worked on physics and biology investigations with online tools from the Concord Consortium. English and

social studies departments used stationary and mobile labs, in addition to the library's technology for research. Some English students piloted an online writing program, My Access. This program automatically scores the writing sample and provides the student with immediate feedback based on a 6-point rubric. Teachers in various subject areas have begun to use Moodle, an open-source online learning environment. The teachers are using this application to create online threaded discussions that provide opportunities for students to contribute to discussions outside the classroom.

In order to discuss the use of instructional technology, the high school formed a High School Technology Committee, with representation from all departments, to share best practices with technology and discuss ideas around professional development for teachers and technical issues or concerns.

Junior High School: Video projection systems and teacher laptops are being used in select classrooms to enhance the learning process.

In the area of technology integration and instruction, some junior high students used the My Access program in English; other students employed web tools to investigate the stock market in math. Science teachers and students continued to use web-based tools with the TELS grant from Concord Consortium. Students in the study skills class tried using scanning pens to scan words for vocabulary development. Students learned about Internet safety with the iSafe curriculum in the Information Skills class.

Elementary Schools: At the elementary level, teachers and students used technology to enhance teaching and learning. Students used teacher-created WebQuests to investigate topics in science and social studies. Second graders learned about simple machines using interactive websites. Third graders published 'Magnificent Me' biographies, using computers and Alphasmart writing tools. Fourth-grade students made PowerPoint presentations in astronomy. Fifth-grade students continued to use Oregon Trail in the westward expansion curriculum. Sixth graders researched India and ancient civilizations and investigated micro worlds with digital microscopes. Some teachers attended professional development workshops in order to use Home Page Construction Kit to make classroom websites.

Teachers had the opportunity to enroll in a district-created graduate course entitled, Enhancing Education with Technology. On four different occasions throughout the school year, teachers met on Friday night and all day Saturday to learn about instructional technology and develop technology enhanced units. Teachers also joined the EDCO community's online professional development course, Using Technology in the Elementary Math Classroom.

Summer School

The Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Summer School had a successful year in 2006. With our enrollment of 491 students, we served nearly 100 more students than in 2005. Twenty-three percent of our students came from twelve other districts. Several Math, Science, and Physical Education courses reached capacity, forcing us to turn away students not currently enrolled in the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District. The number of student scholarships increased by 20%. The number of faculty increased in '06 from 19 to 25. Tuition receipts continued to allow us to function as a self-sustaining educational program. Course changes (from 2005) include: the doubling of Physical Education classes, the addition of French I-2, the removal of Earth Science, and the removal of the SAT II preparatory course.

Courses offered for the summer of 2006 included:

K-6 courses: Reading, Mathematics, Language Arts (Writing Skills)

7-12 courses: Pre-Algebra, Elementary Algebra Part I SP, Algebra I CP, Algebra I AE, Geometry CP, SAT I Math Review, Junior High English, English 9/10, English 11/12, Writing Skills, Creative Writing, SAT I and II English Review, Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, Spanish I, Spanish II, French I, French II, U. S. History, World History, and Physical Education.

Community Education

The Community Education office is located in the Administration Building, 15 Charter Road, Acton. Its staff organizes, staffs and directs the following programs and activities.

Day and Evening Classes: More than 1,200 classes are offered yearly for children, teens and adults. Classes and other programs are listed in INTERACTION, the Community Education catalog that is mailed four times a year to over 21,000 area homes. More than 12,000 persons enroll in classes each year.

Extended Day Program: Serving 230 Acton families and 80 Boxborough families, Extended Day offers quality before- and after-school care for children in grades K-6.

Preschool Program: Located at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School, the Community Education Child Development Preschool is the laboratory for the Child Development course. Completely funded and staffed by Community Education, the Child Development/Preschool course awards seven credits toward graduation. Preschool had a total enrollment of 52 (22 three-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday; 27 four-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

All-Day Kindergarten Program: Community Education administers the business affairs of the all-day kindergarten program at the elementary schools.

Summer Day Program: Located at the Administration Building, this program offers three two-week sessions of summer activities to more than 300 children in grades 1-6. Also provided is a Preschool summer program for four- and five-year-olds, vacation programs (offering enrichment activities and day care during school vacations), and many short sport clinics.

Youth Basketball League: Offering twelve weeks of coaching, practice and league play to more than 1,000 boys and girls in grades 3 and up, the league is staffed with more than 110 paid and volunteer coaches, timers, and referees. Community Education runs clinics for referees at no charge.

Driver Education: Community Education runs a Registry-approved driving school, offering classroom and on-road training to 280 students annually.

Pool & Fieldhouse Programs: Located at ABRHS, the Pool & Fieldhouse Program consists of family open swim and open gym times for basketball on the weekends. Also offered in this facility is a full Red Cross Swim Program on Saturdays, a youth swim team, master's swim, morning and evening lap swim, and water exercise classes.

Community Education conducts classes and schedules drop-in times for the public in the Fitness Center located at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School.

Scheduling of School Fields: Little League, Pop Warner, Youth Lacrosse and Youth Soccer, as well as individuals, businesses and community organizations, receive permits for school field use through Community Education. Fees charged are returned to the schools' Facility Department for field maintenance. Community Education also schedules Leary Field for school and community use.

Scheduling Use of School Buildings: All evening, weekend, holiday and vacation use of the seven school buildings is scheduled through Community Education.

Community Education receives no funding from the school districts or town and runs all programs on a self-sustaining basis. Moneys are returned to the following for use of space and equipment – AV, Director of Technology, Physical Education Department, Art Department, Facilities, and the Central Office.

For more information about Community Education and the programs that it offers, call (978) 266-2525.

Facilities and Transportation

The Facilities Department met the challenges of completing its major building cleaning and preparation while doing specific project work. Two projects that relate to continued improvements to Leary Field. First, the Woodland Path project that was supported through the Town of Acton's Community

Preservation Act funds and was ready for the start of school. The path provides direct access to Leary Field from the High School upper parking lot. Secondly, through the combined financial support of FOLF (Friends of Leary Field) and AB Community Education, we expect to have a vastly improved viewing area for Leary Field events. FOLF has provided the funding for a terracing project on the home side 'hill,' and Community Education has funded replacement of the home-side bleachers. Other major work projects were:

- Paving at Conant, Douglas and Gates schools.
- HVAC repairs to compressors and pumps at Conant, Douglas, Gates, Administration Building.
- Prep work for the new play structures at the Parker Damon Building and Gates.
- Cleaning of an enlarged play area for Merriam and McCarthy-Towne schools.
- Completed accessibility projects (curb cuts, etc.) at the High School.

In Conclusion

This report demonstrates that the Acton Public Schools and the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District are complex organizations. Nonetheless, the districts possess a clear mission and vision. They are fortunate to possess a dedicated staff, who make a habit of constant self-reflection and, as resources allow, of renewal.

Our students, teachers and administrators continue to perform at high levels – academically, athletically, artistically, personally and professionally – and so the Acton Public Schools and the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District maintain a reputation that attracts people to the communities and to our schools. It is our intention to continue to provide the best possible education to the communities and to seek continued financial and moral support for this very important endeavor.

The towns of Acton and Boxborough have a great investment in the schools since the schools serve the communities' youth and adult populations through public schooling, Community Education, and as a center for much community activity. This is a win-win situation for both the towns and the schools that we want to maintain for the future.

William Ryan
 Superintendent of Schools
 On Behalf of the School Committees
 January 2007

MINUTEMAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2006 Graduate Achievement Highlights

- 96% of the Class of 2006 graduated into college, employed in their field of study or enlisted in the US military.
- Commercial & Human Services graduates achieved 98% placement rate with 76% enrolled in college, 21% employed in their field of study, and 1% in the military.
- Science Technology graduates achieved 98% placement with 81% enrolled in college, 7% employed in their field of study and 10% enlisted in the US military with 100% of Electromechanical Engineering, Environmental Science, Office Technology and Graphic Communications students attending college.
- Construction-Trades graduates achieved 92% placement rate 35% enrolled in college, 49% entering the workplace in their field of study and 8% enlisting in the US military.
- 100% of Dental graduates passed the National Dental Board examination.
- 100% of Early Childhood Education graduates were certified by the Office for Child Care Services.
- 100% of Cosmetology graduates passed the state board examination to become a licensed hair stylist.
- Medical Occupations graduates achieved 100% placement in college.
- Daniel Ceddia, a Plumbing graduate from Sudbury, was honored as an Outstanding Vocational Student of the Year by the Minuteman Regional School Committee, the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and State Commissioner of Education, Dr. David Driscoll.
- John Pelletier, a Computer Technology student from Lancaster, graduated Valedictorian in the Class of 2006.
- Student speakers at the Class of 2006 graduation ceremony were Valedictorian John Pelletier of Lancaster, Salutatorian Victoria Coffey of Watertown and Class President Nicholas Radl of Stow.

The Class of 2006

Acton

Andrew Anderson, Automotive Technology, President's Award of Academic Excellence

Maxwell Cane, Pre-Engineering Academy, President's Award of Academic Achievement

Daniel Cullinane, Marketing & Management

Tiphani Harvey, Cosmetology

Jameli Harvey, Culinary Arts

Jacob Hil, Automotive Technology, President's Award of Academic Achievement

Lee Johnston, Automotive Technology

Thomas Thibodeau, Computer Programming, President's Award of Academic Achievement

Bryce Wheatley, Culinary Arts

2006 Students of the Month

- January: Courtney DeCosta of Belmont, Office Technology
- February: Hava & Michal Pullman of Needham, Office Technology & Medical Occupations
- March: John Pelletier of Lancaster, Computer Technology
- April: Laura Martino of Watertown, Cosmetology
- May: Nicole McCarthy of Belmont, Environmental Science
- September: Krista Burgoyne of Bolton, Culinary Arts & Hospitality Management
- October: Brian Clough of Dover, Carpentry
- November: Alice Ofria of Medford, Environmental Technology
- December: Aaron Gralnik of Lexington, Environmental Science

Academic Division Highlights

Minuteman Regional High School sophomores had a 98% pass rate on the English Language Arts MCAS Test taken in May 2006.

Thirty-eight students took advantage of college level pre-calculus and calculus courses under an articulation agreement with Middlesex Community College.

Minuteman students on the Math Team competed strongly at all levels against academically diverse groups of area schools finishing the year ranked in first place in the state vocational conference for the third year in a row.

A Latin course was expanded to serve the growing number of students interested in medical careers, biotechnology and science.

The Minuteman Players, the school's drama students, produced and performed a full production of Tim Kelley's murder mystery comedy, "Love is Murder."

The Special Education Department teamed with mainstream teachers to help students achieve one of the highest levels of special education MCAS "pass" scores in the state.

Faculty members from English, Math, Science and several vocational fields designed a series of MCAS Science curriculum standards for use throughout each of the school's 22 vocational majors.

Chemistry Teacher Gary Sypteras was awarded the "2006 Theodore William Richards Award for Excellence in Teaching Secondary School Chemistry" presented by the American Chemical Society.

Science & Technology Division Highlights

The first state-approved high school pre-engineering program entered its seventh year and graduated its third class of students, again with 100% attending college.

Electromechanical Robotics students Max Cane of Acton and George McKenna of Winchester took National Third Place in Skills USA National Competition on Team Robotics and Automation held in Kansas City, MO in June 2006.

Many new business/industry projects were achieved, including - - Verizon supporting with after-school technology training for middle school students, Cognex Corporation of Natick providing weekly on-line interactive training on Visions Systems, GTE helping with new physics units for biotechnology, the Northeast Center for Telecommunications providing grant assistance, a \$80,000 gift from Adept Robots for the Electromechanical Engineering/Robotics program, etc.

Approximately 82% of the division seniors graduating received certification in their respective area, while approximately 92% were planning to continue their education or training upon graduation.

This past summer, Sam Rogers of Concord served as an intern at Harvard University's Molecular Biology Laboratory.

A Team of two Pre-Engineering students placed second in the “West Point Bridge Design” contest – A National Internet-based software design contest.

Minuteman is now an authorized CertiPort Testing Center for Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications.

Construction – Power Mechanics – Building Trades Division Highlights

The Automotive Technology Department won the industry’s Most Outstanding Automotive Program in Massachusetts award for the sixth year in a row.

Students in Carpentry, Electrical Wiring, Plumbing and HVAC completed construction of the 3000 square foot two-family Gambrel home for the Lexington Housing Authority in partnership with the Lexington Rotary Club.

Underclassmen created four scaled New England style homes for display at the New England Home Show in Boston. Minuteman is the only participating vocational high school in MA.

In Landscape Management, two graduates won the two most prestigious scholarships given by the Mass Arborist Association

Electrical Wiring students completely wired two residential units in Lexington.

Carpentry was invited to attend the Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Environmental Education as an honorable mention. This award honors individual schools, teacher and students across the commonwealth who have distinguished themselves in environmental education initiatives.

Commercial & Human Services Division Highlights

For the third year in a row, Culinary Arts students won first-place in the annual culinary competition at Newbury College and in so doing earned \$7,000 in scholarships for enrollment at Newbury College.

As a community service project a team of junior Graphic Communications students worked with the Lahey Clinic in designing and printing a 2005 calendar incorporating artwork drawn by elementary age students who are patients in the “young hearts” clinic.

Krista Burgoyne of Bolton, a junior Culinary Arts Baking student won National First Place in the SkillsUSA skills competition held in Kansas City, MO in June 2006. Krista also placed first in this competition for the past three consecutive years.

The Cosmetology Class of 2006 had a 100% success rate when taking the State Board Exams.

National Honor Society

The Minuteman Chapter of the National Honor Society proudly served the school and the community with thousands of volunteer hours maintaining a solid and diverse membership while inducting thirteen new members.

Overall School Highlights

A new Freshmen Exploratory program was designed and implemented as a means to ensure that members of the Class of 2010 have a full opportunity to experience each of Minuteman’s twenty-two technical programs before choosing a major. This new exploratory program runs half of grade 9 and allows students to develop a better understanding of their talents and interests while exposing them to diverse careers.

New and/or updated college articulation and advance credit agreements with numerous top colleges in over 78 different courses and programs at over 17 colleges and universities.

Community Education services, including After School programs for middle school students, Adult High School services, Evening and Continuing Education courses and Summer School programs and camps, provided to member town residents continued at one of the highest participation and success levels in the state.

The Facilities Management Department completed major campus renovation and facility improvement projects including renovation of the school’s Special Education administrative areas, renovation of elevators, upgrade of grades 9 & 10 Cosmetology Training Rooms, and updating of a Technical literacy Mac Lab and Training Room.

Minuteman Students Receive John and Abigail Adams Scholarships

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship provides a tuition waiver for eight traditional semesters of undergraduate education at the University of Massachusetts, the seven state colleges, or fifteen community colleges. Students qualify for the scholarship when they score in the Advanced category in either the Mathematics or the English language arts section of the grade 10 MCAS test; score in the Proficient or Advanced category on the second subject (Mathematics or English language arts); and have a combined MCAS score on these assessments that ranks in the top 25% in their school district.

The following students were awarded: Chris Poznick, Morgan Quirk, David Keyworth, Francis Gassert, Ethan Maitland, Adam Norman, and Jaime Michaels of Acton; Louis Bowers, Karl Gibson, Molly McDowell, James Murray, and

Matt Taber of Arlington; Ian Hurley of Ayer; Dean Crimaldi of Belmont; William Neville of Boxborough; Raisa Marcelino and Amanda Watson of Cambridge; Erin Guertin and Sam Rogers of Concord; Dan Brauer of Lexington; Derek McLaughlin, Brendan Sullivan, and Dean Vieria of Medford; Eliza Leahy of Needham; Brian Leao of Sudbury; Steven Hallet, Carl Mahon, Jonathan Sapienza, and Matt Sproul of Stow; Raphael Santiago of Waltham; Stephen Akian, Tim Doherty, and Desi Forte of Watertown

Three Students Awarded National Merit Scholarship

Three Minuteman Students were awarded as "Commended Students" in the National Merit Scholarship Program. These Commended Students are being recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the PSAT's. The following students were awarded the scholarship: Francis Gassert (Pre-Engineering) and Morgan Quirk (Graphic Communications) of Acton and Karl Gibson (Computer Technology) of Arlington. These students received a Letter of Commendation for their exceptional scores.

Minuteman Students Take Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals at National SkillsUSA Competition

Eleven students from Minuteman Regional High School represented their school and Massachusetts at a national competition, the SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, MO in late June. Eight came home with first, second or third place medals and three more returned with top ranking national placements.

Krista Burgoyne of Bolton, known now as "The #1 Student Baker in the Country, (Again!)", took National First Place and a gold medal in Commercial Baking, edging out other state winners in an all-day competition, during which visitors could watch contestants preparing, baking and displaying more than a half-dozen types of pastry and assorted confections. Krista accepted her award on stage in the Kemper Arena in Kansas City, among a crowd estimated at 11,000, including competitors from all 50 states and several U.S. territories, advisors, parents, and hundreds of business partners.

In addition to the medal and the cheers of the crowd, Krista was awarded a full tuition scholarship at the Culinary Institute of America for her first-place win. However, as Krista was a sophomore upon earning the scholarship she returned to National Competition for a second time this year to defend her title, and succeeded.

Karl Gibson of Arlington, a junior in Computer Technology placed First in the Nation in the Computer Programming Competition. This is the first year that this competition has been available to compete in. This was Karl's first year competing in

SkillsUSA and was very excited about his success and ease in the competition. Karl will compete again next year to defend his title as a senior.

The team of Kerry McCoy, Molly McDowell, and Gina Willms all of Arlington were honored as Second Place finalists in the Tech Prep Showcase Competition. Tech Prep Showcase is a unique leadership competition where students are required to perform an act of community service and develop a detailed and rehearsed presentation following competition guidelines and concludes by making a formal presentation to a group of judges. This competition is also in it's infancy stages and has had great success from students for the past two years of its existence.

The team of Max Cane of Acton and George McKenna of Winchester took their skills in Robotic and Automation Technology to the national level, and emerged as bronze medal winners, placing third in the country. Max and George's competition area, where they worked all day on Thursday to produce a medal-winning project, was directly below the sign announcing the competition, and drew many onlookers, but the experienced team seldom looked up, concentrating on their work. Members of the Class of 2006, both are headed to college in the fall.

Jake Shearer of Wayland, a sophomore in Medical Assisting placed third in the Medical Assisting competition. This was Jake's first year in Medical Assisting starting out as a Culinary Art's student in his freshman year. Jake's impressive national third place ranking as a sophomore brings high hopes for next year's competition.

Three other students also received national standings; James Sullivan of Arlington, placed first in the state in Technical Computer Applications. Francis Gassert of Acton placed first in the state in Related Technical Math. Evan Rogers of Concord placed first in the state in Job Interview, another Leadership competition.

Through leadership events and competitions on the district, state and national level, the organization helps students excel in their education and future technical, skilled and service careers, including health occupations. SkillsUSA serves nearly 265,000 high school and college/postsecondary students and their chapter advisors who are professional members.

Art and Literary Magazine Celebrates 21st Anniversary

The ink is dry on the twenty-first edition of Minuteman Regional High School's Art & Literary Magazine, and as usual, the publication contains many outstanding examples of student-generated poetry and art. This year's magazine showcases 19 poets and 20 artists.

The winners of school-wide poetry and art contests provide the content for the magazine. This year, approximately 150 poems from about 80 poets were submitted. In the art contest, 40 artists submitted 70 pieces of artwork. Originality is the primary criteria used in selecting work for inclusion in the magazine, and selection committee members also try to ensure a mixture of styles.

We really have quite an artistic community at the school," Mr. Donovan said. "We used to just get block printing, but now, it's quite a variety. We added photography to the art contest three or four years ago. This year, there are quite a few pieces of artwork done in anime style. "Anime has become very popular in the school," he said. "They had an Anime Club this year for the first time.

A third contest, open to juniors in the Graphics department, determines who designs the magazine's cover. Jasmine Sanders of Needham won this year's cover design contest. Jasmine also did the magazine's entire layout.

Former Minuteman English teacher Denise R. Donovan served as the Copyright Editor, and the Graphics Coordinator was Graphics Department senior teacher Daniel Vardaro. The school's Office Technology department did the word processing. "The magazine is truly an integrated student effort," Mr. Donovan said. "By the time it's done, many students from all majors and departments have played a part in its creation."

The student artists featured in this year's magazine are Sean Chicosky and Arielle Shander of Acton; Pat Cooney, Geoffrey Landskov, Nate O'Farrell, Shanon Rogers, Rebecca Rowe and Ashley Val all of Arlington; Courtney Lindhorst and Isaac Tsavalakoglou of Belmont; Elizabeth Mullane of Cambridge; Erin Guertin, Tim Overton and Will Roche of Concord; Lily Alshuler of Maynard; Keith Frankston of Newton; Collin Aucoin, Elizabeth Haberkorn, all of Stow; and Montana Mirabella of Winchester.

The student poets featured in this year's magazine are Francis Gassert, David Keyworth, and Morgan Quirk of Acton; Molly McDowell and Ashley Val of Arlington; Andrea Bergstrom of Belmont; Joanna Rosario of Cambridge; Gabe Gerzon and Sam Rogers of Concord; Nick Solano of Everett; Ashley Cobuzzi and Pierre Etienne of Lexington; Eliza Leahy and Jasmine Sanders of Needham; Marissa Gabel, Avi Love, and Niles Radl all of Stow; Leo Jordan of Watertown; and Montana Mirabella of Winchester.

Minuteman Regional School Committee 2006

Charles Olmstead of Acton
Rosalie Barton-May of Lancaster
Laura Morrissette of Arlington (Secretary)
Marjorie Daggett of Lexington
Linda Frizzell of Belmont
Kemon Taschioglou of Lincoln
Kileen Burgoyne of Bolton
Jeffrey Stulin of Needham (Chairman)
Donna Corey of Boxborough
Alice DeLuca of Stow
Nancy Weiss of Carlisle
Atty. Paul Lynch of Sudbury (Vice-Chair)
John Lang of Concord
Mary Ellen Castagno of Wayland
Frank Gobbi, Jr. of Dover
David Harmon of Weston

Student Representative – James Sullivan of Arlington

Minuteman Regional School District Administration 2006

William Callahan, Superintendent
Thomas Markham, Assistant Superintendent
James Amara, Principal
John Dillon, Assistant Principal
Janet Killeen, Business Manager
Jane Wiggin, Pupil Services Director
Bruce Bryan, Facilities Director
Alan Taupier, Information Technology Director

REVENUES	FY 05 ACTUAL	FY 06 BUDGET	ACTUAL/ ENCUMBERED	TRANSFER/ RECEIPTS	AVAILABLE
DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS	\$7,990,324.00	\$9,129,974.00	\$9,072,541.00	\$-	\$(57,433.00)
CHAPTER 70 AID	\$2,045,500.00	\$2,071,250.00	\$2,062,420.00	\$-	\$(8,830.00)
CURRENT TUITION	\$670,807.00	\$650,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$-	\$(50,000.00)
TRANSPORTATION REIMB	\$653,811.00	\$743,040.00	\$834,795.00	\$-	\$91,755.00
CHOICE	\$156,633.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
OTHER PROGRAM INCOME	\$222,201.00	\$214,026.00	\$289,529.00	\$-	\$75,503.00
LAND SALE	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
APP SUR	\$322,349.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
PREV YEAR'S TUITION	\$3,282,714.00	\$2,890,865.00	\$2,839,870.00	\$-	\$(50,995.00)
TOTAL	\$15,344,339.00	\$15,699,155.00	\$15,699,155.00	\$-	\$-
EXPENSES					
BUILDING TRADES	\$72,555.00	\$72,120.00	\$69,560.00	\$(59.00)	\$2,501.00
COMMERCIAL SERVICES	\$15,637.00	\$19,212.00	\$20,120.00	\$1,800.00	\$892.00
ELECTRONICS	\$28,162.00	\$25,102.00	\$21,369.00	\$144.00	\$3,877.00
GRAPHICS	\$49,388.00	\$66,061.00	\$63,040.00	\$10,809.00	\$13,830.00
HEALTH INSTRUCTION	\$17,193.00	\$18,540.00	\$18,002.00	\$110.00	\$648.00
METAL FABRICATION	\$28,594.00	\$30,074.00	\$28,126.00	\$-	\$1,948.00
POWER MECHANICS	\$13,787.00	\$11,836.00	\$11,470.00	\$-	\$366.00
TECHNOLOGY	\$75,241.00	\$71,552.00	\$61,300.00	\$60.00	\$10,312.00
AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM	\$14,414.00	\$13,600.00	\$13,967.00	\$862.00	\$495.00
REGULAR OCCUPATIONAL	\$3,930.00	\$3,985.00	\$3,421.00	\$-	\$564.00
SPECIAL TRADES	\$18,968.00	\$20,990.00	\$12,399.00	\$(2,360.00)	\$6,231.00
SAFETY	\$8,793.00	\$7,250.00	\$7,993.00	\$702.00	\$(41.00)
COMMUNICATIONS	\$32,582.00	\$35,718.00	\$30,281.00	\$96.00	\$5,533.00
HUMAN RELATIONS	\$15,639.00	\$19,138.00	\$15,629.00	\$-	\$3,509.00
MATH	\$37,345.00	\$35,578.00	\$34,226.00	\$-	\$1,352.00
SCIENCE	\$50,914.00	\$51,145.00	\$41,242.00	\$(4,660.00)	\$5,243.00
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	\$4,803.00	\$5,610.00	\$2,714.00	\$(300.00)	\$2,596.00
ATHLETICS	\$101,225.00	\$95,497.00	\$96,367.00	\$650.00	\$(220.00)
BUSINESS INSTRUCTION	\$2,735.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	\$15,910.00	\$16,040.00	\$14,148.00	\$-	\$1,892.00
ART	\$4,673.00	\$6,864.00	\$1,246.00	\$-	\$5,618.00
MUSIC	\$95.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION	\$1,413.00	\$9,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$9,000.00
INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES	\$83,169.00	\$77,910.00	\$74,992.00	\$441.00	\$3,359.00
PUPIL SUPPORT	\$80,461.00	\$60,910.00	\$104,226.00	\$(318.00)	\$(43,634.00)
PRINCIPAL	\$122,810.00	\$74,250.00	\$99,327.00	\$455.00	\$(24,622.00)
VOCATIONAL COORDINATOR	\$3,050.00	\$5,800.00	\$1,931.00	\$(1,311.00)	\$2,558.00
COMPUTER SERVICES	\$15,087.00	\$25,400.00	\$22,569.00	\$9,809.00	\$12,640.00
DEAN	\$1,855.00	\$6,845.00	\$6,063.00	\$-	\$782.00
DISTRICT PROGRAMS	\$232,884.00	\$249,835.00	\$248,910.00	\$-	\$925.00
LEGAL FEES	\$65,767.00	\$30,760.00	\$57,195.00	\$-	\$(26,435.00)
AUDIT FEES	\$57,800.00	\$54,075.00	\$58,500.00	\$-	\$(4,425.00)
SUPERINTENDENT	\$4,012.00	\$4,700.00	\$3,177.00	\$-	\$1,523.00
PLAN/ACADEMICS	\$7,980.00	\$28,500.00	\$32,385.00	\$-	\$(3,885.00)
BUSINESS OFFICE	\$10,213.00	\$20,175.00	\$38,528.00	\$(125.00)	\$(18,478.00)
RISK INSURANCE	\$176,593.00	\$188,882.00	\$173,390.00	\$104.00	\$15,596.00
RETIRE/EMPLOYEE BNFT	\$1,544,734.00	\$1,825,127.00	\$1,829,573.00	\$55,992.00	\$51,546.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,105,614.00	\$1,133,630.00	\$1,190,179.00	\$4,825.00	\$(51,724.00)
CAFETERIA	\$7,290.00	\$6,550.00	\$5,438.00	\$150.00	\$1,262.00
OPER & MAINTENANCE	\$1,003,206.00	\$935,400.00	\$1,088,475.00	\$75,000.00	\$(78,075.00)
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$24,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$74,995.00	\$-	\$5.00

EXPENSES	FY 05 ACTUAL	FY 06 BUDGET	ACTUAL/ ENCUMBERED	TRANSFER/ RECEIPTS	AVAILABLE
DEBT MANAGEMENT	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
SALARIES	\$10,000,789.00	\$10,260,494.00	\$10,218,152.00	\$44,135.00	\$86,477.00
TOTAL	\$15,161,310.00	\$15,699,155.00	\$15,894,625.00	\$197,011.00	\$1,541.00
EXCESS REV	\$183,029.00	\$-	\$(195,470.00)	\$197,011.00	\$1,541.00

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Services

The Library offers a wide range of services for children and adults, many also accessible from home. The Library has books, newspapers, magazines, DVDs, CDs, videotapes, local history and genealogy collections. Rental books and DVDs are offered, courtesy of the Friends of the Acton Libraries. There is an extensive multi-format Chinese language collection, small Russian, Spanish, French and Korean collections and small deposit collections in Portuguese, Hindi, Gujarti and Tamil. (Deposit collections are received from the Boston Public Library three to four times each year; the titles are returned to Boston three to six months later.) The large print materials collection is supported by a large print computer display and assistance devices for the hearing and visually impaired. .

Reference librarians are available for assistance both on-site, by phone and via the Internet. Reserve collections for school assignments can be arranged. State and federal tax forms are offered. Online services include the ability to make online requests and renewal of materials, request interlibrary loans, download audio books, access Internet and subscription databases, access online Minuteman displays in Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Russian, access a community event calendar, and make museum reservations. Multiple public computers are provided with support for Arabic, Baltic, Chinese, Cyrillic, Greek, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Turkish, Vietnamese and Western and Central European languages. Printers, photocopiers, microfilm readers and typewriters are available, as are computer clinics and online tutorials. Wireless Internet access is available throughout the Library for patrons using their own computers. Library users have the use of small study rooms and there is meeting room space available for community groups.

In 2006, 624 community meetings were held in the Library. The Library provides delivery of materials to the homebound, issues a quarterly newsletter, and offers multiple volunteers opportunities. There are pre-registered children's story times for

Two-year olds and drop-in story times for ages three to seven. During the summer reading program, there were drop-in craft programs.

The Friends of the Acton Libraries sponsors an adult book discussion group. Other special programs include art displays, a collection of Arthur Davis paintings, speakers on a range of topics and an annual reading by a nationally known poet.

Library Statistics

Acton residents with active library registrations:

14,659 (down .9%)

Circulation: 536,982 (up 5.0%)

Traffic Count: 233,571 (up 2.4%)

Collections (total items): 133,788 (up 3.6%)

Reference questions: 18,525 (down .6%)

Children's programs: 179 (down .6 %)

Children's program attendance: 3,119 (down 9%)

Adult programs: 15 (down from 38)

Adult program attendance: 462 (up 9.2%)

Use of public Internet computers: 6151 (up 89.1%)

Items requested from other libraries: 45,202 (down 19.2%)

Items requested by other libraries: 29,743 (down 1.3%)

Number of people volunteering: 175 (up 37.8%)

Library Website

The Library continues to increase the information and services available on the Library web site at [HYPERLINK "http://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/"](http://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/)

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In addition to links to Minuteman Library network, the site includes a detailed calendar, actively maintained by the staff, of Library events including Story Hours, public meetings, and clinics. This year several new on-line services were added, including downloadable audio mbooks and museum passes.

A more detailed description is given under Library Services. It includes a variety of information not only about the library itself, (see also Library services), but also about The Friends of The Acton Libraries and their highly successful book sales, the Acton Memorial Library Foundation, and the Friends of Pinehawk. Trustee Bob Ferrara and Reference Librarian Susan Paju maintain the website.

Trust Funds

In 1998, the Acton Memorial Library Foundation established an endowment fund for the Acton Memorial Library, with the purpose of assisting in maintaining the quality and excellence of the Library, but specifically excluding fund income from being used to substitute for basic operation and maintenance expenses. The incorporation papers require that a yearly report on the use of distributed funds be made.

Half of the yearly distribution of funds is returned to the principal; the other half is available for the Library Trustees to expend. In FY 06, the Library's portion was \$1290.06, which was used toward the case for the flagpole next to the G.A. R. flag.

For other Library trust funds, The Trustees have established a policy of spending only the amount of the current year's income. Specific details on individual Library trust funds is presented in this Town Report under Town of Acton Non -Expendable and Expendable Trust Funds.

Long Range Planning

The Trustees are in the process of developing the Library's next five yearlong range plan. The Long Range Plan services two purposes. The first is to maintain a plan that has been approved by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), for without an approved plan, the Library is unable to apply for or receive competitive federal/state grants. An equal purpose is to provide the Trustees and Library Director with a road map of objectives and activities that can improve Library services to our community. The current plan covers the period of 2003-2007. The new plan will cover the period of 2008-2012.

The Long Range Planning Committee members are Ann Chang, Brewster Conant, Ian Hirst, Cornelia Huber, Mildred Jarvis, Marcia Rich and Robert Surdel.

Activities completed to date include the creation of profiles of our community and the library, conduct of a community survey, and conduct of a community workshop. The workshop, comprised of a broad cross section of Acton citizens, was for the purpose of obtaining community input for the determination of what will be the Library's vision of the future and its needs. Remaining tasks include the selection and identification of the plan's yearly service objectives and activities by the Library trustees and preparation and submittal of the plan to the MBLC in the early months of 2007.

Literary Arts Program

The 2006 year Robert Creeley Award winner Carolyn Forché has written four books of poetry, edited The anthology *Against Forgetting: Twentieth Century Poetry of Witness*, and held fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Lannan Foundation. She is Director of Creative Writing at Skidmore College. Her reading of poems relating to her work in El Salvador and other areas where tragic violations of human rights have occurred was powerful and moving. Preceding Ms

Forché, Cammy Thomas, teacher and poet from Lexington, and Mark Schafer, poet, translator and son of long-time Acton residents Alice and the late Bert Schafer read from their works. The Friends of the Acton Libraries, the Acton Memorial Library Foundation, Acton Boxborough Community Education, the Acton Boxborough Cultural Council and the Georgia Whitney Memorial Fund provided financial support for the 2006 event.

The annual Creeley award event has included having the award winner visit the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School (ABRHS). Maria Anthony, who teaches English at the High School, has coordinated these visits and served on the committee. She suggested adding student members and in 2006 ABRHS students Alexandra Azzolino, Bonnie Cherner, Jyoti Jasrasaria and Maria Moy joined the committee. Other members of the committee are Bob Clawson, Jean D'Amico, Frank Flowers, Frank Joyner and Marcia Rich. 2007 Award Winner and Reading. Planning also progressed for the 2007 Award Winner and Reading event. The 2007 award winner, Yusef Komunyakaa, has published numerous books of poetry, winning the Pulitzer Prize in 1994 for his book, *Neon Vernacular: New & Selected Poems 1977-1989*. He is currently a Professor in the Council of Humanities and Creative Writing Program at Princeton University. He will read and be presented the 2007 Robert Creeley Award on March 28, 2007. The principal opening poet will be Martha Collins who is the author of a book length poem *Blue Front* as well as four other books of poetry. For the first time an ABRHS student will be reading as one of the opening poets. The student members of the Literary Arts Committee and the faculty selected six ABRHS students, who auditioned for the committee.

The students, shown below, were all impressive and deserving of the honor. The Committee chose Brendan Fitzmaurice to read at the event.



Acton-Boxborough Regional High School poets

Front row, left to right - Kyra Correa-Berg, Rand Nashi, Liz Petillo and Louisa Paine.

Back row - Mike Bottari and Brendan Fitzmaurice.

Robert Creeley Memorial. Given Robert Creeley's renown and his warm feeling for the town in which he lived from age 4 to 15, the Committee and the Board of Trustees have begun an effort to develop a memorial space for Robert in the original 1890 section of the library. His widow, Penelope Creeley, who has generously offered to provide materials for display in the space, enthusiastically supports this effort. These include not only photographs and broadsides, but also some rare and beautiful books done by Robert with outstanding artists such as Jim Dine, Elsa Dorfman, Robert Indiana, R. B. Kitaj and Sol DeWitt. A preliminary design has been developed in sufficient detail to allow a cost estimate of about \$13,000 for detailed planning and implementation. In the summer of 2006 a grant application was submitted to the Harmon Foundation for financial support to help fund the effort. The Foundation approved the application, granting us \$3,000. This generous grant is the first major step in realizing the Robert Creeley Memorial.

Civil War Archives Project

The 2005 annual Town Meeting approved \$30,150 of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds to create a Civil War exhibit in the original 1890 section of the Memorial Library. The Library was originally given to the Town as a Memorial to honor Acton's Civil War soldiers. The Library owns many Civil War artifacts and has pledged an additional \$4,000 from library funds to supplement the CPA funding. With invaluable help from Municipal Properties Director Dean Charter, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for this project was completed and sent to prospective bidders in December. We plan to have an exhibit design firm under contract in April 2007, and hope to have the project completed by the end of 2007. The exhibit will illustrate how Acton men were first to fight in the Revolutionary War, founding our nation, and in the Civil War, preserving it. This remarkable aspect of our Town's history, all the more remarkable for both battles having occurred on April 19, first in 1775 and, for the Civil War, in 1861, is surprisingly not as well known as it should be. We hope the exhibit will make it known to all Acton citizens and to others who visit our library. The exhibit will tell a three-part story. First to Fight will convey Acton's unique role as "first to fight" in both the Revolutionary War and Civil War. A major theme will be the unique coincidence of both actions having taken place on April 19, first at the Old North Bridge in 1775 and again in Baltimore, MD, in 1861. A second theme will be the evolution of Acton's militia from the company under Captain Isaac Davis in 1775 through the Davis Blues during the War of 1812 to the Davis Guards of 1850-1861. The War Years will start with the battle in Baltimore on April 19, 1861 and continue, relating both the overall participation of Acton's men during the Civil War and individual stories of interest. These include Nathaniel Allen having received the Medal of Honor at Gettysburg (the Library has a replica Medal of Honor acquired through the Offices of Representative Martin Meehan) and James Richardson, who served in Washington at the time of Lincoln's assassination and was on the guard detail at the execution of the Booth conspirators. Other stories of interest include Acton men who served as officers in black units and others, held in notorious

prisons, such as Andersonville. There are also artifacts that relate to what was happening on the "home front" during the war that will be included. After the War will cover what became of the veterans after the war, including establishment of Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) posts, with the Acton post being named for Isaac Davis Grand Army of the Republic Flag and Pole

We continue to honor the Civil War veterans in whose memory the Library was given to the Town in 1890. On Memorial Day in 1914, a new 48-star American flag was presented to Acton's Isaac Davis G.A.R. Post of Civil War Veterans. When the last of these veterans had passed on, the flag was given to the Library. This year, after more than six decades in storage, the flag has been mounted in a public area of the Library. The restoration and display of this flag and flagpole was funded by grants from the Community Preservation Act, the Lois Parker Fund and the Acton Memorial Library Foundation Endowment Fund.

Art Exhibits

Trustee Ann Chang works with an Arts Selection Committee in a jury process to choose the artists who will hang their work in the Library's Meeting Room during the course of a year. The artists submit their slides or photographs of their work every winter for a March 1 deadline. The committee meets and makes its selections. A broad range of artistic styles has been exhibited over the years. The art makes the meeting room an enjoyable place to visit.

January/February. Jean Carol Pope---pastel/watercolor

March Jennifer Beaven ---collage

April Student work from ABRHS

May/June Nancy Alimansky---watercolor

July Zsuzsanna Szegedi ---oil

September/October Wayne Geehan—painting/illustration

November/December Sandra Donnabed--quilts

Pine Hawk

Trustee Bob Ferrara and Library Director Marcia Rich remain actively engaged with The Friends of Pine Hawk, a group whose goal is to better understand and publicize the archeological and human story behind the great treasure trove of Native American artifacts discovered at the "Pine Hawk" site in South Acton during the excavation for the new sewer treatment plant. Some of the group's efforts are noted on a library-hosted web site at [HYPERLINK "http://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk/"](http://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk/) <http://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/pinehawk/> Friends include private citizens and other professionals from the Library, The Discovery Museums, and the Schools. One member, Shirley Blancke, a noted local archeologist with extensive experience of our region's Native American history, has continued to work with school curriculum planners to introduce a variety of educational materials for the fourth grade.

Another member, Acton Health Director Doug Halley, spearheaded the development of a beautiful new Pine Hawk

artifact exhibit in Town Hall, thanks to a Community Preservation Act grant. The Friends again sponsored a series of a series of October seminars and events as part of State Archeology Month, thanks in part to a grant from the Woodard & Curran Engineers. One special event that attracted much local attention was the presentation of the widely acclaimed documentary film *Damrell's Fire* by producer Bruce Twickler. The film tells the story of the Great Boston Fire of 1872, the heroic efforts of New England firefighters to subdue it, and the lasting reforms that sprang from it, especially due to the perseverance and wisdom of Boston Fire Chief John Damrell.

Oktoberfest.

Several library organizations collaborated to host two tables at the annual West Acton Oktoberfest celebration. The tables displayed information about the Acton Memorial Library, Pine Hawk, the Library's Civil War archives, the Friends of the Acton Libraries, and The Acton Memorial Library Foundation. The Foundation contributed several additional attractions; a candy-filled pumpkin and free tickets to a Chinese Dance and Music Performance. Trustee Bob Ferrara organized the volunteers who attended to the tables. The volunteers included group Phyllis Meade, Cornelia Huber, Harry Chen, Ann Chang, Frank Joyner, Cynthia Wolfe, Dennis Ahern, Denise LeBlanc, Judith Wolff, and Mickey Waks.

As in the previous year, the Foundation sponsored a guessing game: Question: How many items were in the children's collection at the Acton Memorial Library as of June 30, 2006?

Answer: 49,958 (and they circulate very quickly!)

Hours of Operation

The Library is a seven-day a week service most of the year (63 hours a week) and a six-day a week service through the summer months.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9-9

Thursday and Friday 9-5

Saturdays 9-5 (9-12 mid June through early Sept.)

Sunday 2-5 (closed mid-May to Sept. 30)

The Library is closed on state and federal holidays.

Staff

The Trustees recognize and appreciate the dedicated effort that members of the Library staff that make the Library the welcoming place that is the aim of all. The Library budget has been carefully built to keep the skills of our experienced staff, although there is no one member of the staff that has a full 40 hour week. . No staff member is working full time.

30-39 hours/week

Library Director Marcia Rich

Assistant Director Ellen Clark

Circulation Supervisor Gloria Reid

Head of Reference Susan Paju

Head of Children's Services Lee Donohue

Reference Librarian Julie Glendon

Circulation Assistant II Joy Hamel

Circulation Assistant II Suzanne Callahan

20-29 hours/week

Young Adult Librarian/Computer Specialist Pam Parenti

Technical Services Librarian Stephanie Knowland

Technical Services Assistant II Karen Anderson

Administrative Assistant Mary Katis

Circulation Assistant II Eunice Gorman

10-19 hours/week

Children's Librarian Catherine Drum

Children's Librarian Marilu Nowlin

Circulation Assistant II Kaja Michaels

Circulation Assistant I Barb Floss

Circulation Assistant I Liz Leaver

Circulation Assistant I Anshu Sood

Circulation Assistant I Donna White

Page Anna Cartier

Page Purnima Guntakatta

Page Lou Repucci

Less than 10 hours/week

Children's Librarian Kristine Adolph

Children's Librarian April Mazza

Reference Librarian Nancy Clune

Reference Librarian Pam Hays

Reference Librarian George King

Reference/Children's Librarian Jane Flanders

Circulation Assistant I Karen Borg

Circulation Assistant I Polly Millen

Technical Services Assistant I Amy Spadano

Page Emily Williams

Volunteers.

Although last year's report presented the names of the Library volunteers, this year saw a total of 175 individuals who gave their time and skills to assisting in all areas of the Library's operations.

The Trustees sincerely thank each and every one for their invaluable support. A yearly event is organized by the Trustees to recognize the volunteers and to thank them for their dedication and service.

Trustees

Mildred Jarvis, President

Brewster Conant, Vice President

Robert Surdel, Secretary

Dennis Ahern

David Barratt

Ann Chang

Thomas Dunn

Robert Ferrara

Frank Joyner

CITIZENS' LIBRARY

Snuggled down in its location in West Acton for over 100 years, the Citizens' Library might well be a part of Acton forgotten by time. But looks can be deceiving — and never more so than when you enter and look at the wealth of books lining the library shelves. You will find the very newest bestsellers, all your favorite authors, wonderfully wicked mysteries, tales of sinister suspense and intrigue, cookbooks, audio books, travel books, biographies, and an amazing array of simply fantastic children's books.

There Museum are passes, too! Once again, in 2006, the Library's popular museum program offered tickets and passes from a variety of institutions. The Acton Arts League annually presents the Library with passes to the MFA; the Library's Auxiliary and Suzi M. Pomeroy Memorial Trust Fund give the library passes to the Discovery Museums, Fruitlands, and the EcoTarium.

And there's more! Continuing on through 2006, one of the most popular programs at the Citizens' Library has been Annette Lochrie's Tot Time, a creative, interactive reading program for young children. Sponsored by the library's auxiliary, Tot Time engages enthusiastic 2- to 5-year-olds in great stories and library adventures.

Throughout its long history, Citizens' Library has always relied on a substantial number of volunteers. The smooth, uninterrupted operation of the library on a daily basis is guaranteed by the many volunteers who tend the circulation desk, sort and shelve books, and deliver books to those house-bound patrons requesting this service.

The year 2006 did, however, bring some notable changes to the Citizens' Library. Robert Loomis, Chair for over 12 years of the Citizens' Library's Board of Trustees, resigned, and Trustee Peter Guilmette became Chair. The Board also welcomed Gerald F. Browne who was sworn in as the library's newest Trustee.

The Citizens' Library, located at 21 Windsor Avenue, is open Tuesday from 10am to 7pm and Wednesday through Friday from 10am to 5pm. For more information, please call (978) 264-9652. We're sure that 2007 will be another great year with even more great books. Please, stop by and check some of them out.

Trustees

Peter Guilmette, Chair
Nancy Lenicheck, Secretary
Gerald F. Browne

Librarian

Regina Tischler



The Acton Garden Club's Junior Gardeners planted daffodils in the Arboretum's daylily collection
Kathy Fochman, Acton Recreation Director, photographer.

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council (ABCC) was established in 1982 to promote the arts, to help develop cultural programs in the Acton and Boxborough communities and to award and administer Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) Grant funds. We are a volunteer committee appointed by the selectmen of each community, but functioning as a single entity. We accomplish our goals by:

- Reviewing grant applications from individuals, libraries, schools, and arts organizations and awarding MCC grant funds to projects that provide a local public benefit; the ABCC is one of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) that are funded by the Mass Cultural Council through an annual appropriation by the state legislature;
- Sponsoring annual cultural programs for the Acton and Boxborough communities using grant funds generously designated by the towns' Selectmen – these funds have been used by the ABCC to present jazz and classical music concerts, vocal performances, opera, public art installations and more;
- Advocating for the arts through community outreach and publicity.

In 2006 the Council; we initiated three new events and brought back a popular favorite for the third year. We were delighted to fund 23 individuals, schools, libraries and arts organizations in our towns by granting MCC funds. We advocated for the arts on the state and local level, and made significant outreach to our local communities in the form of publicity.

MCC Grant Cycle Funding

Each fall, the ABCC is required to distribute our annual MCC allocation through a grant process. We enjoyed a significant increase in available grant funds in calendar year 2006. A sizable increase in state funding to the Massachusetts Cultural Council resulted in an allotment to the ABCC of \$8,000 for our FY07 Grant Cycle (we were awarded \$4,400 for our previous grant cycle). We once again did not withhold the allowed 5% of the MCC allocation and made the entire amount available for the community members. Additionally, we had \$550 in unclaimed funds from FY05 and \$63 in ungranted FY06 funds that, in compliance with MCC guidelines, we re-granted this year. The ABCC unanimously voted to grant an additional \$868 from our own Council funds. As a result, the total amount of grantable funds was \$9,481.

Despite our higher than usual funds to spend, we faced a very competitive grants season. We worked hard to publicize the availability of grants and saw a lot of new applicants and creative

applications. We received 38 applications totaling \$23,713 and funded 23 of those.

FY ' 07 Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council Approved Grants

Applicant, Project Name	Grant Award Amount
Richard Clark, "Mark Twain"	\$350
Harvard Pro Musica, 2006-2007 Concert Season	\$498
Ruth Harcovitz, Celebration of Rogers & Hammerstein	\$300
ABRHS Band, New music composition and Guest Artist	\$1000
Discovery Museums of Acton, Multicultural March	\$200
Gates Elementary School, PASS grant to Museum of Fine Arts	\$355
Acton Chinese Language School, Acton Traditional Chinese Music Night	\$500
Elaine Sisler/Niela Miller, Celebration of Aging	\$150
Longwood Opera Company, Falstaff	\$300
Douglas Elementary School, Opera to Go	\$400
Blanchard School, Handel & Hayden Vocal Quartet	\$400
Merrimack Rep. Theatre, Pay As You Will Nights	\$200
Commonwealth Ballet, The Nutcracker	\$500
Acton Community Chorus, Winter and Spring Concerts	\$100
Sargent Memorial Library, Rhythms of the World: Songs and Stories for Everyone	\$250
Sargent Memorial Library, Movies @ the Sargent Memorial Library	\$250
Janet Applefield, No Room for Hate	\$280
Acton Recreation Dept./Teen Repertory Theater, Bye Bye Birdie	\$1000
Merriam & McCarthy Towne Schools, Meet the Musicians	\$500
Acton Memorial Library, Robert Creeley Poetry Award	\$500
Indian Hill Music, performance for Boxborough COA	\$450
Acton Historical Society, The Jolly Rogues performance	\$800
Acton Comm. Ctr., Inc./Theatre III, On Golden Pond	\$298

Local Funding

The ABCC was once again generously supported by both Acton and Boxborough town funds via warrant articles and line items. The dedication of the Board of Selectman in both towns is truly remarkable. Acton provided the ABCC, through a Warrant Article, with \$2,000. Boxborough generously raised our allotment in 2006 to \$1,500 for exclusive use in Boxborough.

The level of local support we enjoy is rare among LCC's across the state. We are extremely grateful and constantly acknowledge the support of our two Towns in all our publicity. We are grateful also for the physical support that the two Towns provide us with: meeting spaces, access to the town copiers and general support from our liaisons, Acton Selectman, Walter Foster and Boxborough Selectman, Kristin Hilberg.

The ABCC initiated several exciting events/projects in 2006. Funding for these programs came from unspent FY '06 and FY '05 Acton Funds and our own fundraising revenue. We used our Boxboro allocation to fund a new event at Fifer's Day and a project at the Blanchard School. Here are details on Council-initiated events in 2006:

- **March 9, 2006 – Grantee Reception**
The ABCC held its 1st Annual Grantee Reception at Boxborough Town Hall. FY06 grantees were invited to attend, along with our state and local legislators. Grantees were given an opportunity to promote their upcoming events through a publicity table. Each grantee received an official ABCC certificate. Senator Pam Resor, Representative James Eldridge and Boxborough Selectman Kristin Hilberg spoke at the event. The Beacon ran a photo following the event. The ABCC plans to make this an annual reception.
- **May 13, 2006 – Arts Alive!**
The ABCC collaborated with the Arts Process Network to present an interactive, arts-education event for adults. The theme of the event was the relationship of people to their towns, and centered on a mural created by participants depicting feelings about the towns where we live, work and play. Panelists from the Arts Process Network discussed ways that arts and arts processes can be used to gather data in all aspects of life and our communities. The Beacon ran a detailed article about this event and Action Unlimited helped promote this event as well.
- **June 17, 2006 – The Storyteller's Tent at Fifer's Day in Boxborough**
The ABCC sponsored a new Storyteller's Tent at the annual Fifer's Day fair in Boxborough. We hired two costumed storytellers – Merrill Kohlhofer and Andrea Lovett, who brought to life original tales from the American Revolution. The Storyteller's Tent was a resounding success, welcoming over 75 audience members throughout the day; many had never been to Fifer's Day previously and came specifically to enjoy the storytellers. The Beacon ran excellent publicity and photos for this premiere event.
- **June, 2006 – Mural at the Blanchard School, Boxborough**
The ABCC supported the Blanchard School in Boxborough by assisting with the cost of installing an artistic porcelain tile mural which was created by the 6th grade students at the Blanchard School.
- **November 3, 2006 – Falstaff, by Giuseppe Verdi**
For the third consecutive year the ABCC sponsored a performance by the Longwood Opera Company. This popular performance in 2006 was of Falstaff, by Giuseppe Verdi at the Congregational Church in

Acton. Directed by Jeffrey Brody, Music Director, and J. Scott Brumit, Stage Director. Fully costumed and staged and in English with piano accompaniment, this event attracted an audience of nearly 70.

Arts Advocacy and Arts Promotion

On March 8 Ann Budner, Rachel Lucas and Pat Myers attended the LCC Assembly at the Massachusetts State House. This event, sponsored by the Mass Cultural Council, brought LCC's from across the state together to draw attention to the vital role that arts, culture and humanities play in our state; hundreds of LCC volunteers attended. We visited the offices of our state legislators to advocate for the arts and to request increased funding. We'd like to give special thanks to our state legislators, Senator Pam Resor, Representative Cory Atkins, and Representative James Eldridge for generously supporting local cultural and arts activities in Acton, Boxborough and across the state.

We also stepped up our local promotional efforts. We redesigned our website to offer our communities easier access to our events and grant information. In the year to come we hope to install an arts calendar on the new website, where we will offer local organizations a free venue where they can publicize their own events.

The Council initiated a "Got Art?" community input campaign. The campaign consists of a postcard survey which we are distributing at events, meetings and schools, libraries, etc. The survey is designed to give us feedback on our current activities, and also help us find out from community members what type of art and culture they would like us to present. These survey cards have already given us ideas for events in the future.

Board Members

This year ABCC installed a new Co-Chair, Rachel Lucas of Acton, a new Co-Secretary, Cindy Matchett of Boxborough, and Pat Myers of Boxborough was installed to the positions of Treasurer and Grants Coordinator. We also welcomed new members Linda Biyun Zhu of Acton and Avril Allard of Boxborough. We sadly said goodbye to three members in 2006: Co-Chair Ann Budner (retired 12/2006), former Treasurer, Jana Kertzner (resigned 6/2006), and former Grants Coordinator Rosie Latto (resigned 1/2006).

Fiscal Year 2006 Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council Members:

Ann Budner, Co-Chair - Acton (retired December 2006)
Rachel Lucas, Co-Chair - Acton
Jana Kertzner, Treasurer - Acton (resigned June 2006)
Cindy Matchett, Co-Secretary - Boxborough
Nancy Gerhardt, Public Relations - Acton
Rosie Latto, Grants Coordinator - Acton (resigned January, 2006)

Rixin Li, Co-Secretary - Acton

Pat Myers, Treasurer and Grants Coordinator - Boxborough
Elaine Sisler - Acton
Linda Biyun Zhu - Acton (joined December 2006)
Avril Allard - Boxborough (joined November, 2006)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission ("HDC") is responsible for helping preserve the heritage of Acton by protecting the architecture and integrity of our three designated historic district areas: Acton Center, South Acton and West Acton. Together, these historic district areas encompass over 180 properties and include structures up to over 300 years old. The HDC administers and enforces the Town's Local Historic District Bylaw (Chapter P), which was enacted by the Town in 1990 under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40c. (The Local Historic District Bylaw is available on the Town of Acton Website). The Commission generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month in Town Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. The meetings usually involve consideration of multiple applications for exterior changes to buildings and properties, often with input from members of the public. The Commission issues certificates that are a prerequisite for obtaining a permit where required, and the HDC issues various other types of correspondence and notices on a regular basis.

In 2006, the Commission had a very busy year for applications and certificates. Applications increased to forty-one in 2006 from thirty-two in 2005. In 2006, the Commission issued twenty-one Certificates of Appropriateness and eleven Certificates of Non-Applicability. The number of issued Certificates (32) increased by about 14% over the previous year.

South Acton was the most active of the three historic district areas, with sixteen issued certificates. Acton Center had eleven, and West Acton had six. The largest totals were for roofing (10); signs (5); and vents (4). There were no new buildings, one demolition, two window, skylight or door projects, two fences or railings, two gutter projects, two decks, two parking lots, two siding projects, two additions, and one general rehab project. Some applications featured more than one category of work.

Commissioners
Brian Bendig, Chair
Anne Forbes, Vice Chair
Michaela Moran, Secretary
Tom Peterman
Aaron Moore
Ellie Halsey
Scott Kutil

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The mission of the Historical Commission is to protect and preserve the Town's historic character and assets, be they buildings, open spaces, landscapes, or historic districts. The Commission maintains the Cultural Resource List of significant structures in town, and reviews any demolition of these structures via the public hearing process. The Commission works in conjunction with the Historic District Commission, with jurisdiction being everything outside of the three Historic Districts in town. The Commission can be a design resource to property owners who are remodeling older properties. The Commission also reviews and comments on proposed subdivisions with regards to (loss of) stone walls, cart paths, old quarries, or other historic elements of the landscape. During the review process, the group frequently walks the land to identify and document culturally significant resources.

As was the case in '05, 2006 saw significantly fewer requests for demolitions and fewer large developments in the approvals process seeking HC comment. During the year we accomplished the following:

The HC worked with a Community Preservation Act recipient during reconstruction of the Stone Chamber Project off of Davis Road. One of our newer members is an archeologist and was instrumental in the execution of the project.

The Commission successfully worked with 737 Main Street, LLC to avoid the demolition of the historic property on that site to make way for a housing project. We are very pleased that the 1850's era farmhouse will be relocated a short distance to the north, refurbished, and sold as a separate residence.

The Commission successfully located a Historic Preservation Consultant to update our Cultural Resource List and associated inventory forms that are on file at town hall. This is being done with Acton Community Preservation Act grant monies.

In 2006 The Commission commented on various housing projects in the planning process. This year, we have been particularly pleased with how our comments have been received and implemented, in the spirit of making Acton's built landscape the best it can be.

2006 Membership:
Victoria Beyer
Anita Dodson
Peter Grover, Chair
Kimberley Connors-Hughes
William Klauer

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cable Advisory Committee serves to advise the Board of Selectmen in matters pertaining to Cable Television in the Town of Acton. We also accept complaints from consumers and work with the cable companies to resolve issues.

We meet at Town Hall the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. our meetings are open to the public, and citizens are encouraged to attend.

Current committee members are:

M G Brandon

Brian Costello

John R Covert, Clerk

Mark Eisenberg

Terra Friedrichs

Michael Geis

Ernie Lang, Access Studio Liaison

Frits Riep, Chairman

Oleg Volinsky, Schools' Liaison

The past year was a busy one for the committee, with the arrival of Verizon as a second Cable Television provider in the Town. In the fall of 2005, Verizon started offering FiOS Internet Service. As an incumbent telephone service provider, there was no licensing process required for Verizon to provide Internet services through their telecommunications infrastructure. The state and federal government consider Internet service to be an unregulated value added service.

The Town initiated the state-mandated Cable Television licensing process shortly after Verizon first contacted us. This

process has resulted in the issuance of a license. State law requires Towns to issue licenses to all qualified applicants, but provides for negotiations on license terms. The Town has always wanted our citizens to have the opportunity to choose more than one cable TV provider, and the Cable Committee is glad that a second company has finally entered the local market.

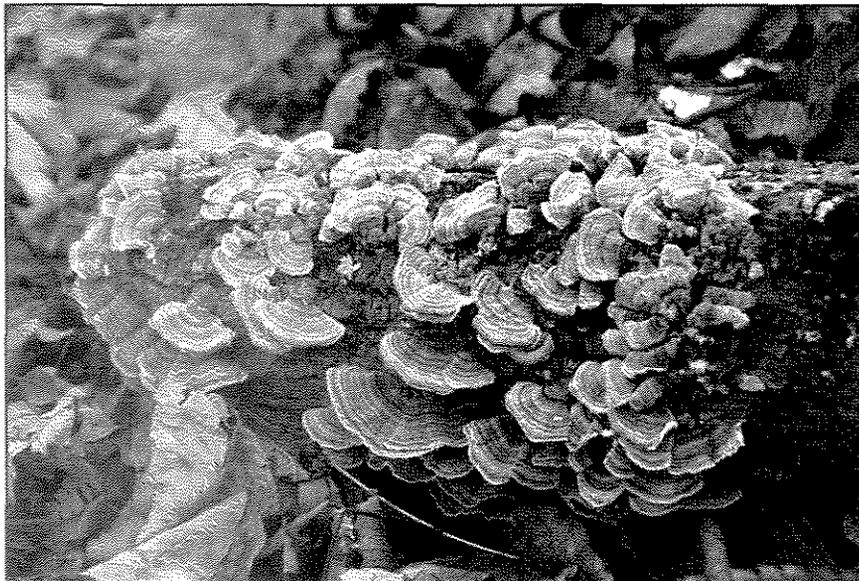
The steps in the process were for Verizon to send us an application, which we received on 16 March 2006, for the Town to respond with an "Issuing Authority Report" (IAR), which was approved by the Selectmen on 26 June 2006, and for Verizon to respond with an amended application, which has been received. After receiving the amended application, we held a public hearing on Monday, August 14th. At that hearing, the Selectmen directed the Cable Committee and Special Town Counsel to engage in negotiations with Verizon to resolve various differences between the IAR and the amended application, and then adjourned the hearing to a future date.

These negotiations were completed in time for the Selectmen to reconvene the hearing at a special Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, 3 October. At this meeting, the Selectmen voted to approve the Verizon Final license, opening the way for Verizon to begin the provision of FiOS Cable Television service. Verizon began offering TV service in Acton on 9 October.

More information about the Cable Committee's activities is available at our consumer information page on the Town Web site at <http://www.acton-ma.gov/boards/CableAdvisoryCommittee/consumer.asp>

John Covert

Clerk, Cable Advisory Committee



Turkey Tail Fungus on a fallen tree in the Arboretum

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen established the Economic Development Committee (EDC) to advise the Selectmen on matters pertaining to Acton improving its economic well being. The EDC consists of up to eleven Acton residents or business owners representing various groups interested in enhancing Acton's economic development in accordance with the 1998 Master Plan Update. The committee is currently comprised of one representative from the Board of Selectmen, two Planning Board representatives, two Finance Committee representatives, two representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, and four at large members. The committee's stated objectives are:

- To promote current and new commercial development within the context of the Master Plan;
- Increase the commercial tax base to reduce the tax burden on residential taxpayers;
- Support commercial and industrial growth that will fit in Acton and contribute to the community's quality of life and fiscal stability; and
- Support the concept of village and business districts by encouraging businesses of appropriate scale that will contribute to a mix of activities.

In 2006, the committee monitored the progress of the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan and the proposal to develop architectural and site design guidelines for commercial properties. Additionally, the committee resumed its past practice of providing comment on site plan applications. As a highlight for 2006, the committee successfully advocated for changes to the Small Manufacturing ("SM") zoning district in North Acton in order to help retain existing businesses and provide for future expansion.

The EDC is currently on a one year hiatus with no regularly scheduled meetings. The Board of Selectmen will revisit the need for the committee in 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund Starzec, Chairman and Planning Board Rep.
William A. Lawrence, Chamber Rep.
Lauren Rosenzweig, Board of Selectmen Rep.
Chris Papathanasiou, Chamber Rep.
Roland Bartl, Town Planner (staff)

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (MAPC)

Created in 1963, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) promotes inter-local cooperation and advocates for smart growth by working closely with cities and towns, state and federal agencies, non-profit institutions, and community-based organizations in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. MAPC strives to provide leadership on emerging issues of regional significance by conducting research, building coalitions, and acting as a regional forum for action.

MAPC provides technical assistance and specialized services in land use planning, water resources management, transportation, housing, environmental protection, economic development, public safety, geographic information systems (GIS), collective purchasing, data analysis and research, legislative and regulatory policy, and the facilitation and support of inter-local partnerships. More information about MAPC's services and ongoing activities is available at

HYPERLINK "<http://www.mapc.org/>"
www.mapc.org

MAPC is governed by 101 municipal government appointees, 21 gubernatorial appointees, and 13 appointees of state and City of Boston agencies. An Executive Committee comprising 25 elected members oversees agency operations. The agency employs approximately 40 professional staff under the leadership of an executive director. Funding for MAPC activities is derived from governmental contracts and foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment on member municipalities.

To better serve the people who live and work in Metro Boston, MAPC has divided the region into eight subregions. Each sub region is overseen by a council of local leaders and stakeholders, and a staff coordinator provides organizational and technical staff support.

Smart Growth Across Municipal Boundaries

MAPC's MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region initiative is planning for Metro Boston's growth and development through 2030. In 2006, the project involved nearly 2000 people. At more than 50 briefings, participants analyzed "Scenario 1: Current Trends to 2030," MetroFuture's "base case" of what the region might look like if current trends continue. We also hosted two working sessions in June 2006, where participants designed alternatives to the "base case," and two in December 2006, where participants chose the scenario they liked the best. In 2007, after additional public input and a May 1, 2007 Boston College Citizens Seminar, the project will complete a regional strategy to achieve the preferred scenario.

MAPC assisted cities and towns in a variety of ways throughout 2006. The agency helped over 70 cities and town to rewrite zoning by-laws, evaluate smart growth uses for key parcels, keep traffic under control and expand transit, deal with crime, and prepare for natural disasters.

As a member of the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, MAPC worked with six allied organizations to advocate for sustainable development throughout the Commonwealth. MAPC participated in a successful Alliance campaign to recapitalize and reform the state's Brownfields Tax Credit; researched, analyzed, and reacted to significant state land use and transportation policy proposals, including Governor Romney's 20-year transportation plan; and advanced research about the impact of sprawling development in Massachusetts.

In partnership with the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, MAPC produced the Massachusetts Low Impact Development Tool Kit, which presents state-of-the-art practices for managing stormwater and increasing the recharge of water to aquifers. MAPC also produced *Once is Not Enough: A Guide to Water Reuse in Massachusetts*, a manual that describes techniques for non-potable reuse of treated wastewater and provides case studies of successful water reuse projects in Massachusetts. In partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, MAPC began work on a hydrologic modeling project that simulates the impacts of future development on the water resources of the Charles River and Assabet River watersheds.

Getting Around the Region

In March 2006, MAPC sponsored a conference on the impact of transportation emissions on public health. The workshop began a process to build connections, raise awareness, and stimulate action around the issue of air pollution adjacent to major roadways and rail corridors. The content and results of this workshop are available at HYPERLINK "http://www.mapc.org/air_quality" www.mapc.org/air_quality

MAPC developed a Regional Bicycle Plan in 2006 to assess current conditions and to guide future improvements to bicycle transportation in the region. The plan reviews goals set in previous plans, and proposes six general goals and strategies for the region, including encouraging more trips by bicycle in each community, working with state and federal agencies to simplify and coordinate funding programs, and increasing regional knowledge about bicycling. The plan can be accessed at HYPERLINK "http://www.mapc.org/transportation/transportation_alternatives.html" www.mapc.org/transportation/transportation_alternatives.html

A consistent complain of bicyclists is the lack of parking. To address this need, MAPC worked with the MPO and EOT to develop the Regional Bike Parking Program. Under this program, MAPC negotiated discount group purchasing contracts with three

leading vendors of bicycle parking equipment, funded through federal transportation funds. More information about MAPC's bicycle and pedestrian planning activities, and the bike parking program, is available at HYPERLINK "http://www.mapc.org/transportation/transportation_alternatives.html" www.mapc.org/transportation/transportation_alternatives.html

Collaboration to Address Shared Municipal Challenges

MAPC, through its Metro Mayors Coalition, played a leading role in developing legislation to create a statewide anti-gang initiative known as the Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative, which supports regional and multi-disciplinary gang and youth violence prevention and law enforcement efforts. MAPC coordinated Shannon grants totaling \$1.2 million for 10 Metro Boston communities and 7 Essex County communities. These communities used the funds to enhance public safety through targeted workforce development, after-school mentoring, re-entry initiatives, gang-prevention education, and collaborative community policing.

MAPC facilitated the work of the Municipal Health Insurance Working Group, which drafted and proposed landmark legislation to let cities and towns purchase their health insurance through the Group Insurance Commission.

Collaboration for Safety

MAPC carries out fiduciary, planning, and project management duties for the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC), a network of 85 cities and towns north and west of Boston. In 2006, NERAC distributed more than \$1.5 million in emergency equipment and supplies to member communities, and trained hundreds of first responders in various roles in the United States Department of Homeland Security incident command system.

In 2006, MAPC advanced Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) plans for cities and towns throughout the region. These plans are designed to help communities reduce their vulnerability to damages due to natural hazards. The plans include an inventory of critical facilities and infrastructure in each community, a vulnerability analysis, and a mitigation strategy with specific recommended actions and projects that will protect the communities from future damages.

Collaboration for Savings

MAPC's Consortiums Project administered 37 procurement contracts for 42 municipal clients in 2006, saving cities and towns up to 20% on the purchases. As the administrator of the more than 300-member Greater Boston Police Council (GBPC), MAPC concluded 7 procurement contracts for public safety, public works and general use vehicles. In all, 142 municipalities purchased 180 vehicles. MAPC staff also collaborated

on procurements that advanced MAPC's environmental and transportation objectives, helping communities to buy bicycle racks, hybrid vehicles, and water leak detection services at a favorable cost.

Charting a Course to Region-wide Prosperity

MAPC developed its annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), an assessment of current regional economic trends and conditions. The report includes background about trends and conditions in the regional economy, including a discussion about the relationship between the economy and factors such as geography, population, labor force, resources, and the environment. MAPC's 2006 CEDs report can be downloaded at [HYPERLINK "http://www.mapc.org/economic_development/comprehensive_economic.html"](http://www.mapc.org/economic_development/comprehensive_economic.html) www.mapc.org/economic_development/comprehensive_economic.html

Tools to Improve Planning and Decision-Making

MAPC's Metro Data Center partnered with The Boston Foundation to develop the Metro Boston DataCommon, a new online data and mapping tool for residents and leaders in the region. The resource, which helps individuals to create customized maps and charts, is available at [HYPERLINK "http://www.MetroBostonDataCommon.org"](http://www.MetroBostonDataCommon.org) www.MetroBostonDataCommon.org. The Data Center partnered with MAPC's Legislative Committee to advocate for the establishment of a statewide population estimates program at the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute. The program, funded at \$100,000 in the FY2007 budget, lays the foundation for the Commonwealth to analyze Census estimates in a more robust way.

MAPC's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Lab provides professional services and products and technical assistance in support of local and regional planning projects. In 2006, MAPC's GIS team completed extensive projects for the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council (NERAC) region, and maps associated with the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, both of which are described above. The GIS Lab also made major contributions to the Metro Boston DataCommon and the MetroFuture planning project. The Lab also began mapping areas suitable for economic development throughout the region, in accordance with smart growth principles.

In 2006, MAPC transitioned from a paper to an electronic newsletter, the Regional Record, which is distributed quarterly, and provides updates on the latest regional projects and thinking, and provides opportunities for residents and communities to get involved in various events. People interested in receiving the e-newsletter can send their e-mail addresses to contactinfo@mapc.org.

On Beacon Hill: 2005 – 2006 Legislative Session

Brownfields Redevelopment:

The Legislature recapitalized the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund with \$30 million, and extended and enhanced the Brownfields Tax Credit so that non-profit development projects can raise equity by selling the credit to taxable entities.

Expedited Permitting:

The Legislature passed a law to expedite permitting of commercial/industrial developments in "priority development sites" designated by cities and towns. In part as a result of MAPC's advocacy, the new law includes funding for technical assistance to municipalities, development of a statewide-expedited permitting model, and criteria to steer priority development sites toward smart growth locations.

GIS Data Layer:

MAPC successfully advocated for \$400,000 in the FY2007 budget to update and improve the quality of Mass GIS data linking aerial photographs to land uses on the ground.

Statewide Population Estimates Program:

MAPC led the advocacy effort to establish a statewide population estimates program at the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute. The program was funded at \$100,000 in the FY2007 budget.

Shannon Community Safety Initiative:

The Legislature created a new \$11 million grant program to encourage the creation of regional, multi-disciplinary initiatives to combat gang violence, youth violence, and substance abuse.

Sewer Rate Relief:

The Legislature included \$25 million in the FY2007 budget for water and sewer rate relief, which will help lower costs for residential consumers and businesses served by sewer districts, including the MWRA.

Surplus Land:

Both the House and Senate passed legislation to reform the state's surplus land disposition policy. Both bills included an assignable municipal right of first refusal to purchase the parcel at a discount; a professional smart growth review for larger parcels; Surplus Land Coordinating Council to oversee disposition; and a municipal share of 10%-25% of proceeds in instances where the municipal right of first refusal is not exercised. Unfortunately, the Conference Committee did not advance the bill to final passage, but significant progress was made setting the foundation for the 2007-08 legislative session.

Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) (Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard and Stow)

MAGIC held 8 regular meetings in 2006, at which the local officials from 11 communities discussed transportation planning and priorities for state funding, grant programs for municipalities, and other inter-municipal planning issues. MAGIC provided feedback to MAPC on legislative priorities and input into various state and regional transportation plans. In addition, MAGIC hosted two productive dialogues between the sub-region's legislative delegation and selectmen, planning board members, town administrators, planners, and business associations to strategize about effective legislative action to address communities' issues.

MAGIC also sponsored a planners' roundtable event, where local planners and planning boards could share information, learn about innovative tools and techniques, and plan cooperative approaches.

At the roundtable, guest speakers led a discussion of Open Space Residential Design, including technical information, issues to consider, case studies, and model bylaws. MAGIC also provided support for preparation of mixed use zoning bylaws for the towns of Bedford and Stow, most of which was funded by the state's Priority Development Fund program. The final bylaws produced, along with the visual preference program, information on existing and model bylaws, and public education materials, are all available for the benefit other interested communities.

MAPC Annual Report prepared and submitted by Marc D. Draisen, Executive Director, Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Selectman Lauren Rosenzweig is Acton's representative to MAPC.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

For 2005, the activities of OLEC focused on two areas: raising the awareness of the residents of Acton about responsible outdoor lighting, and working toward a proposal for replacement of Acton's streetlights with more modern, efficient, and better-shielded lights.

Education activities

In March, OLEC member Steven Feinstein conducted the third annual Star Party for Acton fourth-graders. Approximately 700 people attended. All the students from Acton's fourth grade classes attended and there was support from the Parents Involvement Project.

OLEC also organized its first Town-wide Star Party. Other Town groups joined OLEC in supporting this event: the Conservation Commission, Acton Conservation Trust, and the ABRHS Astronomy Club. The Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston also provided a great deal of support. The star party, held at NARA in early November, featured 16 telescopes. Others ran multi-media slide shows of astronomical objects, discussed telescope construction and operation, and showed visitors how

to read and understand a star chart. Despite cloudy skies early in the evening, well over 500 people attended. The following night had been reserved in case of postponement, so six telescope operators returned that evening when skies cleared for the several hundred residents who returned. It is clear that Actonians are interested in the nighttime environment.

OLEC asked the managements of Rex Lumber and the Ledgerrock industrial complex (both these businesses border NARA) to turn off lights for the Star Party, and we are pleased to report that both organizations honored this request. This shows good civic spirit by these organizations, and we thank them for their cooperation. We believe it has also raised their awareness of how their lights can affect public areas.

OLEC has posted a Web site to educate Town residents about "good-neighbor lighting"; HYPERLINK "<http://www.acton-ma.gov/olac/index.htm>" <http://www.acton-ma.gov/olac/index.htm> The site discusses what this means and offers simple ways to modify common residential lights to shield them better.

Streetlight study

In November 2003, OLAC briefed the Board of Selectmen on the benefits of replacing its aging streetlights. More modern types of lamps are now commonly available; they are about twice as efficient as the mercury vapor lamps that constitute most of Acton's inventory. Replacement would save taxpayers about 35% of our current \$60,000 annual electricity bill, while providing the same amount of light. New, fully shielded, fixtures would reduce glare and light pollution, and provide superior visibility. We reported that NSTAR may support up to 80% of the replacement cost under their energy efficiency program.

In fall 2003, OLAC asked for a line item in the 2004 budget of approximately \$5000 for a study to establish a quantitative basis for a proposal. These funds were not approved, so in the fall of 2004, OLEC decided to conduct the current inventory part of that study with volunteer aid.

During the past year, OLEC members have surveyed all of Acton's streetlights, and established an up-to-date electronic database of the physical plant. The previous inventory, supplied by NSTAR at the time Acton took over the streetlights, had not been updated or verified in the years since the acquisition. A new inventory was needed by the Municipal Property Department to effectively manage maintenance and also to make a quantitative assessment with NSTAR of the savings that could be realized by a replacement project. This new survey is nearly complete, and should be available for the use of the Municipal Properties Department by the end of 2005.

Committee Members

Bernie Kosicki, Chair
Martin Graetz
Steve Feinstein
Gary Green
Hartley Millett

PLANNING DEPARTMENT _____

The Planning Department has Roland Bartl as Town Planner, Kristin Alexander as Assistant Planner, and Kim DelNigro as Secretary. Its principal role is the support of all Planning Board functions and activities. In 2006 the Planning Department also provided staff support to the Economic Development Committee and the Community Preservation Committee. Highlights of work include plan reviews of the Woodlands at Laurel Hill Senior Residence project before the Planning Board, 19 Railroad Street condominium conversion for the Board of Selectmen, and several Comprehensive Permit (Chapter 40B) projects before the Board of Appeals; efforts to advance rail trails in Acton; revisions to the Acton Subdivision Rules and Regulations; development of effective strategies for generating affordable housing through Acton's own initiatives; and maintaining Acton's State housing certification. See also the separate reports from the Economic Development and the Community Preservation Committees. All duties are carried out under the direction of the Town Manager.

Planning Board

Members of the Planning Board are appointed by the Selectmen. At the end of 2006, the Board's seven regular members were:

Gregory E. Niemyski, Chairman
 Christopher R. Schaffner, Vice-Chairman
 Edmund R. Starzec, Clerk
 Ruth M. Martin
 Michael C. Densen
 Bruce A. Reichlen
 Alan R. Mertz

Former members Gary R. Sullivan and William F. King resigned during the year.

Planning Board meetings are open to the public, usually at 7:30 PM at the Memorial Library on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Development Activity

When reviewing development applications, the Planning Board strives to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Acton's residents, and preserve the integrity of Acton's character. This aspiration is framed by the Town of Acton Master Plan and Zoning Bylaw. The Planning Board's authority to approve or disapprove development applications is also defined and limited by the State Zoning Act (MGL Ch. 40A), the State Subdivision Control Law (MGL Ch. 41, S. 81K-GG), and the constitutional rights of land owners.

In 2006, the Board granted one Planned Conservation Residential Community special permit, one Senior Residence special permit, one sign special permit, and approved two definitive and two preliminary subdivisions. Fourteen ANR Plans (Approval Not Required plans in Subdivision Control Law) were signed. Overall, the Board approved new building lots for 30 single-family homes. The table below shows the ten-year history of approved new residential lots.

Year	New Residential Lots Approved
1997	35
1998	68
1999	76
2000	33
2001	15
2002	103
2003	4
2004	8
2005	8
2006	30

The Planning Board approved the development of 64 senior residence units at the Woodlands at Laurel Hill. It should be noted that the Acton Board of Appeals also approved the development 23 additional dwelling units by Comprehensive Permit under M.G.L. Chapter 40B.

Zoning

The Acton Zoning Bylaw is the regulatory blueprint that affects the future use and development of land in Acton. It is the intent of the Planning Board that the Zoning Bylaw and any changes to it are generally consistent with the Master Plan. After holding public hearings, the Planning Board recommended and the 2006 Annual Town Meeting voted Zoning Bylaw and Map amendments:

- To revise the definitions of special waste and fill to follow a recommendation of the Town's Environmental Standards for Fill Advisory Committee.
- To broaden exemptions from the parking lot design standards to include parking lots for conservation and municipal recreation.
- To allow the more productive use or reuse of vacated or underutilized industrial properties in the Small Manufacturing (SM) District.
- To make several housekeeping corrections and clarifications.
- To rezone land off Charter Road to General Industrial (GI).

Special Projects

Bicycle Lockers

Kim DelNigro oversees the bicycle locker rentals at the South Acton train station. In 2006, 30 lockers out of 40 lockers were rented for the whole year and several more were rented from month to month. This continues the steady increase in the use of the bicycle lockers since they were initially offered in 1996, and expanded in 2004.

Rail Trails

The Assabet River Rail Trail (ARRT) is a 12.5-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail from Marlborough Center through Hudson, Stow, and Maynard to the South Acton train station. The southern section in Marlborough and Hudson is completed. Funding

for the design of the Acton/Maynard segment has been secured through Federal High Priority Project designation with the help of Representative Meehan and Senators Kennedy and Kerry, through Acton Community Preservation Funds for the Acton portion, and from other sources. Design is scheduled to begin in 2007. Federal construction funding is programmed for 2010. ARRT, Inc. (www.artinc.org) is a regional non-profit group that supports and advocates for the trail.

The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) is a 22 mile bicycle and pedestrian trail from Lowell, through Chelmsford, Westford, Carlisle, Acton, Concord to Sudbury. Acton has secured Community preservation funds for the preliminary design of the +/-4.4-mile Acton segment and hired an Engineering firm to proceed. Federal construction funding is programmed for 2010. The Friend of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (www.brucefreemanrailtrail.org) is a regional non-profit group that supports and advocates for the trail.

In an effort to address potential environmental liabilities to the Town, Acton joined with Wakefield and Lynnfield to file a bill for environmental insurance coverage for rail trails. The bill was enacted into law thanks to the leadership on the issue from State Senator Resor and State Representative Paulsen. It provides for a 50% State match for rail trail environmental insurance under the Massachusetts Brownfields Redevelopment Access to Capital Program (BRAC). With this in place, Acton has renewed its efforts for the acquisition of the rail trail corridors from the MBTA and the Executive Office of Transportation.

Affordable Housing

Representatives from the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the Acton Community Housing Corporation met with an affordable housing consultant, Community Opportunities Group, during 2006 to develop a Town policy vis-à-vis Chapter 40B affordable housing projects that would define which types of 40B developments the Town would generally view favorably and which ones it would not. The "Town of Acton Comprehensive Permit Policy" was adopted by the Board of Selectmen in April 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Roland Bartl, AICP
Town Planner

PUBLIC CEREMONIES AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

The Acton Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee Would like to thank all those who have helped put together the ceremonies and celebrations for the year 2006.

On Patriots Day, citizens followed the Acton Minutemen as they retraced the Isaac Davis Trail to the North Bridge in Concord. The Memorial Day Parade was successful again this year with bands from the Schools, Acton Minutemen, Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts, Little Leaguers and Veterans marching in the parade with Major Douglas J. Edwards, US Army Retired as the Grand Marshal. Veterans Day was observed at the Town Monument in Acton Center with Col. Andrew M. Barclay OD Commander-302nd Combat Support Brigade as the speaker. The Acton Minutemen presented the history of the Flag at this ceremony.

All these events were successful due to the efforts of individual volunteers and civic-minded groups that pitched in to help us commemorate the history of our community and our country.

The Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee needs your help in planning these important celebrations. Please join the Committee and add your talents to our celebrations!

Gail L. Sawyer
Chairperson



The unusual weather allowed picnics in December.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Department has undergone a number of changes in 2006, all contributing to its continued growth. The number of programs has increased from 9 programs in 1999 to 159 in 2006. Notable additions this year include Teen Repertory Theater, Floral Arts, Gardening, Jr. Chefs, Guest Chef Cooks, Kid's Music Classes, increased tennis and bus trip options, and more winter classes for children. With the continued population growth in Acton, the department looks forward to providing more safe and affordable programs.

Currently, the department manages 18 playing fields and 12 recreation areas. A number of field development projects are moving forward. The Recreation Department, supported by Acton-Boxborough Youth Baseball, Acton-Boxborough Youth Softball, and Acton Adult Softball League, acquired a Community Preservation Act grant in the amount of \$69,000 to fund the development of 10 additional leased acres at School Street Extension and Route 2 into two ball fields and a multi-purpose field. The project awaits a decision by the State of Massachusetts on the continuation of the 10-year lease agreement to proceed. Another field upgrade under consideration this year has been the updating of field lighting at the Elm St. ball field. A proposal to expand the placement of light fixtures to extend the use of the multipurpose field, in addition to the softball field, is being finalized. This proposal incorporates strict adherence to town zoning bylaws which control light trespass and invisibility of lamps from the street and abutting properties.

Recreation Director Alison Trout resigned in May and gave birth to a healthy son. Expecting her next child in 2007, Allison looks forward to raising her children. Acton resident Cathy Fochtman replaced Alison. Cathy has been a supporter and instructor for Recreation, a leader in town organizations and volunteer for the schools. Maura Haberman has been promoted to Events Coordinator. Together, Cathy and Maura are working on planning 2008 programs and events through greater collaboration with community groups and businesses.

NARA Beach opened for the season on Saturday May 27 and closed on September 4. Beach memberships, both group and individual, numbered 283. Daily beach passes were frequently collected. Red Cross swimming lessons were offered to 117 participants. The NARA Summer Youth program opened on June 26 and ran for nine weeks through August 25. The programs were well attended with 825 paid weekly sessions, overseen by new on-site director Jonathan Grant. Jon is an Acton resident who works during the school year as a Physical Education instructor for the Town of Needham and brings many years of experience to the role.

The Summer Concert series was more successful than expected. Despite a rainy forecast, the Fourth of July at NARA was attended by 9,000-10,000 people who were entertained by the Lois Greco Band and a spectacular fireworks display. With

a ticketed concert lineup of Livingston Taylor, Pink Voyd, The Drifters and The KISS 108 Concert featuring The Jonas Brothers and Corbin Bleu, the quality of the entertainment was superb. The reviews from those in attendance were overwhelming positive. Weather related issues associated with an open air venue were more challenging than expected, as the Livingston Taylor concert was ultimately cancelled, and the Pink Voyd concert was moved to a rain date. Future plans for ticketed concert events are under consideration and we are looking for sponsors to lower ticket prices.

The Recreation Department collaborated this fall with other town departments for grant opportunities. A \$5,900 grant from the Community Health Network Alliance Area 15 (CHNA 15) was recently awarded in December to underwrite "Wellness University", an informative educational event for those 55 years and older in March 2007, in partnership with Council on Aging, Health, and Nursing Services. Recreation is pursuing other grant opportunities and awaiting decisions in 2007.

The Recreation Commission continued its role of providing support and counsel to the Recreation Department, taking on the difficult issue of dog control on Recreational properties. The Commission recommended to the Board of Selectmen that a town-wide leash law be enacted. The selectmen have taken the recommendation under advisement.

The Recreation Department wishes to thank our supporters, who assist the department in carrying out our mission: "Building a sense of community through quality recreation." Thank you to the youth sports leagues and programs for their assistance in providing quality playing fields to local youth, with both funds and labor. We appreciate the continuing support of our major sponsors, including Gould's Plaza, Donalan's, Cambridge Savings Bank, Roche Brothers, Comcast, Domino's Pizza, Verizon, and many local businesses. Thank you to community organizations, including the Acton Garden Club and Acton Family Network, for their support of recreational spaces such as NARA and playgrounds. Acton Recreation values the many volunteers who helped with special events and concerts. Our colleagues at Town Hall: Natural Resources, Municipal Properties, Police, Fire, Health, Highway and Civil Defense, have our thanks for their important contributions.

Recreation Commissioners
Ronald Schlegel, Chair
Michele Zaremba, Co-chair
Alison E. Gallagher
Matthew Lundberg
Sasha C. O'Connell
Cathy Fochtman, Director
Maura Haberman, Event coordinator
& admin/assistant

SENIOR AND DISABLED TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

The Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Committee administers the voluntary fund established by the town several years ago to provide tax relief to seniors and others under state legislation. The committee is composed of the Town Treasurer, John Murray, Selectman Peter Ashton, Board of Assessors member Jim Kotanchik, and two citizen volunteers, Carol Mahoney and Nancy Gerhart. Brian McMullen of the Assessors Department ably assists the committee.

The committee was able to provide assistance to eight individuals in town this past year for a total amount of almost \$11,000. The committee reviewed 19 applicants, several of whom received assistance from other sources, including exemptions under other programs. The committee works with the Board of Assessors to ensure eligible applicants are first served by other forms of tax relief before being reviewed by this committee. In prior years the committee has been able to provide greater relief as the fund has carried a higher balance. Over the past two years, donations to the fund have declined. We encourage any citizen of Acton to donate to this fund in any amount you are comfortable with.

Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Committee

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

TAC's main focus for the first part of the year was to complete its Great Road Report. On May 22, TAC presented the report to the Board of Selectmen with a very well received Power Point presentation. The report presented many recommendations. TAC made the same presentation to the Planning Board.

The second half of the year saw many changes in TAC's composition and focus. TAC was tasked with implementing the recommendation of the South Acton Commuter Rail Task Force (SACRTF) to institute a shuttle to alleviate the parking problem at the commuter rail station. SACRTF, originally spawned from TAC, held a public forum on February 8 and was later disbanded. TAC is currently in the process of applying for public grants to implement local transportation in town, which will include a shuttle stop at the commuter rail station in South Acton.

There has been significant turnover on TAC, resulting in its current senior-most member having barely one year of experience on the committee. On the positive side, several excellent candidates are now in the process of joining the committee and the outlook is for a productive year of accomplishments.

Other TAC activities include the review of site plans and an analysis of sidewalk creation priorities.

Members:

Holly BenJoseph,
Maureen Greer,
Leslie Hogan,
Antonio Santoro,
Ann Sussman,
Art Wu,
Jim Yarin.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board heard requests for three Variances of which two were withdrawn and one denied. There were five Special Permit requests which were all granted. There was one request for a Petition for Review to overturn the Building Commissioner's decision which was upheld.

There were four 40B Comprehensive Permit applications filed with three Granted (with conditions) and the fourth to be decided in 2007.

BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS

Jonathan Wagner, Chairperson
Kenneth Kozik, Member
Cara Voutselas, Member
Richard Fallon, Alternate Member

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

New single family dwelling permits increased. Permits for residential additions and alterations also increased. New Commercial permits stayed the same. There were 44 new sign licenses and 34 special event signs licenses for businesses issued in 2006. As part of the Board of Selectmen policy 54 banner permits for non-profit organizations were issued.

After twelve years, Gary Jarobski resigned as Building Inspector to become an Assistant Facilities Director for the Town of Weston. Laurie Livoli after four years of as part-time was appointed as Full-time Inspector. After only a few months she also resigned to take a similar position as a Building Inspector in the Town of Concord.

The figures for the year ending December 31, 2006 are as follows:

New Residential	69	\$12,832,720
Residential Additions & Alterations	538	\$12,258,311
New Commercial	10	\$23,494,000
Commercial Alterations	72	\$3,666,564
Demolitions	15	\$128,900
Total	701	\$52,380,495

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Garry Rhodes, Building Commissioner
Francis Ramsbottom, Building Inspector
Shirley Buxton, Clerk
Cheryl Frazier, Secretary

LOWELL REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA) subsidizes two para-transit vans in Acton. These vans provide service for individuals at least 60 years of age or anyone disabled. Acton's Council on Aging operates the first van and the second is known as the LRTA "Road Runner."

In coordination with the Selectmen and the Council on Aging the Road Runner service is continually being improved. The Road Runner takes residents to Boston area hospitals, Lahey Clinic and the Bedford VA facility. The local service has been expanded to include clinic sites in Westford.

There is a brochure with the Road Runner services available at Town Hall.

Summary of Service

Who:

Individuals at least 60 and anyone disabled

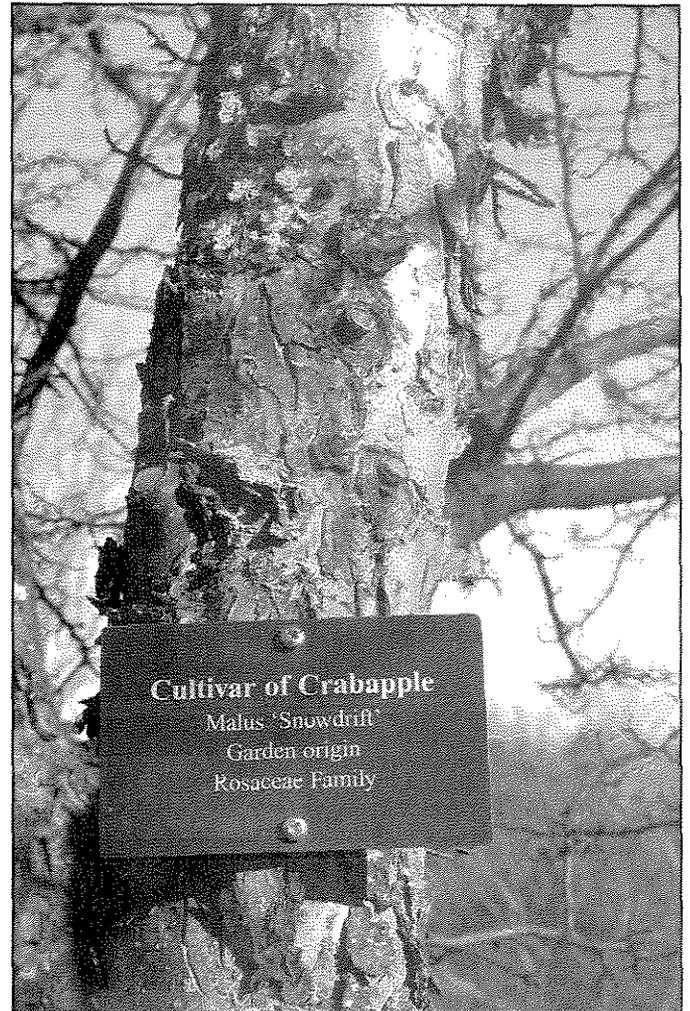
When/where/cost:

Within Acton, Tuesday through Thursday \$1.00
Concord & Maynard, Tuesday through Thursday \$1.50
Westford, Wednesdays \$1.50
Lahey Clinic and Bedford VA, Wednesdays \$12.50
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Antonio Santoro



In the Arboretum, many shrubs and trees are labeled.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery office is in the Kennedy Service Building, located on the grounds of Woodlawn Cemetery. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are here to serve you and welcome your inquiries and/or comments either through a visit to the office or a phone call to: 978 – 264 – 9644. The Cemetery Commissioners meet here at 2:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Cemetery Commission is responsible for expenditures from the various cemetery trust funds, and oversees the operation and care of the three Town-owned cemeteries: Woodlawn at 104 Concord Rd., Acton Center, est. 1738; Forest, on Carlisle Rd., North Acton, est. 1750; and Mount Hope, at 166 Central St., West Acton, est. 1848.

The staff you meet when you visit the cemeteries or cemetery office, are part of the Department of Natural Resources: Cemeteries, Recreation, and Conservation. Their duties include maintaining over 43 developed acres in the cemeteries, routine maintenance and major projects on over 1,500 acres of Conservation properties, as well as routine maintenance and major projects on the 64 acres of recreation areas. At the cemeteries, the maintenance crew constructs all monument foundations, sets flush markers, prepares and plants endowed flower beds, plants trees and shrubs, prepares for and assists at interments, and maintains their equipment on a year-round basis. Prior to Memorial Day, a potted geranium and an American flag, both supplied by the Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee, are placed at the grave of every known veteran. In addition, the Crew Chief and Secretary assist in the selection and purchase of lots, assist Funeral Directors, help visitors locate gravesites, and answer inquiries about rules and regulations. The secretary also schedules memorial/funeral services and wedding rehearsals/ceremonies at the Woodlawn Memorial Chapel, maintains the lot and interment records, and does the department billing and receiving.

Woodlawn Memorial Chapel

This year, the Chapel was used for five funeral or memorial services and four wedding ceremonies and their related rehearsals. This beautiful Chapel was constructed in 1937. The Chapel and the land upon which it is located, were given to the Town of Acton by Georgia Etta Whitney and her sister, Sarah A. Watson. Please accept our invitation to view the interior, by calling: 978-264-9644 to arrange a time.

The Cemeteries

In the calendar year 2006, we had seventy-five interments. Of these, nineteen were United States veterans and forty-nine were non-residents.

After cleaning up the debris shed by the trees during winter and spring storms, and clearing the roadways of the winter's accumulation of sand, the crew proceeded with Memorial Day preparations. Fertilizer and lime were applied and areas were over-seeded as needed at both Woodlawn and Mount Hope cemeteries. Again this year, we are attributing the minimal turf damage caused by the European Chafer grub to the prolonged rainy season. It is certainly a relief to see our cemeteries so green again.

In September, David A. Lee, who began working for the Cemetery Department in June of 1978, and advanced from Maintenance Man to Foreman and then to the position of Crew Chief, retired. Many of you will remember seeing Dave going beyond the call of duty and checking the cemeteries on holidays and weekends, taking care of anything that couldn't wait until Monday morning. He was always available to assist lot owners and residents in any way he could. Funeral Directors knew that they could call him on the weekend and he would make himself available to assist them. Dave devoted himself to the care of the cemeteries, and as the Town structure changed and expanded, he embraced his duties to Recreation and Conservation areas as well. He could always be counted on by other departments in Town to lend a helping hand. We thank you, Dave, for your many years of devoted service, and wish you well in your retirement.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Dave's replacement, Shawn O'Malley. Shawn moved up from a cemetery maintenance man to Crew Chief. He has been working hard to maintain the high standards that have always been a trademark of the department. Welcome, Shawn!

In calendar year 2006, the sum of \$67,543. was paid to the Town Treasurer to be deposited as follows:

General Fund	\$34,238.00
Cemetery Land Fund	5,035.00
Perpetual Care Fund	28,270.00

Once again, we would like to thank the members of the team who work so diligently to keep your cemeteries in the best possible condition: Tom Tidman, Director of Natural Resources, Cemeteries and Recreation; Shawn O'Malley, Crew Chief; Nancy Howell, Secretary; Maintenance Men Michael Jackson, Tom Bailey Carl Anderson and Tom Heron; seasonal workers Richard Cowley, Michael Lesanto, Tom Procter, Andrew Zubatkin and Cory Bailey. Their tireless efforts are reflected in the appearance of the cemeteries, recreation areas and conservation areas. We also wish to acknowledge assistance received from the Highway Department, the Department of Municipal Properties, and the Acton Water District.

Cemetery Commissioners
Charles H. Smith, Chairman
Brewster Conant, Secretary
Leslie H. Gerhardt

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is responsible for the administration of the Community Preservation Fund, the selection of projects for recommendation to Town Meeting for funding, and the monitoring of the progress of funded community preservation projects. By statute, Community Preservation funds may be allocated to those projects that support the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space, historic resources, community housing, and land for recreational use.

The CPC enjoyed continued success in 2006, its fourth year of operation. With Article 22 on the April 2006 Annual Town Meeting warrant, the Committee recommended sixteen projects totaling \$1,172,553.40, that included a \$400,000 set-aside for future open space preservation, a fund balance of \$86,122.12, and funds to cover administrative costs. Citizens at Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly in favor of the full article. Several of those approved projects, such as the acquisition of town-owned land for affordable housing at 28 Willow & 214 Central St., the Gates school playground, a woodland path for Leary Field, Town Hall slate roof replacement, and the new Elm Street Basketball courts have already been completed, while others are ongoing.

As of June 30, the Town raised \$656,254 from the local CPA surcharge for FY2006 and in October 2006 received \$652,082 in State matching funds. Together with \$58,502 interest earned in FY 2006, and \$86,122 that remained unallocated from the previous year, Acton's total FY2007 Community Preservation Fund balance is \$1,452,960.

In June, the Committee began the process of updating the Community Preservation Plan. They held a public hearing on the Plan's needs statements and solicited comments from representatives of interest groups eligible for CPA funding. Attendees provided good input to the Plan and alerted the Committee to future proposals that may be submitted. The Draft Plan was distributed to the community in July and approved by the Committee in August. The Committee published its 2007 Community Preservation Plan with updated guidelines and information for applicants seeking community preservation funds and posted it on the Town website.

In September, the CPC held a workshop for prospective applicants. Prior applicants from each category made presentations on previous projects. They described the process as they experienced it, made suggestions for improvements, and updated the Committee on the progress of their projects. The CPC also presented information on procurement procedures that must be followed under public bidding laws and provided handouts. Sample applications were made available and a list of potential project ideas was discussed.

In November, the Committee began deliberations on thirteen submissions filed for the 2007 funding cycle. The CPC will use the same process from previous years: review all proposals, solicit legal opinion on the eligibility for some projects, interview the applicants, solicit input from Town Boards, including the Selectmen and Finance Committee, and seek general public input. The Committee's FY2007 recommendations will be presented for action at the April 2007 Town Meeting.

The Community Preservation Committee generally meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the Acton Memorial Library meeting room. All CPC meetings are open to the public and the Committee welcomes public participation throughout the process. Citizens may email the Committee at cpc@acton-ma.gov or contact the Town Planning office at (978) 264-9636 with questions, comments, and feedback. For additional information and to view the current Community Preservation proposals, citizens may visit the Community Preservation page on the Town website at www.acton-ma.gov.

2006 CPC Members:

Catherine Coleman, At-large, Chair
Ken Sghia-Hughes, Acton Housing Authority representative, Vice Chair
Ed Starzec, Planning Board representative, Clerk
Jon Benson, Associate
Peter Berry, At-large
Victoria Beyer, Historical Commission representative
Walter Foster, Board of Selectmen representative
Matt Lundberg, Recreation Commission representative
Andrew Magee, Conservation Commission representative
Susan Mitchell-Hardt, At-large
Nancy Tavernier, Associate
Roland Bartl, Town Planner, staff support

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Staff

Town Engineer/Director of
Public Works -Bruce M. Stamski, P.E.
Engineering Assistant III -Corey S. York, E.I.T., S.I.T.
Engineering Assistant I -Daniel Fleury
Secretary (shared with Planning Dept.) -Kim L. DeNigro

Daniel joined the Department in June. David Abbt, who retired from the Department in 2005, continues to provide the Town with Professional Land Surveying services on a part-time basis.

Services

The Engineering Department provides the Town's various departments and committees with civil engineering and land surveying services. During 2006, the Engineering Department worked on the following:

Public Works Projects

- Designed and supervised the construction of the new recycling facility at the Transfer Station
- Designed and supervised the construction of a new 25 car parking facility on School Street near the intersection with Main Street
- Designed and supervised the construction of intersection improvements including new sidewalks at the intersection of Main Street and Great Road
- Supervised the construction of sidewalks on High Street and on Parker Street
- Conducted traffic counts using the Department's counters/classifiers on School Street near Chadwick Street and at the Transfer Station
- Submitted Wetlands By-law filings for the Highway Department's annual road paving program, the new parking facility at School Street and for drainage work on Parker Street
- Worked with the Highway Department in implementing drainage improvements on Ethan Allan Drive, Summer Street and Captain Brown's Lane.
- Continued survey work for sidewalks on High Street (Dunham Lane to Parker Street) and on Willow Street (Kingman Road to Central Street)
- Continued sidewalk design work on Main Street (Post Office Square to Great Road)
- Designed and supervised the construction of the new reserved parking spaces at Jones Field (Martin and Stow Streets)

Special Studies

- Completed annual inspection report for the Transfer Station as required by the DEP.
- Assisted the Recreation Department in the design of athletic fields on School Street near Route 2
- Prepared survey, easement and sewage disposal plans

for the Acton Community Housing Corporation's project on Willow and Central Streets

- Studied, recommended and supervised the installation of new parking control signage on Maple Street

New Development Work

The Engineering Department reviews plans and engineering calculations submitted for approval to various Town Boards. During 2006, the Department reviewed:

- 5 new site plans for the Board of Selectmen
- 3 comprehensive permits (Chapter 40B) for the Zoning Board of Appeals
- 5 new subdivisions for the Planning Board

The Department inspected construction on five new roads to ensure compliance with plans and specifications and also prepared road bond calculations for seven roads.

Ongoing Duties

- Prepare amendments to the Traffic Rules and Orders
- Prepare maps and graphics for other Town Departments
- Prepare street acceptance articles for Town Meeting
- Maintain and update the Town atlas and other maps
- Maintain and repair the Town's four traffic signals
- Maintain, repair and collect the money from the parking meters at the South Acton Commuter Parking Lot
- Collect groundwater samples at the landfill
- Issue and inspect street curb cut permits (84 total permits this year)
- Review building permits (701 total permits this year)
- Review sewage disposal permits (234 total permits this year)
- Review "Approval Not Required" plans (14 new ANR plans this year)
- Layout "No Campaigning" setbacks from voting polls

Resident Services

In conjunction with the Planning Department, the Engineering Department attempts to answer questions concerning flood plains, zoning, traffic signs, and impacts of new development, property lines and a myriad of other topics. This Department maintains files of deeds and property line plans and makes copies for a nominal fee. This service is generally on a walk-in basis, however making an appointment will assure the correct person will be available to answer your questions.

Bruce M. Stamski, P.E.
Town Engineer/Director of Public Works

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Snow

The warmer winter temperatures during January and February were welcomed by the Highway Department. We thought that the season would be very busy when the first snow fell on Thanksgiving Day and all roads had to be treated and plowed. As it turned out, there were thirty-one times that crews were called upon to treat road surfaces completely and thirty-five times for spot treatments. In addition, there were ten times that roads had to be scraped or plowed. Between storms, our department assisted the Municipal Properties Department with roadside tree and stump removals. The snow season ended for the department in late February. As always, a mixture of sand and salt is available at the Highway Department for Acton residents. Additional information regarding the town's snow plowing policy is now available on the town web site.

Roads

All roads and sidewalks were swept in the spring. With fewer storms and newer snow removal techniques being implemented, sweeping of town roads and parking lots was completed in much less time without the use of supplemental contracted help. During the construction season, approximately fourteen roads were resurfaced. In addition, the new recycling area at the transfer station and the new commuter parking lot on School Street were resurfaced. Crack sealing was done on many roads and line painting was done on town roads and parking lots.

Drainage

Many of the town's drainage structures were cleaned and repaired as needed. Several areas where pipelines were clogged had to be cleaned with the use of a sewer jetter. Catch basins were built on Summer Street, Ethan Allen Drive, Captain Brown's Lane and the new parking lot on School Street. Collapsed pipelines were replaced on Willow Street, Prospect Street and Parker Street. New drainage was installed on a section of Summer Street and Lothrop Road. Asphalt berms were installed in several areas where severe erosion was undermining the road edge.

Sidewalks

Several small repairs were made to sidewalks throughout the town during the year. A new section of sidewalk was resurfaced on High Street near the shopping plaza and as this report is being written, a new sidewalk is being built on Parker Street. Granite curbing and sections of sidewalk were installed at the intersection of Route 2A and Route 27 along with ramps for new pedestrian walkways and upgraded signalization. The department hopes to undertake a greater amount of new sidewalk construction in future years.

Special Projects

Much of the first part of the construction season was devoted to constructing the new, handicapped accessible recycling center located at the transfer station. Under the direction and planning of the town's Public Works Director and Engineering Department, the Highway Department removed and relocated the existing area and began building the new center. Concrete slabs were poured to support the recycling containers and the transport vehicles. Walls were installed after which the upper parking area was built and platforms for easier access to the containers were constructed. Stairs were added for access from the lower level for an overflow of patron if needed. Grading and resurfacing took place and the parking spaces were painted. I, along with many users of the facility feel that it is a great improvement to the area and we have had much success so far. I thank all who were involved with and took part in building the new center.

Another project undertaken by the department was constructing the new parking lot on School Street at the site of the old train station. The area had to be cleared of brush and overgrown trees before construction could begin. Walls were installed so that the parking area could be elevated closer to the grade of School Street thus eliminating the downgrade for drivers and pedestrians. Drainage was installed and underground conduits to supply electricity for lighting were supplied and installed where needed. Grading of the lot was followed by leveling, granite curbing installation and final resurfacing. Sidewalks were built, guardrail was installed and the Municipal Properties Department planted shrubbery and assisted in landscaping the area.

Parking spaces were painted and signs were placed as required. Again, I want to thank all who were involved with the project.

Transfer Station

The department continues to operate the transfer station and recycling area. The town's refuse is loaded and transported to North Andover. The department accepts leaves and Christmas trees for recycling in addition to numerous other items at the recycling center. Handouts are available at the gatehouse that will answer your refuse and recycling questions. Information is also available on the town's web site. We urge all residents to recycle.

Recognition

In closing, I wish to thank my assistant, Russell Robinson and my secretary, Karen Switzer-Neff for their continued dedication and hard work throughout the year. This closing statement is one that I have often used but is, in a small way the only way that I can truly express my appreciation for their fine work. I also wish to thank all of the other departments for their continued help and cooperation throughout the year. Special thanks to Richard Waite who has filled in for my assistant during absences and

taken over when needed to get the job done. The Town needs to give a special thank you to the highway crew for undertaking the many projects that were assigned and completed this year. Thank you, well done all.

Highway Department Staff

Karen Switzer-Neff, Secretary
Russell Robinson, Assistant Superintendent
Richard Waite, Crew Leader- Highway
Don Hawe, Heavy Equipment Operator
Kevin Farrell, Heavy Equipment Operator
Carl Maria, Heavy Equipment Operator
William Wilkie, Heavy Equipment Operator
Ken Lane, Light Equipment Operator
Kevin Baker, Light Equipment Operator
Mark Fitzpatrick, Truck Driver/ Skilled Laborer
Jon Bailey, Truck Driver/ Skilled Laborer
Matt Miner, Truck Driver/ Skilled Laborer
Charles Willett, Lead Mechanic
Sam Bell, Equipment Repair Person
Matt Lutinski, Equipment Maintenance Person
Robert Mallard, Crew Leader -Transfer Station
Craig Kellogg, Heavy Equipment Operator – Transfer Station

David J. Brown, Superintendent

LAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE_

The Land Stewardship Committee is a volunteer committee responsible for the care of over 1650 acres of Acton's conservation lands. Most of our work is maintaining the conservation lands: blazing trails with paint, widening the trails when they grow narrow, removing blowdowns, mowing meadows, installing and repairing bridges, walkways and kiosks, supplying maps to kiosk map boxes, removing trash, cleaning up vandalism, and reporting major encroachment issues to the Conservation Commission and town staff.

In addition to the work of the dozen land stewards, we rely on the support of additional volunteers. Volunteers helped with trail cutting, boardwalk construction, and wood-chip placement. Particularly large and vigorous crews came from the schools, during the Spring Senior service day and a Junior High 8 Green team service day.

Our two major work projects this year were the replacement of over 150 feet of boardwalk over Grassy Pond Brook near the Newtown road entrance, and providing supervision and a lot of labor for the reconstruction of the old stone chamber in the Nashoba Brook area. The stone chamber project was supported by a grant from Community Preservation Act funds.

We sponsored two educational talks this year: in the spring, Peter Waksman talked about old stone piles and in the fall, Lydia Rogers talked about animal sign and tracking.

We are beginning to deal with the many invasive plants in Acton's conservation lands. We focused our efforts this year on removing or cutting back some invasive bush honeysuckles, Garlic mustard, Japanese knotweed, and Asiatic bittersweet. The committee has taken on some responsibility for the backwoods of the Acton Arboretum. This year we repaired boardwalks there, and installed new signs for the 'Billings Trail', the Concord Road access to the Arboretum.

The founder of the Acton Land Stewardship committee, Linda McElroy, left the committee after more than ten years of service. This year Linda was particularly active in leading the Acton Stone chamber work, and in spearheading our efforts to help the Morrison Farm Re-Use Committee plan for a future community organic farm there. The rest of the committee wishes to thank her for making the work of the Stewardship Committee possible.

The full-color Acton trail guidebook is available at town hall, Acton EMS, Butter Brook Organic Farm, and Pedal Power Bike & Ski.. To learn more about the LSCom or to volunteer on our trail projects, visit our website at <http://www.acton-ma.gov/LSCOM/> or email us at lsc@acton-ma.gov

2006 Roster:

Charlie Carlson
Joan Cirillo
David Cochrane
Andy Gatesman
Bob Guba
Maura Herlihy
Gigi Hopkins
Philip Keyes
Peggy Liversidge
Linda McElroy
Nan Towle Millett
Cyril Murphy
Rich Rhode
Ann Shubert
Jim Snyder-Grant
Laurie Ullmann
Paul Wasserboehr

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

The Municipal Properties Department discharges the following duties:

1. Design, construction, maintenance, utilities, and management of all Town buildings, except those controlled by the School Department.
2. Development and maintenance of the Town Common, roadsides, and landscaped areas.
3. Management of street trees as provided in MGL Chapter 87, and management of Public Nuisances related to shade trees, as provided in MGL Chapter 132.
4. Technical expertise as needed for site plan and subdivision reviews and inspections.
5. Assistance to other departments as needed in the areas of purchasing, land management and construction.

Vegetation Management

This year 149 dead or dangerous street trees were removed, 26 street trees were pruned to reduce hazards, and 149 stumps that presented traffic hazards were ground out below grade. Twenty-one trees were removed for the Parker Street sidewalk project, and six trees were also removed for the construction of the School Street commuter lot.

Twenty-two trees and 62 shrubs were planted in various public locations around town, including the Town Common, the Public Safety Facility, and the new School Street parking lot.

There are now over fifty miles of subdivision streets in town, some of them over forty years old. As the tree stock in these subdivisions mature, limbs and whole trees start to encroach into the right-of-way, blocking intersections and impeding the passage of larger vehicles, such as school buses. Pruning back this growth has become an increasing workload for the department, and this work will increase as the plantings in newer subdivision mature. There are now over thirty miles of sidewalks in town. Trimming back the vegetation along these sidewalks is also creating a very large workload for the Department.

Approximately 50 miles of road shoulder were mowed with the side arm mower or brush hog, and 20 areas were cut back with chain saws. All intersections and sidewalks were checked and trimmed back as needed to alleviate traffic hazards. Poison Ivy growing along the Rights of Way in numerous locations was sprayed with a selective herbicide.

The Department responded to storm related tree damage calls on sixteen dates. During a storm on January 18, there was tree damage involving blocked roads or damaged structures in 90 locations around town.

The rate of street tree death in Acton due to Ash Decline has slowed in recent years due to the fact that many susceptible ash trees have already died.

There are three areas of concern regarding invasive alien insect infestations. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid is a concern for home landscapes and conservation areas. This is an invasive alien insect, introduced into North America from Asia. This sucking insect infests Canadian Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), and almost always leads to the death of the tree within three to five years, if left untreated. The second major concern is the Asian Longhorned Beetle, which can cause extensive heartwood damage and structural failure of hardwood species. This insect originates in China, and has been accidentally imported in wood dunnage such as freight pallets. As of this point the insect has not been identified in Massachusetts, but the potential for widespread damage exists since we are located close to a port city and have extensive hardwood forests. The third major concern is the Winter Moth, again an invasive alien species that was imported into Plymouth County, most likely on nursery stock from Nova Scotia. The caterpillar stage of this insect hatches in very early spring, and has caused near total defoliation of hardwood forests in southeastern Massachusetts. State and Federal officials have been rearing and releasing parasites to control the Winter Moth, but most likely we will see some defoliation in Acton over the next few years until the parasites catch up.

All subdivisions, cluster developments, and commercial site plans were reviewed for compliance with local landscaping standards.

Facilities Projects

There were a number of repairs and upgrades in our public buildings in 2006:

The slate roof on the historic portion of Town Hall was replaced at a total project cost of \$180,000, provided under the Community Preservation Act. Architect services were provided by Lerner, Ladds, and Bartels, and construction was provided by Pinnacle Roofing, Inc. The existing roof dated to 1864, and we are hopeful of a similar lifespan for the replacement roof. As the slate roof project was being completed a decorative medallion on the ceiling in the Faulkner Room fell to the floor, causing the room to be taken out of service. An engineering study was provided by Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger, Inc., who acted as consultants to Lerner, Ladds, and Bartels. The study showed that portions of the ceiling required remedial work to guarantee safety. That work should be completed by late winter, 2007, when the room will be reopened.

A minor amount of FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment) was procured with remaining funds in the Public Safety Facility warrant article. Those procurements included some adjustments to the HVAC system, anti-collision lights for the antenna tower, and durable furniture for the public spaces of the building.

The overhead doors at the front of Fire Station Three (West Acton) were replaced with full vision, insulated glass doors. These doors should be much more reliable and energy efficient than the existing ones, which dated back to the early 1960's.

New roofs were installed on the chapel in Mount Hope Cemetery and on the Hearse Shed at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The vacant Towne Building was put out for affordable housing proposals. "Common Ground Development Corporation" was selected, and a fifty year lease signed for the adaptive reuse of the building. Construction should begin in the early summer.

A new study was performed by Lerner, Ladds, & Bartels, for possible reuse options for the building located at 17 Woodbury Lane. It is estimated that it will cost over \$750,000 to adapt the building for public use.

Littleton Electric Light Department continues to serve as the town's vendor for streetlight repairs. Streetlight outages and requests for new lights should be submitted to the Municipal Properties Department.

The Director worked with the Historic District Commission, the Historical Commission, the Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library, and a citizen group to develop procurement documents to accomplish Community Preservation Act projects.

All members of the Department received additional training as needed to maintain licenses and certifications. In addition, the Municipal Properties Department and Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association co-sponsored an "OSHA-10" construction safety training session for employees and contractors of the Town of Acton and other jurisdictions. This training was initiated to comply with provisions of the Construction Reform Law.

In closing, I would like to thank the various civic organizations, volunteers, and Town departments who have assisted this Department in the past year. As always, a great deal of credit should be given to the hard work and dedication shown by the Municipal Properties staff:

Andrea Ristine, Secretary
Malcolm MacGregor, Grounds Crew Leader
Dayle MacGillivray, Building Maintenance
Crew Leader
David Walsh, Groundskeeper
Brian Kissane, Groundskeeper
James Howells, Building Maintenance
Steve Gray, Building Maintenance
David Porter, Seasonal
Dean A. Charter, Municipal Properties
Director & Tree Warden

NATURAL RESOURCES

2006 was a year of change for the Natural Resources Department. Not only did we experience the retirement of our Crew Leader, Dave Lee, after 28 years of dedicated employment, but also the departure of our Recreation Director, Alison Trout. Through this time of change, the remaining Department worked hard to maintain Acton's cemeteries, recreation facilities, conservation lands and arboretum. The contribution made by our volunteers at the arboretum and the work done by the Land Stewards was critical to our success this year.

Of notable achievement this year was the July dedication of the T.J. O'Grady Skate Park. This was a proud moment for everyone involved and the culmination of years of dedicated perseverance by T.J.'s friends, volunteers and town staff. This fall a gazebo was added at the skate park site, generously donated by local contractor, Mark White.

Two significant projects submitted by the Department received Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding this year. They were the reconstruction of the stone chamber at Nashoba Brook Conservation Area and the construction of a new trail and garden at the Acton Arboretum. The availability of CPA funds has enabled many previously un-funded projects to move forward.

It seems hard to believe but NARA Park has now been open for six years. This year many new trees and shrubs were planted by the Natural Resources crew around the amphitheater. Thank you to both Kennedy Nurseries and a local family for donating a substantial number of trees and shrubs to the park. Two sheds were also constructed at the park, helping us with our limited of storage space.

Acton resident, Sue Funk along with the Natural Resources Director, Tom Tidman, received the Environmental Education Excellence Award at the State House in May for their years of dedication organizing and teaching "Bird Land" classes in the elementary schools.

As always the dedicated Conservation Commission held meetings the first and third Wednesday of each month overseeing the Wetlands Protection Act and the Wetland Protection Bylaw; in total they heard 39 Notices of Intent and ten Request for Determination. Leaving the Commission in 2006 was Michael Eder; his contribution to wetlands protection and the Bylaw in Acton was much appreciated. As always we extend our gratitude to the Land Stewardship Committee who is responsible for the upkeep of Acton's 1650+ acres of conservation land and the miles of trails found within.

We will all miss Dave Lee and the many contributions he made during his time with us; have a long healthy retirement Dave! A special thank you to the Highway Department, Lands Stewardship Committee, Friends of the Acton Arboretum and all the many volunteers; 2006 was a memorable year for the Department.

Tom Tidman, Director of Natural Resources
Andrea Ristine, Administrative Assistant Conservation
Terrence Maitland, Conservation Commission Chair
Julia Miles
Cheryl Lowe
Janet Adachi
William Froberg
Linda Serafini

COMMUNITY SAFETY

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

During the past year, 55 animals were quarantined for rabies. The animal quarantines consisted of 25 dog and 3 cat bites where there was human exposure. Additionally, 27 domestic animals were quarantined for possible exposure to rabies from wildlife other than domestic animals. All animals were quarantined for the state mandated period of time necessary to determine the animal was free of the rabies virus.

1 fox was submitted to the state lab for rabies testing and tested positive for rabies.

I conducted the yearly barn inspection census. 4 barns in Acton were checked and all were found to be in order. From the barn inspection census, farm animals number 32 horses and ponies.

Respectfully

Patrick H. Palmer

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health continued to meet and deal with many significant public health and environmental issues during 2006. Of particular importance to the Town and the Board was the completion of the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (CWRMP). For the past five years, Health Department staff with the guidance of the Wastewater Citizen's Advisory Committee and the assistance of the Town's consultant, Woodard & Curran, analyzed wastewater needs throughout the community and determined how best those needs could be met; through either on-site solutions or for limited collection systems. In April after a series of public meetings the CWRMP was brought to Town Meeting where it gained support to be sent to the State for public comment under the Massachusetts Environmental Impact Act. In June the CWRMP was approved with conditions and a new process began with the appointment of the Water Resources Advisory Committee, charged with acting on the recommendations of the CWRMP. By years end this committee had formed two subcommittees (Sewer Expansion Feasibility and Capacity Optimization) which were prepared to make recommendations for action at the 2007 Town Meeting.

Other highpoints for the Board were the continued development of the Town's Emergency Dispensing Site Plan, the beginning of the long awaited review process of the EPA mandated clean-up of contaminated groundwater from the W. R. Grace site, the acceptance of a gift to expand sewer service to the Powder Mill Plaza, the award of a grant from the Community Health Network Area 15 to fund an Obesity Awareness Program, the completion of the CPA approved Pine Hawk Archaeological display repository at the Town Hall, the fourth year of the Stormwater Phase II Program, and the continued participation in the Westford/ Tyngsboro/ Chelmsford/ Acton Tobacco Alliance.

Using a Department of Public Health Grant received last year, the Health Department was successful in advancing the Town's Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Plan. The Emergency Dispensing Site addresses a federal requirement that each community be prepared to vaccinate the entire community within 48 hours in response to a potential Flu Pandemic. With funds from the grant the department hired Dorcas Agoye, a graduate student from Boston University, to develop the medical protocols, emergency contacts and the standing orders for the plan. During the course of the year numerous public presentations of the EDS plan were given at meetings hosted by the League of Women Voters, Lions Club, Rotary Club and the Women's Club. Goals for next year include completing the communications and security portions of the plan and reaching out to non-English speakers in the community.

With more than a year passing since EPA issued the Record of Decision for the groundwater clean-up at the W. R. Grace site

the design deliverable process began in the fall. By the year's end the Town through its consultants, O'Reilly, Talbot & Okun and Anderson & Kreiger, had provided significant comment on the Draft RD/RA Grace Schedule, Draft Groundwater Monitoring Plan and the Draft Evaluation of Interim Groundwater Clean-up Levels.

The Health Department's oversight of the Wastewater Treatment Plant again saw the plant continue to meet or exceed the extremely high treatment levels for subsurface effluent discharge. As part of last year's increase of permit capacity a sewer extension was made to the Powdermill Plaza. This project was entirely paid for by the owners of the plaza. In addition they were responsible to pay a privilege fee prior to connection. The project was anticipated to be complete in February of 2007. The remaining additional capacity will allow the sewer service area to be expanded to additional needs areas that have been identified in the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan.

The Town received a grant from the Community Health Network Area 15 to launch an Obesity Awareness Program. This year the program consisted of the Health Department sponsoring noted inspirational speaker Gary Moreno to make a presentation at Project Wellness Day in Lexington regarding his loss of weight while walking from Florida to Boston. The entire 7th grade of the Acton Boxborough school system participated in the program. In addition, the Health Department provided matching funds for 16 Acton residents to attend Weight Watchers meetings.

This spring the Health Department successfully completed the approved CPA project to construct a permanent repository of the Pine Hawk Archaeological finds in the Town Hall. The majority of artifacts displayed consisted of Native American implements and tools dating back as far as 7,000 years but there was also a small amount of material from Colonial times three hundred years ago. The repository delineates the timeline of occupation at the Pine Hawk Site, as well as displays the types of tools, implements and fire pits that were used. A presentation of the archaeological finds, on a DVD was given to the entire fourth grade of the Acton Schools. This DVD is accessible for other groups.

This year the Town filed its third compliance report with EPA for its NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) Storm Water Phase II Permit. The Health Department working with the Planning Department, Public Works, Natural Resources Department, SUASCO, Acton Stream Team and the Water District achieved many goals to maintain the Town's compliance with federal requirements. From educational programs available to the schools and residents to increased focus on maintenance of the Town's Stormwater system great efforts and positive results are being made. In addition, students from MIT, under the direction of Peter Shanahan, developed a Low Impact Rain Garden design for the Town .

The larviciding and stream management program implemented by Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) continues to address the health impacts from mosquito population. The West Nile Virus, previously found in other parts of the state, was first identified in Acton birds in 2001. The CMMCP conducted stream clearing throughout the Town and began complaint spraying in June. With the experience of the human deaths in Massachusetts linked to the West Nile Virus the Board intends to remain vigilant on this issue. It should be noted that this program has also assisted the Town in gaining Stormwater compliance with its focus on cleaning streams and culverts.

For the twelfth year, two Hazardous Waste Days were conducted in May and in September. Over 900 residents participated in these two days. The collection of CRTs (Cathode Ray Tubes) as hazardous waste has added significantly to both the amount of waste collected and the time required to collect the waste. Every resident who arrived during the collection time was able to rid themselves of their household hazardous waste and the wait for service was held to the minimum.

For the second year the Health Department conducted Certified Food Service trainings with its qualified staff. This allowed the department to provide the mandatory Food Service training as required by State Law. The trainings conducted were well received and all food vendors within Acton have current certifications in great part because of these training sessions.

The Health Department remains very involved with the planning efforts of the Massachusetts Public Health Emergency Preparedness Region 4A. This group of 34 communities bordering the Route 495 corridor has developed a plan that provides emergency equipment and communications for every health department. This year the Region hired public health professionals to advance each town's Emergency Dispensing Plan. In addition, a concerted effort was made to develop and provide emergency training for all the volunteers committed to each Town's EDS site.

In response to a Citizen's petition at the 2005 ATM the Board took on the responsibility of examining environmental standards for fill placed within the community. Throughout 2005 the Board through a subcommittee held meetings to identify how to address this concern. At the 2006 ATM the Board presented amendments to the Hazardous Materials Control Bylaw and the Zoning Bylaw that reflected prohibitions regarding special wastes. Each amendment was successfully passed at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting.

The Board again thanks the Westford/Tyngsboro/Chelmsford/ Acton Alliance for their assistance in administrating a program of conducting tobacco compliance checks for all stores that sell tobacco products on a quarterly basis. Tina Grosowski again took on the responsibility of checking stores for sales of tobacco to underage buyers and ensuring access to tobacco

products was deterred. The Board plans to continue working with the School Department to find better controls in bringing compliance to the no smoking regulations required for activities on school grounds. In addition, the Board found that the existing Tobacco Control Bylaw needed to be revised to reflect the newly enacted State Law. The Board submitted these revisions of the Tobacco Control Bylaw to the 2006 Annual Town Meeting and was successful in gaining approval.

The Board of Health thanks the staff of the Health Department (Health Director, Doug Halley, Sanitarians Brent Reagor and Heather Hasz and Secretary Sheryl Ball) for ably assisting the Board in achieving so many goals in the past year. The Board congratulates Heather on her recent marriage. The Board also extends its thanks to the following members of other departments who helped in the past year: Frank Widmayer, Police Chief, Tom Tidman, Natural Resources Director, Garry Rhodes, Building Commissioner, Bob Craig, Fire Chief, Roland Bartl, Town Planner, Dean Charter, Municipal Properties Director, Bruce Stamski Director of Public Works, Jim Howell, Maintenance and Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Department Director. In addition, the Board thanks the Victor School and Greg Lambert for the volunteer assistance provided this summer and Senior Volunteers, Don Lapierre, Marion Maxwell, Margo Reed and Oscar Kress throughout the course of the year. The Board appreciates and will greatly miss the service given by former member Mark Conoby.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

William McInnis, Chairman
Joanne Bissetta, Member
Pamela Harting-Barrat, PhD, Member
Dr. William Taylor, Member
Robert Oliveri, Associate Voting
Philip Alvarez, Associate Voting
Rita Dolan, Associate

DOG OFFICER

During the past year I received 180 calls regarding dog problems throughout Acton.

The majority of these calls were solved over the telephone. Dog owners claimed all but three dogs that were picked up this year. The three unclaimed dogs were held for the necessary 10-day period as mandated by state law, then they were placed in various animal shelters after it was determined that their owners could not be found.

Additionally, 12 dog by-law citations were issued to dog owners who permitted their dogs to roam freely and become a nuisance to others.

Respectfully,
Patrick Palmer

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Acton Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) is comprised of the following: Communications/R.A.C.E.S. (Ham Radio Operators), Shelter Management, Auxiliary Fire Department, Rehab Team and Explorer Post #7. All the members are expected to take First Aid and CPR so that their training is always up to date. Our members provide First Aid, Communications and logistical support at many of our town's celebrations including Patriots Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, NARA, Octoberfest and other events.

During the heat wave in the summer of 2006 we set up a cooling station at the R. J. Grey Junior High School. We only had five people take advantage of it.

Throughout the year, different members of the Agency have taken courses through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

Our R.A.C.E.S./Communications (Ham Radio Operators) continue to participate in the State's monthly R.A.C.E.S. drill. Communications is a vital part of the Acton Emergency Management Agency.

Our members provide many volunteer hours to the town, not including regular meetings, and training. The agency is ready to respond to help make a difference in time of need and are available 24 hours a day. We may be contacted by calling 978-264-9655 and leaving a brief message along with your telephone number. A member of the Agency will return the call as soon as possible.

The Acton Emergency Management Agency maintains one literature rack at the Acton Memorial Library that displays brochures from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. This rack is located in the Acton Memorial Library. Citizens are encouraged to take these free brochures. We would like to thank the Acton Memorial Library for their continued support in this project.

We would like to thank the Acton Fire and Police Departments along with the Nursing Service for their cooperation and continued support. We are grateful to the Acton Highway Department for keeping our vehicles in running condition and to Municipal Properties for the upkeep of the Emergency Management Agency building.

The Acton Emergency Management Agency is always happy to accept applications for more volunteers. Use your skills to help your Community, for more information please call 978-264-9655 and leave a brief message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

ACTON FIRE DEPARTMENT _____

I am pleased to report that in 2006 the fire department had only two significant fire losses. More important neither of these fires resulted in any significant injuries or fire fatalities. Both of the fires were in residential structures and started during the daylight hours when the occupants were not at home. As a consequence, the fires were not immediately detected and the delay in reporting allowed the fires to gain significant headway prior to the arrival of the Fire Department.

In addition to these fires, the department was kept busy with many other responses during the course of the year. These responses are listed in a statistical summary at the end of this report.

In September, the Department held a special observance for the five-year anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. In the morning hours, reflecting the time of the tragedy, a brief ceremony was held at the memorial adjacent to the Acton Center Fire Station. That evening the Deputy Chief, Kevin Lyons, represented the department by participating at a sunset commemorative event held in Boston at the Hatch Shell on the esplanade. During these events the department and the community remembered all of the brave public safety and rescue personnel who lost their lives on that fateful day attempting to save others. We also paused to remember two very special citizens of the Town who also lost their lives as a result of that tragic day. These citizens that will always be remembered were Phillip Rosenzweig and Amy Sweeney. I am sure it was a difficult day for their families and loved ones as it was for this department.

Following then is a brief synopsis of the highlights and changes that occurred relative to the Acton Fire Department during the past year.

Personnel:

In November of 2006 F.F. Robert Wetherbee retired from the department after having served the department for approximately thirty-five years. He was a dedicated firefighter who assisted with a number of station and apparatus enhancement projects during his years of service. He was extremely active within the Fire Alarm division and acted assisted as the Assistant EMS Coordinator and Infectious Disease Exposure Coordinator. In addition to his many committee functions, F.F./EMT Wetherbee, also served as a Peer counselor and was one of the founding members of the Concord Area Critical Incident Stress Team.

The department noted with sadness passing of Retired Call Firefighter James Kazokas of the West Acton Company and Retired Fire Captain Bernie Caouette. Call Firefighter Kazokas was an active member of the West Acton Call Department prior to the transition to career or full-time personnel. Captain Caouette served the department from 1966-1998 and was well respected

as both a Firefighter and Fire Officer and as the Training Officer of the department. He was instrumental in the planning of emergency medical care within this department.

I feel extremely fortunate to report that last year we were able to re-gain the services of one of our veteran fire officers. Deputy Chief Kevin Lyons rejoined the department after having served this department for approximately 20 years and then leaving briefly to serve the Town of Boxborough as Fire Chief for approximately 2 ½ years. It has been most helpful to have Deputy Chief Lyons return and he has been of great assistance to me and to the Town in his new role within the department.

On a related note in July of last year, Lt. Geoffrey Neagle resigned from the department to assume the position of Fire Chief for the Town of Boxborough. Lt. Neagle was a veteran firefighter and fire officer of this department and we certainly wish him well in his new endeavor.

Other personnel changes included: hiring of F.F./EMT Dennis Smith to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of F.F. Dan Morse; F.F./EMT Thomas Matthews fill the vacancy that was created by the resignation of Lt. Geoffrey Neagle; and in December, in December F.F./EMT Matt LaBossier to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of F.F. Robert Wetherbee.

During the year F.F. Brian Richter was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Due to the number of vacancies for extended illnesses, and retirements, it was necessary to assign Acting Officers Lt. Smith, F.F./EMT Richter, F.F./EMT Mark Richardson and F.F./EMT Scott Morse. These individuals did a great job while serving in a difficult position as an Acting Officer.

Apparatus and Equipment:

Firefighters continued to work towards the restoration of two Antique fire engines owned by the Town. The matching 1936 Reo Fire Engines are being restored to a point where they can be used in parades, public celebrations, and for educational activities. Most of the work is being done by the firefighters, however some components have to be sent out for repair or restoration which has resulted in some delay of the progress of this project. The gasoline engine in Engine 3 that was sent out to be rebuilt and has finally been returned and is being re-installed. Other mechanical components of Engine 3 continue to be rebuilt as well. Captain Carl Robinson and F.F./EMT's William Klauer and Scott Morse are the primary personnel involved in this project.

Captain Carl Robinson continues in the position of Maintenance Officer for the department. Captain Robinson was assisted by F.F./E.M.T Scott Morse and Lt. Geoffrey Neagle who handled small equipment and metering devices. I would like to thank them for their efforts in keeping our apparatus and equipment in good condition at all times. Major maintenance and regular service continues under the capable direction and control of the Acton Highway Department mechanics.

An informal committee consisting of Deputy Chief Lyons, Captain Robinson, Captain Vanderhoof and F.F./EMT Morse met to develop specifications for a new ambulance that is now on order. This group also solicited and received input from a number of our personnel who are regularly assigned to the ambulance.

Facilities:

As previously mentioned, the fire stations continue to be maintained in good condition, for their age, by on-duty personnel. The stations are definitely in need of restoration and renovation at this point and hopefully that will commence soon. New overhead doors, similar to those previously installed on the South Acton fire station, were purchased and installed at the West Acton fire station.

Captain Robert Vanderhoof and Deputy Chief Lyons continue to train the joint public safety dispatchers. As part of this dispatch function, new computer hardware has now been installed in the three fire stations with initial training is being provided for personnel using the new system. The training will continue to be an on-going project of great importance to both the department and the Town.

Emergency Medical Services:

The Acton Fire Department Emergency Medical Services division experienced a slight increase in response activity in 2006.

With the increase in population and continued building, the need for EMS services is likely increase in the upcoming year. Many of our responses were simultaneous or nearly simultaneous emergency medical responses. This resulted in the increased use of mutual aid ambulances from surrounding communities at a rate almost double that for which we provided a mutual aid ambulance to other communities.

The Fire Department's 38 Firefighter/EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) and four First Responders received continuing education and training throughout the year to maintain skills needed to provide quality medical care to the residents of Acton. The majority of our Firefighter/EMT has completed the re-certification classes required to maintain their Emergency Medical Technician status. Fire Department personnel are also Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certified and are trained on the use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED).

The Acton Fire Department maintains 9 AED's. These units are placed on fire apparatus and the command vehicle. Several of the AED's are coming to the end of their life expectancy. Planning for the replacement of these is underway.

Acton's only ambulance, purchased in 1999, will be replaced in early 2007. The new ambulance will be equipped with the latest in Basic Life Support technology. Provisions are

being made for the subsequent installation of a computerized patient reporting system that will be added to the new ambulance for a wireless submittal of patient information to receiving hospitals.

The Department of public works mechanic is credited for keeping the ambulance "down time" to a minimum. In 2006, there were only 31 occasions when the ambulance did not respond due to scheduled or unscheduled mechanical issues.

Acton is very fortunate to have a Fire/EMS service so dedicated and caring to all it serves. Fire\EMS personnel provide the highest level of quality care to residents and will continue to do so in a professional manner.

Emergency Preparedness:

Acton's department, together with the departments of other towns, participated in a limited scale exercise that simulated a hazardous material spill and at the same time a structure fire in another location. The drill was designed primarily to explore public safety and environmental response procedures and integration of command and dispatch functions. Although the drill itself was relatively short in duration, it took a great deal of planning and follow up for completion. The planning and execution of the drill involved the efforts and assistance of the Acton Police, Board of Health, Highway Department and Town Manager's Office. The exercise was most valuable from the standpoint of lessons' learned. Mass. Department of Environmental Protection response team members observed the exercise and were pleased with the response and actions of Town's first responders to this type of incident.

Fire Alarm:

Our Fire Alarm Superintendent Captain George Williams assisted by Firefighter Forrest Bean continued to maintain the municipal fire alarm system. However, I should note that F.F. Bean has decided not to continue in this role. As a result I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his many years of dedication and assistance in maintaining our fire alarm system, that is one of the best in the area.

A number of master fire alarm boxes and street boxes added to the municipal fire alarm system / specialized electronic monitoring equipment that now allows for the receipt of radio alarms as well as the traditional telegraphic alarms. Once again I should also mention and thank Lt. /EMT Brian Richter and F.F. /EMT Brent Carter who continue to maintain and update street map information used by both the fire and police departments.

We continue to maintain a very complete system of 214 Master Boxes, 31 Municipal Master Boxes, 27 Medical Call Boxes and 233 Street Boxes and two radio call boxes for a total system of 527 boxes. Within the next year it is anticipated that there will be another nine boxes added to the system. One of

the current projects is to re-cable and reconfigure two of the circuits in South Acton. In addition the fire alarm division remains quite busy with multiple utility pole changeovers as part of a major NSTAR pole replacement program. This is in addition to expanding the system as noted above when proposed new boxes actually come on-line. We are replacing a number of outdated street boxes with newer boxes. In the future it is anticipated that we will continue to maintain our system and expand it as necessary primarily due to a number of new residential projects. It is also anticipated that in specific situations where applicable and advantageous for fire department response we will expand our radio box system.

The fire alarm division installed and removed the overhead banners that advertise various community and civic activities. There were a total of 46-banner changeovers completed during the course of the year.

Fire Prevention:

The Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Program continued to provide fire and life safety education programs primarily in the elementary grades. However, during the past year we were not able to conduct as many programs as we would have liked to due to limited budget funding. This program continues to be taught by Lieutenant Jack White, FF/EMT Tom Wallerstein, FF/EMT Anita Arnum, FF/EMT Richard Sullivan, FF/EMT Ken Carroll, FF/EMT Will Rolfe and FF/EMT Sean Sheridan. S.A.F.E. educators once again were involved with the West Acton Oktoberfest held in conjunction with the successful Fire Department Open House. Relative to the Open House I would like to commend and thank all of the personnel who once again made it such a success. I would especially like to thank F.F. /EMT Brent Carter who primarily coordinated the Open House this year. A new addition to the already successful open house program consisted of an age specific coloring contest with a number of great fire-safety coloring pages submitted. A great deal of thanks once again goes to F.F. /EMT William Klauer who displayed his antique fire engine, a 1934 Reo engine that was formerly Acton Engine 2. In 2006 we were once again able to present the SAFE trailer program which allowed a large number of children and adults to go into an artificial smoke environment and be instructed as to recommended practices to exit a home and call 911 in the event of a fire. This trailer was used both for the Open House and was used for Family Day at NARA park.

On a statewide basis one of the highlights of the year was the implementation of regulations requiring Carbon Monoxide Detectors in all residencies. It is hoped that these regulations will serve to save many lives in the future. The presence of the required Carbon Monoxide detectors is checked during various required inspections. Information regarding these regulations and the installation of Carbon Monoxide detectors is available from the Fire Department Administrative Offices that are located in the Acton Public Safety Facility on Main Street.

Because of the increase in the number of commercial and residential renovation projects there has been a concomitant need for an increase of plan reviews. The Deputy Fire Chief conducted the majority of the plan reviews as well as other code enforcement activities. Inspections were primarily conducted by the Deputy Fire Chief and also by on-duty personnel.

Firefighter/EMT James Ray continued in his role as our Lead Fire Investigator with the assistance of F.F. /EMT William Klauer and Firefighter Bruce Stone. These individuals often work with and/or are assisted by investigators from six other area fire departments that comprise a regional fire investigation team. These fire investigators continue to upgrade their knowledge and expertise by taking courses in fire patterns and arson. They also continue to meet and collaborate with the other members of the Regional Fire Investigation Team. At present, F.F. Bruce Stone is the coordinator of this Acton team and it was Acton's pleasure to host a meeting of the team.

During November and December personnel conducted the required inspections of restaurants with liquor licenses, in coordination with the building department. These inspections are now mandated as part of the regulations that followed in the wake of the tragic Station Nightclub fire in Rhode Island.

Hazardous Materials:

Fortunately there were no significant hazardous material incidents that directly impacted the Town. F.F./EMT Anita Arnum continued to receive additional specialized training towards this effort as part of her assignment with the regional Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Urban Search and Rescue Team located in Beverly, MA. Due to her responsibilities and expertise in this area she was once again deployed for a short time to Florida in anticipation of possible rescue efforts relative to Hurricane Ernesto.

Training

Department personnel continue to training in various subject areas. Lt. Robert Hart continued to direct this critical operation and his efforts were appreciated. Some of the training operations are now coordinated with the assistance of the Deputy Fire Chief. During the year we continued many of our drills on an in-service basis for on-duty personnel. In addition a number of personnel once again attended specialized SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) training at the Annual SAFE seminar in the fall. In addition several members of the department attended a statewide Homeland Security conference. Finally, of note was the completion of an in-service EMT refresher course..

As previously mentioned, within the past year we have hired three Firefighter /EMT's. These personnel are currently waiting for open training slots at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and should be attending in the fall of 2007.

I would like to mention and offer my thanks for the continuing efforts of Captain Robert Vanderhoof and also Deputy Chief Kevin Lyons who have been consistently assisting in the training and operational supervision of the Acton Public Safety Dispatchers.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, I would be remiss if I did not thank all of our personnel for their consistent and continued assistance and cooperation during the past year. I have specifically mentioned a number of our personnel throughout this report. However, even though not specifically mentioned there are numerous other personnel who do contribute and provide the support and the effort to provide the very best in fire and rescue services for the Town.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all other town departments and agencies for their assistance. Finally, once again many residents continue to send notes of thanks and appreciation or drop off various baked items, candy, fruit or cards as a way of saying thanks to our personnel. These kind gestures and the thoughtfulness of those we serve are very much appreciated. .

Concluding this report is a statistical summary of activities during the year as compiled with the assistance of Captain Robert Vanderhoof.

Robert C. Craig
Fire Chief

**ACTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL STATISTICS – 2006**

FIRES

Chimney Fires	1
Structure Fires	11
Brush Fires	22
Illegal Burning	0
Motor Vehicle Fires	4
Personal Property Fires	0
Refuse Fires	7
Fire, Miscellaneous	9
Outside leak with fire	0
Controlled Burning	9

ALARM INVESTIGATIONS

False Alarms	30
Alarm Malfunctions	108
Accidental Alarms	202
Alarm, other than fire	35

HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS

Explosions	0
Lightning Strikes	6
Food on the stove	56
Leak, no ignition	8
Excessive heat	4
Power lines down	121
Electrical problem	28
Spill, hazardous material	10
Smoke condition	60
Natural Gas leak	32
Lock in	13
Motor Vehicle Accidents	158
Animal Rescue	0
Rescues	2
Searches	1
Hazardous Material Conditions	45
Carbon Monoxide	5
Overpressure rupture	2

INVESTIGATIONS

Carbon monoxide detectors	5
Complaint	4
Bomb threats	1
Honest mistake	45
Nothing found	2
Odor	0
Miscellaneous	236
Permit Fires	11

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Medicals, in town	1022
Medicals, out of town	50

SPECIAL SERVICE

Assist police	5
Inspection	589
Master box activity	1070
Lock outs	46
Miscellaneous	224
Water problems	43
Mutual aid dispatched	19
SAFE/Public Education	13

MISCELLANEOUS (Uncoded) -	467
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TOTAL INCIDENT RESPONSES	4841
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PERMITS	
Blasting	1
Bonfire	1
Fire Alarm Installation(Comm)	31
Fire Alarm Installation(Res)	36
Flammables	0
Underground storage	6
L.P. Gas Storage	39
Fuel oil storage or burner	73
Underground tank removal	4
Open burning	1042
Sprinkler	23
Mobile/portable tanks	37
Miscellaneous	5
Powder	0
Agricultural Brush Burning	3
Fireworks	1
Smoke Detector	294
Residential Fire Alarm	23
Cooking Fire	4
TOTAL PERMITS	1623
SMOKE DETECTORS TESTED (#of Occupancies) -	355
PLAN REVIEWS: COMMERCIAL-	60
RESIDENTIAL-	123
TOTAL-	183

AUXILIARY FIRE DEPARTMENT _____

The Acton Auxiliary Fire Department is a division of the Acton Emergency Management Agency. It is comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers who donate their time and efforts to provide support services to the Town of Acton during times of emergencies.

The Department is on automatic response to all Acton Fire Department box alarms, providing lighting as well as other support services. One of the most important of these services is "Rehab", or the establishing of a rest and rehabilitation area for the personnel at a working fire or similar event. We are equipped with portable generators and lighting as well as other necessary equipment.

We would like to thank all those who have supported and assisted us throughout the year. From the Highway Department, that has maintained our vehicles, to the Fire and Police Departments that have requested our assistance, but mostly to the residents of the Town of Acton for allowing us to provide these services.

We meet at the Emergency Management Building at 3 School Street. Department membership is open to all individuals over the age of eighteen who live or work within a 10-mile radius of the Emergency Management Building and have a genuine desire to help others thru volunteering.

Wayne Niemi
Lieutenant
Acton Auxiliary Fire Department



A bridge built by the Acton Boy Scouts for the Arboretum's handicapped access path.

ACTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Message

It has been another eventful year. We are still settling into our new station and bringing more electronic equipment and many new changes on line. The technology in use at the public safety building is nothing short of amazing. Our new public safety dispatch center is in full use now and very busy. We continue to be short of police officers and I am always pushing the town administration for more funding so we can hire more. As the town grows I become more concerned over our lack of sufficient staffing. The north side of town is seeing some amazing growth and our call volumes reflect that growth.

All of my officers are top notch and I appreciate the hard work they put in every day. I also wish to thank the public safety dispatchers who handle tremendous numbers of telephone and radio calls on every shift. These people make a difference to the quality of life in Acton. My secretary Fay Williams and Records Clerk Taryn Sundberg are indispensable. Records Clerk Laura Mason left at the end of the year to take a position with the Acton IT Department where she will continue to help us.

Some notable incidents of the past year include Officer Michael Cogan disarming a suicidal male with a gun in the lobby of the Public Safety Facility with the assistance of Dispatcher Robert Socha. In another incident Officer Dan Holway stopped a vehicle fleeing the scene of an armed robbery and arrested three suspects who were responsible for three armed robberies in Acton and one in Maynard.

We continue to suffer from a lack of staffing in our department. Bringing our department to full staff would require us to hire nine new officers. Obviously this is a significant number and costly as well. However this problem occurs because we do not gradually increase staff as time goes on and the town grows. The last hiring for new officer positions occurred in 2001 when we added two officers. The last time prior to that was in 1989 when we hired four civilian dispatchers to put four officers on the road.

I was looking through old Town Reports recently and came across some interesting quotes from Chief Collins in 1970 as shown in the next few excerpts:

"Our population has increased from 7,238 in 1960 to 14,578 in 1970. In this period we have added only four men to the Department."

"The Director of the F.B.I. has indicated that a police department should have one patrolman per five hundred population."

"In my recommendations for 1971, I indicated the need of eleven additional men and the purchase of two additional cruisers.

This would bring our total patrolmen to twenty-one, far below the F.B.I. standards."

"Perhaps the most critical of our problems is the ever-increasing traffic. I find our roads are incapable of handling the traffic flow in the early morning and evening hours when people are coming and going to work. If one would stand at Kelley's Corner from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., they would have the feeling they were standing on the corner in some large city."

It is now 37 years later and the Acton Police Department still has the same issues today as well as many new concerns of the modern world. Our population is over 21,000 now. We need to add to our staffing soon or we run the risk of not being able to handle the situations that arise every day in our job.

I wish to thank all of the employees of the Acton Police Department. They work hard for the citizens of Acton every day. Whether it is a patrol officer, detective, dispatcher or secretary the job is done well in every instance. We could not function without their dedication to the profession.

Frank J. Widmayer III
Chief of Police

Members of the Acton Police Department

CHIEF OF POLICE
Francis J. Widmayer III

LIEUTENANTS
Donald L. Palma Jr.
Thomas Rogers

SERGEANTS
Robert L. Parisi
James A. Cogan
Raymond P. Grey
Edward Lawton Jr.
John Cooney

POLICE OFFICERS
Paul Cogan
Robert Cowan
James Goodemote
Christopher Browne
Christopher Prehl
Frederick Rentschler
Scott Howe
Michael Cogan
Kevin Heffernan
Luke Penney
Leo Gower
Dean Keeler
Gardena Abramowitz
Keith Campbell

Daniel Silva
 Douglas Sturniolo
 Scott Krug
 Daniel Holway
 Todd McKelvie
 Tricia Sullivan
 John Collins
 Steven McCarthy
 Michael Eracleo
 David Lanteigne
 Jonathan Stackhouse
 Robert Merrill
 John Dristilaris
 Debra Richardson

POLICE MATRONS

Faith Williams
 Debra Richardson
 Christine Joyce
 Laura Mason

SECRETARIES

Faith Williams
 Taryn Sundberg

DISPATCHERS

Kevin Antonelli
 Anne Milligan
 Paul Connors
 Roger Wallace
 Kevin Cann
 Daniel Deane
 Robert Socha
 Robert Boyd
 Robert Puffer
 Matthew Hammer
 Adam Bean
 Alicia Mele
 Paul Wexelblat

OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Officer In Charge of Patrol Division
 Lt. Thomas Rogers

Officer In Charge of Special Services
 Lt. Donald Palma

Officer In Charge of Detectives
 Sgt. Robert Parisi

Department Prosecutor
 Det. Frederick Rentschler

Detectives
 Det. Christopher Browne

Det. Kevin Heffernan
 Det. Leo Gower

Youth Officers & School Resource
 Det. James Goodemote
 Det. Dan Silva
 Det. Keith Campbell

Safety/Traffic/Crime Prevention Officers
 Det. Robert Cowan
 Det. Christopher Prehl

Training Officer
 Lt. Donald Palma

Domestic Violence Intervention Unit
 Sgt. Raymond Grey
 Det. James Goodemote
 Det. Daniel Silva

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY CALENDAR YEAR

	2005	2006
ACCIDENT - NO INJURY	657	611
ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	129	104
ALARM RECEIVED	1180	861
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	401	340
ARRESTS	203	215
ARSON	1	7
ASSAULT	29	46
BREAK & ENTRY	89	97
BYLAW VIOLATION	27	35
CHILD ABUSE COMPLAINT	16	8
CIVIL COMPLAINT	44	56
COMMUNITY POLICING	433	299
C.O.R.I. RECORD CHECK	5	16
DISTURBANCE	319	324
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	305	246
DRUG VIOLATION	31	47
FIRE CALL	365	69
FORGERY	7	6
GENERAL SERVICE	791	1786
GUN VIOLATION	13	18
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL	9	22
HEALTH HAZARD	245	209
KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT	1	1
LARCENY	289	483
LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE	19	17
LOCKOUT	30	56
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION	111	198
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	953	1168
MISSING PERSON	59	62
MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	3819	5183
MUTUAL-AID CALL	49	10

POLICE INFORMATION	3447	4014
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	26	33
RAPE	0	3
WARRANT RECALLED	20	1
VEHICLE REPOSSESSION	12	10
ROBBERY ARMED/UNARMED	6	4
SECURITY CHECK	2657	2381
SEXUAL ASSAULT	6	8
SRO (School Resource Officer)	260	298
SUDDEN DEATH	8	4
SUICIDE ATTEMPT	26	37
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	1764	1261
ANNOYING TELEPHONE CALLS	23	23
THREATENING	58	130
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	2161	2110
TRAFFIC HAZARD	1251	910
TRESPASSING COMPLAINT	45	80
TOTAL COUNT =	22,071	23,907

PATROL DIVISION

The mission of the Acton Police Patrol Division is to serve all people and businesses within the Town of Acton with respect, fairness, integrity and sensitivity. As we move further into the 21st century, the Acton Police Patrol Division remains committed to its delivery of police services, in the most efficient and professional manner possible.

The Patrol Division presently consists of one lieutenant, four sergeants and fifteen patrolmen. Our officers are deployed throughout the town, twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week, within four patrol sectors; three of which are manned twenty-four hours per day and one (a subsection of one of the above sectors) manned eight hours per day.

I am happy to report the hiring of Patrolman David Lanteigne last June, to fill our fifteenth patrol slot. Patrolman Lanteigne previously worked as a police patrol officer in Littleton and Chatham, Massachusetts. Highly trained and motivated, Patrolman Lanteigne has proven to be one of my very best patrol officers.

Senior Acton Police Patrol Officer Paul Cogan's youngest son, Michael, recently graduated from the Massachusetts State Police Academy and is presently stationed at the State Police Barracks in Athol. Congratulations to both Trooper Cogan and Acton Officer Paul Cogan for a job well done.

It is with deep sorrow that I report the death of former Acton Patrol Officer Dan Toomey, Dan, who was 54 years old, passed away unexpectedly on January 3, 2006. Officer Toomey was a veteran officer who served thirty years with the Carlisle, Acton and Transit Police Departments. He leaves behind a wife and three sons.

Acton police patrol units are the first line of response to all emergency 911 calls. Everyday we respond to crimes in which the victim is a resident. The loss of property is not only expensive but can be devastating if it is a family heirloom. We attempt to patrol as many neighborhoods as possible to deter crime but we need you to help yourself. Take a minute to check the security of your home. List your valuables before they are stolen; engrave your property and videotape items that cannot be engraved. Form neighborhood watch groups with your neighbors, consider joining the Acton Neighborhood Network (ANN) and report all suspicious behavior to the Acton Police Department.

Isaac Davis once said Acton's greatest strength against the forces of evil was the unity of our citizens during times of peril. He knew that forming a partnership with other Acton citizens, as well as with the Acton constabulary, was the most effective way to identify and effectively respond to diverse, ever-changing social and neighborhood problems. Your police patrol force stands ready to help you help yourself. Please do not hesitate to call us no matter how small the problem. Together we shall all become Acton Minutemen.

Lieutenant Tom Rogers
Patrol Division Commander

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Administration

Special Services continues to remain busy with administrative duties. New systems for streamlining the application and renewal process of firearms permits are in place and are being utilized by the department. The addition of automated fingerprint submission equipment, issued by the state is in place and all officers have been trained. We continue to look for alternative funding sources and grants for several successful community oriented programs already in place as well as new programs. Support of programs such as Council on Aging liaison, departmental internships, D.A.R.E., traffic and safety initiatives continue to remain a priority. Homeland Security, emergency planning and operations and large scale event planning remain critical components of the division's role.

Dispatch Operations (E-911)

Dispatch remains a critical first link in emergency response. Dispatch has seen an increase in volume in emergency and general business calls. Dispatchers have also received training in emergency medical dispatch and advanced incident command.

Training

All officers have completed annual in-service training held at the Lowell Police Academy. Additionally, all officers have completed annual firearms training. Various officers have attended specialized training based on current assignment.

Specialized training included national incident management system training, advanced incident command training, advanced domestic violence investigation training, commercial vehicle enforcement training, legal updates, motor vehicle stop training, interview and interrogation training. One new officer has attended and completed the basic training academy and is currently in field training.

Traffic and Safety

Officers assigned to Traffic and Safety continue to see an increase in complaints and activity. In addition to responding to and investigating complaints concerning traffic, these officers are responsible for school bus evacuation drills, both spring and fall, junk car violations, school bus stop evaluation, commercial vehicle compliance and enforcement, large road construction details, and large scale events such as athletics playoff games, and parking enforcement.

Activities are as follows:

School bus evacuations	All schools spring and fall
School bus stop complaints / evaluations	5
School bus violations	15
Road Rage Investigations	10
Accidents with substantial injury	5
Commercial Vehicle inspected	101
Commercial Vehicles place out of service	16
Commercial Vehicle violations	227
Neighborhood speed complaints	11
Safety issues	5
Safety programs (non -school)	3
Junk Car violations	27
Large scale traffic events	9
Assist other town agencies	24
Request for speed trailer	10

Investigations

Detectives have remained busy with an increase in identity theft investigations. Internet based crimes continue to be a challenge for all local law enforcement and the detectives continue to work to resolve complaints. Activities requiring further investigation by detectives include:

Identity Fraud	20
Assaults	3
Sex Offender violations	1
Annoying calls	10
Shoplifting	10
Threats	2
Credit card fraud	11
Bad checks	2
Malicious damage	8
Armed robbery	3
Stolen motor vehicles	2

Rape	2
Indecent exposure	1
Forgery	2
Larceny	42
Suspicious activity	7

Juvenile / School Resource Officers

Juvenile/School Resource Officers are responsible for the majority of interaction of youth with the police department. In addition to traditional police duties, these officers maintain effective communications between the law enforcement, schools and community through instruction programs including D.A.R.E., safety programs, and consultation to school officials and staff and coordination of law enforcement activities involving youth. Additionally, these officers serve to assist in crisis intervention situations, major school functions and provide support during emergencies.

Activities investigated by the Juvenile / School Resource Officers include:

School Resource incidents	364
Juvenile incidents	367
Juvenile arrests	15
Larceny	136
Threats	10
Assaults	6
Sexual assaults	1
Arson	4
Bomb threats	1
Firearms violations	1
Child abuse	5
Child in need of services	5
Drug violations	5
Malicious damage	7
Bus evacuations (assist traffic)	8
Lock down / emergency drills	10
Psychological issues (assist)	4
School visitation (all schools)	365 hours
Attendance compliance	45 hours
Misc. events	140 hours

The division would like to thank the school administration, staff, faculty and students as well as the community as a whole for its continued support of the School Resource officer programs and its continued support of the efforts of the police department.

ACTON EXPLORER POST/VENTURE CREW 7- SEARCH AND RESCUE_____

The Explorer Post/Venture Crew is a division of the Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by the Acton Lions Club, in conjunction with the Acton Emergency Management Agency. Meetings are held on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday evening of every month at 7:30 P.M. at the Emergency Management Headquarters 3 School Street in South Acton. New members, both male and female, between 14 and 22 years old are always welcome. If interested, please call 978-264-9655 and leave a brief message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We participated in many town activities including the Town Fair, Fourth of July, Acton Lions Club Ski and Skate Sale, Octoberfest and concerts at NARA Park. We have performed more than 3000 volunteer service hours to the Town of Acton and the Boy Scout community by providing first aid and emergency services.

We wish to thank the Acton Lions Club for their continuing sponsorship in giving the youth of today the opportunity to work toward a better tomorrow.

Gail Sawyer-Advisor
Ann Jones-Assoc. Advisor
Edward Reilly-Assoc. Advisor
Wayne Niemi- Associate Advisor
Charles Landry- Committee Chairman

Chris Ouellette-President
Mark Casey-Member
Scott Landry- Member
Joe Calisto-Member
Jake Goldsmith-Member
Aly Bourassa-Member
Josh Bont-Member
Erin Kustin-Member



There is a bench in the Arboretum for you

LEGISLATIVE

Abstract of the Annual Town Meeting Monday, April 3, 2006, 7:00 P.M. Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium With Adjourned Sessions Held April 4, 2006

Number of Registered voters attending Town Meeting
April 3, 2006 - 364 April 4, 2006 - 230

The Moderator, Mr. Mackenzie, called the meeting to order on Monday, April 3, 2006, at 7:03 PM. He introduced Reverend Robert A. Moore, of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Reverend Moore then gave the invocation.

Mr. Mackenzie introduced the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Peter Ashton, who then introduced Eva K. Bowen - Town Clerk, Stephen Anderson - Town Counsel, Don Johnson - Town Manager, Lauren Rosenzweig, Dore' Hunter, Walter Foster and Andrew Magee, Board of Selectmen. Mr. Ashton introduced Finance Director, Stephen Barrett, and Assistant Finance Director, Karen Kucala, IT Director Mark Hald and John Surette of the IT Department.

The Moderator introduced David Stone, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Stone introduced the members, Jonathan Chinitz, Robert Evans Rheta Roeber, Herman Kabakoff, Patricia Easterly, Patricia Clifford, Stephen Noone, Allen Nitschelm and Kent Sharp.

Mr. Mackenzie introduced Peter Ashton, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Don Johnson, Town Manager who gave a presentation for the first recipient of the newly established award, officially entitled "The Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award". Cory York, of our Engineering Department, was selected as the Municipal Employee of the Year for 2005. Cory was presented with a certificate along with a check in the amount of \$1,000.

Mr. MacKenzie gave an overview of the process of Town Meeting. He informed Town Meeting that they would be voting on the motions that are read, not the articles as written in the warrant. He then explained some basic rules and protocols of the town meeting as found on page 70 of the warrant.

Mr. MacKenzie explained how the Consent Calendar is voted and proceeded to read the articles on the Consent Calendar:

Consent Calendar Articles and Motions

Consent Motion: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town take up the twenty-three articles in the Consent Calendar on pages 16 through 18 of the Warrant:

Articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 41, 42, 43

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

* Denotes Consent Calendar Articles

ARTICLE 1 CHOOSE TOWN OFFICERS (Majority vote)

To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees and to fix the salaries and compensation of all the elective officers of the Town as follows:

Moderator	\$20.00 per Town Meeting session
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$750 per year
Board of Selectmen, Member	\$650 per year

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town fix the compensation for elected officers as shown in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES

Cornelia O. Huber, Trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund, nominates Frank Joyner, 8 Birch Ridge Road, for the position of Trustee of the Elizabeth White Fund, term to expire 2009.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Alice P. Miller, Trustee of the Charlotte Goodnow Fund, nominates Sally Moore, 19 Whittier Drive, for the position of Trustee of the Charlotte Goodnow Fund, term to expire 2009.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Robert L. Loomis, Trustee of the West Acton Citizens' Library, nominates Peter J. Guilmette, 9 Cherry Hill Road, for the position of Trustee of the West Acton Citizens' Library, term to expire 2009.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Malcolm S. MacGregor, Trustee of the Fireman's Relief Fund of West Acton, nominates Edward M. Bennett, 135 Hayward Road, for the position of Trustee of the Fireman's Relief Fund of West Acton, term to expire 2009.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

William A. Klauer, Trustee of the Fireman's Relief Fund of Acton, nominates Allen H. Nelson, 32 Parker Street, for the position of Trustee of the Fireman's Relief Fund of Acton, term to expire 2009.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

**ARTICLE 2 HEAR AND ACCEPT REPORTS
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will accept reports and hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen at any previous Town Meeting that has not already reported, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town accepts the reports of the various Town Officers and Boards as set forth in the 2005 Town Report and the Giving Supplement and that the Moderator calls for any other reports.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

**ARTICLE 3* COUNCIL ON AGING VAN ENTERPRISE BUDGET
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to operate the Senior Van Service, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53 F½, Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Rosenzweig moves that the Town appropriate \$85,293 for the purpose of operating the Town of Acton Senior and Disabled Citizens Van service, and to raise such amount,

\$41,210 be raised from department receipts,
\$44,040 be raised from taxation and
\$ 43 be transferred from retained earnings.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 4* NURSING ENTERPRISE BUDGET
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to provide Public Health and Visiting Nurse Services, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F½, Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Magee moves that the Town appropriate \$642,110 for the purpose of operating the Town of Acton Public Health Nursing Service, and to raise such amount,

\$463,160 be raised from department receipts and
\$178,950 be transferred from retained earnings.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 5* SEPTAGE DISPOSAL ENTERPRISE BUDGET

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of septage disposal, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F½, Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION Mr. Magee moves that the Town appropriate \$141,272 for the purpose of septage disposal, and to raise such amount,

\$127,028 be raised from department receipts and
\$ 14,244 be transferred from retained earnings.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 6 * SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of operating and maintaining a sewer collection and treatment facility, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F½, Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Rosenzweig moves that the Town appropriate \$1,555,410 for the purpose of operating the sewer system, and to raise such amount,

\$1,555,410 be raised from department receipts.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 7 * NESWC ENTERPRISE FUND
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of solid waste disposal in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F½, Enterprise Fund Law, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town appropriate \$562,249 for the purpose of solid waste disposal, and to raise such amount,

\$562,249 be raised from department receipts.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 8 * SECTION 53E½ SELF-FUNDING PROGRAMS

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E½ to continue revolving funds for the Local School System, to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools; and for the Historic District Commission, Building Department, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Health Inspectional Services, Ambulance Fees and Fire Department Fire Alarm Network, to be expended by the Town Manager, as noted below:

Fund	FY07 Estimated Revenue	FY07 Authorized Expenditure
School Department		
Douglas at Dawn/Dusk	\$140,000	\$140,000
Merriam Mornings/Afternoons/Summer	\$200,000	\$200,000
Gates Amazing Programs	\$36,500	\$36,500
Historic District Commission	\$600	\$600
Building Department		
Includes fees for Microfilming, Electrical Permits, Plumbing Permits, Gas Permits, Sign Licenses and Periodic Inspection Fees	\$179,856	\$179,856
Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$10,734	\$10,734
Health Department		
Food Service Inspections	\$27,919	\$27,919
Hazardous Materials Inspections	\$51,944	\$51,944
Fire Department		
Fire Alarm Network	\$50,646	\$50,646
Ambulance Fees	\$300,000	\$320,000

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Rosenzweig moves that the revolving funds for the Local School System, Historic District Commission, Building Department, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Health Department, and Fire Department be continued for fiscal year 2007 in the amounts and for the purposes set forth in the expense column of this Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 9 * CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for highway improvements under the authority of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, and any other applicable laws, or take any

other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town Manager is authorized to accept Highway funds from all sources and such funds are hereby appropriated for highway purposes.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 10 * INSURANCE PROCEEDS

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of any insurance policy reimbursements during FY07 of costs incurred as a result of any covered loss, including without limitation any liability insurance, property insurance, casualty insurance, workers' compensation insurance, health insurance, disability insurance, automobile insurance, police and fire injury and medical costs, and any other insurance of any name and nature whatsoever, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Foster moves that the Town Manager is authorized to accept insurance proceeds of any name and nature whatsoever from all sources and such funds are hereby appropriated.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 11 * GIFTS OR GRANTS

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of any gifts or grants accepted pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53A, and any interest thereon, for the stated purposes of the gifts or grants, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the proceeds of any gifts or grants from any source accepted pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53A, and any interest thereon, are hereby appropriated for the stated purposes of the gifts or grants, and may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen or otherwise as stated in Section 53A.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 12 * FEDERAL AND STATE AID

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any Federal Government and State Government reimbursement for costs incurred as a result of any declared emergencies or other occurrence during fiscal year 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Rosenzweig moves that the Town Manager is authorized to accept federal and state reimbursement funds from all sources and such funds are hereby appropriated for the purposes outlined by such reimbursement.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 13 * PERFORMANCE BONDS

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the proceeds of any performance bonds for the purposes stated in said bonds available as a result of any default, non-performance or other covered conditions, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Foster moves that the Town appropriate proceeds of any performance bonds, for the purposes stated in said bonds, available as a result of any default, non-performance or other covered conditions.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 14 * SALE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of foreclosed properties acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves in the words of the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 15 * ELDERLY TAX RELIEF

(Majority vote) REAUTHORIZE CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986

To see if the Town will vote to continue to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, providing for a 100% increase in certain property tax exemptions, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town continue to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, providing for a 100% increase in certain property tax exemptions.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 16 IMPLEMENT NEW LEGISLATION REGARDING SENIOR TAX RELIEF

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 136, Section 1 of the Acts of 2005, to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A from 8% to the Primary Discount Rate set by the Federal Reserve Bank Boston as of January 1, with such reduced rate to apply to such taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006 unless and until said rate is further amended by Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A to the Primary Discount Rate set by the Federal Reserve Bank Boston as of January 1, or 8%, whichever is lower, with such reduced rate to apply to such taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006 unless and until said rate is further amended by Town Meeting.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

**ARTICLE 17 HOME RULE PETITION – SENIOR
CITIZEN REAL ESTATE
(Majority vote) TAX PAYMENTS**

To see if the Town will petition the General Court to adopt a home rule act authorizing Senior Tax Relief in the Town of Acton in substantially the form set forth below:

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE TOWN OF
ACTON**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1: Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 57 through 57(c) of chapter 59 of the General Laws, whenever the date for which real property taxes are due and payable in the Town of Acton falls on or between the 25th day of a month and the third day of the following month, said date for real property taxes on property owned and occupied as a primary residence by a person sixty-five years of age or older (“Eligible Senior Citizen”), either individually or jointly or as a tenant-in-common with another, shall be extended to the fourth day of said following month, subject to section nine of chapter 4 of the General Laws (Sundays and holidays).

SECTION 2: In the event that the United States Social Security Administration changes the date on which it mails social security benefit checks from the first day of each month to another day of the month, the Town Treasurer of the Town of Acton is hereby authorized to modify the due and payable date set forth in Section 1 above, so that said due and payable date for Eligible Senior Citizens falls on the fourth day after Social Security benefit checks are mailed to recipients whenever the due and payable date would have otherwise fallen between the fifth day preceding the mailing of social security benefit checks and the third day following the mailing of social security benefit checks.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town petition the General Court to adopt a home rule act in substantially the form set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

**ARTICLE 18 BUDGET TRANSFER
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum money or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town take no action.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

**ARTICLE 19 PERSONNEL
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Town Manager to fund the positions as listed below:

A. Treasurer/Collector	\$ 88,400
B. Financial Analyst	\$ 75,400
C. Web Site Content Administrator	\$ 38,500
D. Government Channel / IT Systems Technician	\$38,500
E. Council on Aging Program Coordinator	\$ 18,560
F. Two Highway Equipment Operators	\$110,000
Total	\$369,360

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Foster moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$369,360 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purposes set forth in this article.

MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – EQUIP-
MENT
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Town Manager for the replacement or improvement of facilities and equipment as listed below:

A. Global Positioning System (GPS) Equipment	\$42,000
B. Elm Street Field Lights and Poles Replacement	\$70,000
C. One-Ton Dump Truck with Plow	\$20,000
D. Recondition Fire Department Ladder 28	\$30,000
Total	\$162,000

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town appropriate \$162,000 to be expended by the Town Manager for the purposes set forth in this article, and to raise such amount, and \$162,000 be raised and appropriated, and that the Town Manager be authorized to sell, trade or dispose of vehicles and equipment being replaced and to expend any proceeds so received.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 21 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET
(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to defray the necessary expenses of the departments, offices and boards of the Town, exclusive of the school budgets.

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town appropriate \$22,566,035, to be expended by the Town Manager, for the purpose of funding the Municipal Budget for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, and to raise such amount,

\$22,496,600 be raised and appropriated,
\$69,435 be transferred from Cemetery Trust funds for Cemetery use,

And that the Town Manager be authorized to sell, trade or dispose of vehicles and equipment being replaced and to expend any proceeds so received.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 22 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROGRAM
(Majority vote) **DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS FROM FUND BALANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or to set aside for later appropriation, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager to expend or set aside, from the FY 2005 Community Preservation Fund balance as set forth herein, the following amounts for community preservation purposes, with such expenditures to be subject to conditions to be specified in award letters from the Community Preservation Committee, with each item considered a separate appropriation:

FY 2005 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BALANCE

Community Preservation Fund Surcharge Collected in FY 2005	\$ 573,503.55
State Community Preservation Trust Fund Receipt, October 2005	\$ 568,164.00
Interest Earned FY 2005	\$ 29,416.76
Unencumbered funds from FY 2004 Fund Balance	\$ 65,591.21
Total - FY 2005 Community Preservation Fund Balance	\$1,236,675.52

APPROPRIATIONS

Purpose	Recommended Amounts
Set Aside Appropriation – Open Space	
A. Acquisition, creation, and preservation of Open Space, and its rehabilitation and restoration	\$ 400,000.00
Spending Appropriations	
B. Land Acquisition & Development – 28 Willow & 214 Central St.	\$ 160,000.00
C. Recreational Area at McCarthy Village	\$ 22,000.00
D. Rental Housing Planning and Feasibility Study	\$ 25,000.00
E. New Basketball Courts at Douglas School, Elm Street	\$ 20,000.00
F. Leary Field Woodland Path	\$ 25,000.00
G. New Gates School Playground	\$ 16,000.00
H. Site Preparation and Construction - Habitat for Humanity Home	\$ 35,000.00
I. Jones Tavern Roof and Gutters Replacement	\$ 41,000.00
J. Historic Stone Chamber Restoration	\$ 20,000.00
K. Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Design	\$ 175,000.00
L. Fitzgerald Piano Preservation	\$ 18,000.00
M. School Street Twin Ball Fields	\$ 69,000.00
N. Town Hall Slate Roof Replacement	\$ 65,470.00
O. Arboretum Universal Access Trail	\$ 24,000.00
Administrative Spending Appropriation	
P. A fund reimbursing the Town of Acton for administrative services and operating expenses provided in support of the Community Preservation Committee	\$ 57,083.40
Total Recommended Appropriations	\$1,172,553.40
Remaining FY 2005 fund balance	\$ 64,122.12

And, whereas Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44B requires that the Town appropriate for spending, or set-aside for future spending, from the fund balance at least 10% for open space, 10% for historic preservation, and 10% for community housing.

And, whereas the recommended appropriations for open space, historic preservation, and community housing each exceed 10% of the Community Preservation Fund balance.

And, whereas Town Meeting may vote to delete or reduce any of the recommended amounts.

Therefore, in the event that recommended amounts are deleted or reduced, vote to appropriate as a set-aside for future spending from the FY 2005 Community Preservation Fund Balance the minimum necessary amounts to allocate not less than 10% (\$123,667.60) for open space, not less than 10% (\$123,667.60) for historic preservation, and not less than 10% (\$123,667.60) for community housing.

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Lundberg moves that the Town appropriate or set aside for later appropriation, \$1,150,553.40, and to raise such amount, \$1,150,553.40 be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund and that the Town Manager be authorized to expend or set aside amounts as set forth in the Article and in compliance with conditions to be noted in the Community Preservation Committee's Award Letters, with the exception that Item C shall be deleted in its entirety, with each remaining item in the Article as so adjusted considered a separate appropriation.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 23 * TOWN BOARD SUPPORT (Majority vote) ACTON-BOXBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$2,000, or any other sum, to be expended by the Town Manager for the ongoing expenses of the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council for programs in Acton, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Foster moves that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the ongoing expenses of the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 24 ACTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate

from available funds, a sum of money to defray the necessary expenses of the Acton Public School System, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mrs. Altieri moves that the Town appropriate \$22,046,849, to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools to fund the Acton Public School Budget for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, and to raise such amount,

\$21,909,849 be raised and appropriated and
\$ 137,000 be transferred from Free Cash.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 25 ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to defray the necessary expenses of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Coppolino moves that the Town appropriate \$21,958,905 to fund the assessment of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, and to raise such amount,

\$21,958,905 be raised and appropriated.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 26 MINUTEMAN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT (Majority vote)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to defray the necessary expenses of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Olmstead moves that the Town appropriate \$749,955 for the expenses of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, and to raise such amount, \$749,955 be raised and appropriated.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mr. Ashton moves to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:34 PM until April 4, 2006 at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Auditorium at 7:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

April 4, 2006

The Moderator, Mr. MacKenzie, call the adjourned session of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

ARTICLE 27 ACTON FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Trustees of the "Acton Fireman's Relief Fund" created by Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 11, 1935, and the Trustees of the "West Acton Fireman's Relief Fund" created by Article 18 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 1, 1920, with the advice and consent of the Board of Selectmen and utilizing the services of Town Counsel, to petition a Massachusetts court of competent jurisdiction to reform, reorganize and consolidate the Trusts as follows:

1. To transfer the funds held in trust by the Town in Account No. T-02 (the Acton Fireman's Relief Fund) and in Account No. T-32 (the West Acton Fireman's Relief Fund) into a single trust fund account to be held by the Town and known as the New Acton Firefighters' Relief Fund.
2. To establish the New Acton Firefighters' Relief Fund (the "Fund") as a trust fund on the following terms and such other terms as the Court determines are necessary and proper to effectuate the reformation, reorganization and consolidation of the existing trusts into a single trust:
 - a. The Fund shall be administered by three trustees chosen by the Town Meeting, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and thereafter one annually for the term of three years.
 - b. Each Trustee shall be a registered voter of the Town or an active or former member of the Acton Fire Department.
 - c. The Town treasurer shall hold said fund and shall invest the same in accordance with instructions from said Trustees. He shall also pay out of said Fund such moneys as said Trustees shall order and none other. Such Fund shall be secured by the bond of said treasurer.
 - d. Said Fund and any accumulations thereon shall be kept invested in such banks, government securities, municipal bonds, mutual funds and securities as the Trustees shall, in the prudent exercise of their fiduciary duties, determine.
 - e. Said Trustees shall have the authority to make awards out of said Fund in meritorious cases in addition to any other benefits which may

be due from other sources, to any person who may be injured, or to the spouse, children, or estate of any person who may be killed, while engaged in fighting fires or otherwise in the performance of his or her official duties for the Acton Fire Department or for any other philanthropic purpose consistent in the judgment of the trustees with the mission of the Acton Fire Department.

- f. Said Trustees are authorized to receive additional funds from any source and when so received shall be deposited with the Fund and administered in the same manner as the Fund.
 - g. Said Trustees shall make a report in writing annually to the Town and such report shall be published in the town report.
3. Pending final court approval of the foregoing, the Trustees of the "Acton Fireman's Relief Fund" and the Trustees of the "West Acton Fireman's Relief Fund" shall continue to administer their respective trust funds. Upon final court approval, the Trustees of said funds shall authorize and direct the Town treasurer to transfer all funds held in Account No. T-02 and Account No. T-32 to the Fund.
 4. Upon final court approval of the foregoing, the Trustees of the "Acton Fireman's Relief Fund" shall serve as the Trustees of the Fund pending the initial selection by Town Meeting of the Trustees of the Fund and no longer.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves in the words of the Article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 28 HOME RULE PETITION – NESWC ENTERPRISE FUND

(Majority vote)

To see if the Town will petition the General Court to adopt a home rule act authorizing the transfer from the NESWC Enterprise Fund to the General Fund of all or a portion of the fund balance substantially in the form set forth below, or to take any other action relative thereto:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NESWC ENTERPRISE FUND BALANCE IN THE TOWN OF ACTON

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1: Notwithstanding the provisions of section 53F1/2 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or of any other general or special law, given the expiration of the Town of Acton's Service Agreement governing its participation in a regional solid waste program relating to the North East Solid Waste Committee established under Chapter 328 of the Acts of 1988, as amended, the Town of Acton is hereby authorized from time to time to transfer from the Town's NESWC Enterprise Fund to the Town's General Fund all or a portion of the remaining NESWC Enterprise Fund balance, by majority vote of the Town Meeting, and to appropriate said funds for other municipal purposes.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage and shall apply to and ratify any such vote of the 2006 Acton Town Meeting or any subsequent annual or special Town Meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town petition the General Court to adopt a home rule act in substantially the form set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 29 TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY – 28 WILLOW ST / 214 CENTRAL ST (Two-thirds vote)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the real property at 28 Willow Street and 214 Central Street, Acton, MA, which was taken by the Town for nonpayment taxes in Land Court Case Nos. 112320 T.L. and 112319 T.L. (Judgments dated May 4, 1998), and which is held for municipal purposes as provided by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 60, Section 77, from the tax title custodian to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey such real property on such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may include non-monetary consideration, as the Selectmen may determine, to the Acton Community Housing Corporation ("ACHC"), a non-profit housing corporation subject to the supervision of the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Chapter 143 of the Acts of 1996, for purposes of re-conveyance by ACHC, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to a qualified developer of affordable housing, selected pursuant to a Request for Proposals ("RFP"), which RFP shall specify restrictions on the subsequent use of the property for residential and affordable housing purposes,

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town authorize the transfer and conveyance of the real property as set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 30 TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY – 74 RIVER STREET (Two-thirds vote)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer the real property shown as parcel 46 on Map H-3A of the 2005 edition of the Town Atlas, which land is currently held for general municipal purposes or for other specific municipal purposes for which it has heretofore been devoted, from the tax title custodian to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey such land for affordable housing purposes on such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may be non-monetary consideration, as the Selectmen may determine,

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Magee moves that the Town authorize the transfer of the real property shown as parcel 46 on Map H-3A of the 2005 edition of the Town Atlas, from its current custodian to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and authorize the conveyance of that property as set forth in the Article, provided that the minimum amount to be paid for such conveyance shall be the value of the property as restricted by the Selectmen for affordable housing purposes, which value shall be determined through procedures customarily accepted by the appraising profession as valid.

MOTION TO AMEND: Mr. Nitschelm moves to amend motion by adding –“ and sold to the highest bidder” to the end of the motion.

MOTION TO AMEND IS LOST

ORIGINAL MOTION CARRIES DECLARED 2/3 BY MODERATOR

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ARTICLE 31 ACCEPT COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES (Majority vote) MANAGEMENT PLAN REPORT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan Report prepared by Woodard and Curran, dated March, 2006, on file with the Board of Selectmen, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Ms. Rosenzweig moves that the Town authorize the Town Manager or his designee to submit to the Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs, for public comment pursuant to the Secretary's Special Procedures Certificate for

Project No. 11781, dated December 31, 1998 and supplemented on August 16, 2004, the Draft Phase 2 Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan Report prepared by Woodard & Curran dated March, 2006, along with an Expanded Environmental Notification Form identifying and describing that Draft Report, subject to the express conditions that:

- (a) the Draft Report shall not obligate the Town to undertake any particular project or projects or other course of action that may be described in the report, and
- (b) an affirmative vote by a future Town Meeting shall be required to appropriate funds, borrow funds, issue any bonds, or otherwise raise any funds necessary to implement any recommended actions contained in the Draft Report which require such an appropriation, borrowing, bonding, or other financial commitment of the Town Meeting not heretofore made.

MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 32 * AMEND TOWN BYLAWS – HOUSE-KEEPING
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter D10 of the general Bylaws of the Town by adding the letter “a.” before the first paragraph of Section D10.5 (Sewer Privilege Fees) and by adding the following new paragraphs as Sections D10.5.b and D10.5.c, respectively:

- b. The Sewer Commissioners may establish reasonable fees pursuant to G.L. c. 83, § 17, to cover costs of construction of common sewers and other facilities required to serve land previously assessed a sewer betterment based on its existing use and/or its existing zoning potential where such land is later developed and/or subdivided for more intensive use (such as through a comprehensive permit under G.L. c. 40B, a zoning change, a subdivision, an approval not required plan, or other means). This fee shall be calculated based on the number of Sewer Assessment Units attributable to the intensified use of the land minus the number of Sewer Assessment Units originally assessed to the land, and may be adjusted by such other factors as the Sewer Commissioners, by regulation promulgated pursuant to this bylaw, determine to be appropriate. This fee shall be paid before any sewer connection permit or building permit is issued for the intensified use or, if a sewer connection permit or building permit is not required for the intensified use, before that use is commenced. The Sewer Commissioners may, by regulation promulgated pursuant to this bylaw, divide this fee among the land involved.

- c. The fees charged under this Section may be applied by the Sewer Commissioners in their discretion to the costs of construction of the common sewers and other facilities, the debt service with respect thereto, and other costs and expenses of the sewer system as appropriate.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town adopt the bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 33 * AMEND TOWN BYLAWS
(Majority vote) RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ‘CARRY-IN’ LIQUOR**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter T of the general Bylaws of the Town by substituting the word “alcoholic” for the word “intoxicating” wherever it appears, and by adding the following words at the end of subparagraph 3.a: “or any time during a calendar year for the initial application for Carry-In Permission for an existing establishment having a common victualler’s license, ...”

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Foster moves that the Town adopt the bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 34 * AMEND TOWN BYLAWS
(Majority vote) USE AND SALE OF TOBACCO AND SMOKING PRODUCTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter E of the general Bylaws of the Town as follows:

Delete Sections E26 through E34, Use of Tobacco and Smoking Products;

Delete Sections E46 through E56, Sale of Tobacco and Smoking Products;

In Section E45, Non-Criminal Disposition, delete the line that reads “Chapter E - Sections E26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, - Use of Tobacco Products; enforcing person - Constable, Regular Police Officer, Sanitarian, Health Director - Fine \$100.00 first offense, \$200.00 second offense, \$300.00 each subsequent offense.”;

In Section E45, Non-Criminal Disposition, delete the line that reads “Chapter E - Section E46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 - Sale of Tobacco Products - enforcing persons - Constable,

Police Chief, Police Officer, Sanitarian, or Health Officer of the Board of Health - Fine \$100.00 first offense, \$200.00 second offense, \$300.00 each subsequent offense.”

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Foster moves that the Town adopt the bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 35 * AMEND TOWN BYLAWS
(Majority vote) NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION FOR ZONING BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section E45 (Non-Criminal Disposition) of Chapter E (General Public Regulations) of the Bylaws of the Town by replacing the following line:

Chapter M - Zoning Bylaw; enforcing person - Building Commissioner – Fine \$25.00.

With a new line that reads:

Chapter M - Zoning Bylaw; enforcing person - Building Commissioner – Fine \$25.00 first offense; \$50.00 second offense; \$100.00 each subsequent offense.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town adopt the bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 36 * AMEND TOWN BYLAWS – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter I of the general Bylaws of the Town as follows:

In Sections 1.3.4, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2.3(a), 3.5.1(e), 4, 4.1.1, 5.1.2 and 6.2.2 add the phrase “or special wastes” after wherever the words “hazardous materials or wastes” occur,

In Sections 1.3.1, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.3, 3.1, 4.2.1, 5.1.1 and 5.3.2 add the phrase “or special waste” after wherever the words “hazardous materials or waste” occur,

In Sections 1.3.6, 1.3.9, 1.3.10, 2.1.5, 2.4.1, 2.4.2 and 3.11(2) add the phrase “or special waste” after wherever the words “hazardous material or waste” occur,

In Sections 3.3.1, 3.2, 3.2.2, 3.4, 3.5.1(d) and 6.2.1 add the phrase “and special waste” after wherever the words “hazardous materials and waste” occur,

In Sections 3.5, and 3.5.1 add the phrase “and special waste” after wherever the words “hazardous material and waste” occur,

In Section 3.1.1 add the phrase “and special waste” after wherever the words “hazardous materials and wastes” occur,

In Section 3.1.1(1) add the phrase “or special waste” after wherever the words “hazardous waste or materials” occur,

In Section 3.5.1(f) add the phrase “or special” between where the first citation of “hazardous” and “waste” occur,

In Section 3.6 add the phrase “or special wastes” after wherever the words “hazardous materials” occur,

In Section 1.3.8 add the phrase “, air quality,” after wherever the words “groundwater resources” occur,

In Section 1.3 add the definition ‘1.3.12 “Special Waste” means any solid waste that is determined not to be a hazardous waste pursuant to 310 CMR 30.000 and that exists in such quantity or in such chemical or physical state, or any combination thereof, so that particular management controls are required to prevent an adverse impact from the collection, transport, transfer, storage, processing, treatment or disposal of the solid waste. Without limitation, special waste includes waste that will require special management to ensure protection of public health, safety, or the environment based upon the physical, biological, or chemical properties of the waste. Special wastes include but are not limited to: asbestos waste, infectious wastes, except as specified in 310 CMR 19.061(6)(c)4, sludges including wastewater treatment sludges, and industrial process wastewater treatment sludges. For the purposes of this bylaw, special wastes do not include drinking water treatment sludges. (Ref: 310 CMR 19.006 and 19.061(2) and (3)).’ The existing definitions from 1.3.12 – 1.3.15 shall be renumbered consecutively from 1.3.13 – 1.3.16.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves that the Town adopt the bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 37 * AMEND ZONING BYLAW – SPECIAL WASTE
(Two-thirds vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, section 4.3 – Groundwater Protection District, as follows [Notes in italic print are not part of the Article but are intended for explanation only.]:

- A. Insert a new definition subsection 4.3.3.12 as follows:

12.12.12.12 **SPECIAL WASTE – SPECIAL WASTE** means any solid waste that is determined not to be a hazardous waste pursuant to 310 CMR 30.000 and that exists in such quantity or in such chemical or physical state, or any combination thereof, so that particular management controls are required to prevent an adverse impact from the collection, transport, transfer, storage, processing, treatment or disposal of the solid waste. Without limitation, **SPECIAL WASTE** includes waste that will require special management to ensure protection of public health, safety, or the environment based upon the physical, biological, or chemical properties of the waste. **SPECIAL WASTES** include but are not limited to: asbestos waste, infectious wastes except as specified in 310 CMR 19.061(6)(c)4, sludges including wastewater treatment sludges and industrial process wastewater treatment sludges. For purposes of this Bylaw, **SPECIAL WASTE** does not include drinking water treatment sludges. (Ref: 310 CMR 19.006 and 19.061(2) and (3).)

And, renumber current subsections sections 4.3.3.12 through 4.3.3.15 to become subsections 4.3.3.13 through 4.3.3.16 respectively.

- B. Delete subsection 4.3.6.1 and replace it with a new subsection 4.3.6.1 as follows:

4.3.6.1 **FILL – FILL** material shall not contain **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR WASTE, SPECIAL WASTE, or SOLID WASTE**. This Section shall also apply in **ZONE 4**.

[Note: Subsection 4.3.6.1 currently reads:

“**FILL – FILL** material shall not contain either **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR WASTE, or SOLID WASTE**. This Section shall also apply in **ZONE 4**.”]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Schaffner moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

**CONSENT MOTION CARRIES
Declared 2/3 vote by Moderator**

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**ARTICLE 38 AMEND ZONING BYLAW – REZONE
LAND OFF CHARTER ROAD
(Two-thirds vote) TO GENERAL INDUSTRIAL**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map by rezoning to General Industrial (GI) the following parcels of land identified by their 2004 Town Atlas Map and Parcel numbers [Present zoning and street addresses are not part of the article but are shown for reference purposes only]:

map	parcel	present zoning	street address
E-3	85	R-2	rear of 87 Hayward Rd
E-3	93	R-2	rear of 87 Hayward Rd

The area proposed to be rezoned to General Industrial is also shown as Parcels B, C, and D on a “Plan of Land in Acton, Massachusetts”, dated January 30, 2006, prepared by Stamski and McNary, Inc.

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Sullivan moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

**ARTICLE 39 AMEND ZONING BYLAW – PARKING
LOTS FOR CONSERVATION
(Two-thirds vote) AND MUNICIPAL RECREATION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, by deleting the first paragraph of section 6.7 – Parking Lot Design Requirements, and replacing it with the following new paragraph [Notes in italic print are not part of the Article but are intended for explanation only.]:

“All parking lots shall be designed in compliance with the following design standards, except as provided in Section 6.9. In addition, the following standards shall not apply to parking lots serving a single to four-FAMILY residential USE, an Assisted Living Residence with 10 or less residents, a religious USE, a Conservation USE, and a Municipal outdoor recreation USE.”

[Note: The first paragraph of section 6.7 currently reads:

“All parking lots shall be designed in compliance with the following design standards, except as provided in Section 6.9. In addition, the following standards shall not apply to parking lots serving a single to four-FAMILY residential USE, an Assisted Living Residence with 10 or less residents, a religious USE, and to parking lots with up to 15 parking spaces serving a Conservation USE.”]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Schaffner moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 40 AMEND ZONING BYLAW – PRODUCTIVE REUSE OF (Two-thirds vote) UNDERUTILIZED INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

A. Amend section 10.4 by inserting a new subsection 10.4.3.12 as follows:

- 12.12.12.12 Special Provisions Applicable to the SM District – On LOTS in the Small Manufacturing (SM) District the Board of Selectmen, when granting a new or amended Site Plan Special Permit, may increase the Maximum FLOOR AREA RATIO and the Maximum Height above the limits set forth for BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES in the Table of Standard Dimensional Regulations, subject to the following conditions and limitations:
- 12.12.12.12.1 To be eligible under this section 10.4.3.12, a LOT shall have on it IMPERVIOUS COVER as defined in section 4.3 – GROUNDWATER Protection District of this Bylaw, which by its size or coverage may or may not be conforming to the limitations of this Bylaw, but shall have been installed or constructed legally in accordance with the zoning bylaw standards in effect at the time of installation or construction.
- 12.12.12.12.2 To be eligible under this section 10.4.3.12 and to retain ongoing eligibility, the amount and percentage on the LOT of OPEN SPACE, and of UNDISTURBED OPEN SPACE as defined in section 4.3 – GROUNDWATER Protection District of this Bylaw, shall not be reduced below the amount and percentage existing on the LOT on or before January 1, 2006; and

the amount and percentage on the LOT of IMPERVIOUS COVER as defined in section 4.3 – GROUNDWATER Protection District of this Bylaw shall not be increased above the amount and percentage existing on the LOT on or before January 1, 2006.

- 12.12.12.12.3 Eligibility under this section 10.4.3.12 shall be limited to the following USES on the LOT, provided they are otherwise allowed in the SM District, and subject to the applicable regulations of the Groundwater Protection District Zone that overlays the LOT: Municipal; Child Care Facility; Industrial USES; and Business USES except Office, Health Care Facility, Hospital, Medical Center, and Commercial Recreation.
 - 12.12.12.12.4 Any Maximum Height increases under this section shall not result in a height of BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES greater than 45 feet, plus 12 feet for appurtenant roof STRUCTURES that in aggregate may not occupy more than 20% of the roof plan area.
 - 12.12.12.12.5 Any NET FLOOR AREA increases under this section shall not increase the Maximum FLOOR AREA RATIO above 0.50.
 - 12.12.12.12.6 There shall remain adequate space for vehicular parking on the site that meets the applicable requirements of section 6 of this Bylaw for the USE or USES on the LOT.
- B. Amend section 3, Table of Principal USES, by renumbering the footnotes (1) through (11) to become footnotes (2) through (12) respectively, and inserting in the header of the “SM” column, the following new footnote (1):
- (1) See also section 10.4.3.12 - Special Provisions Applicable in the SM District, for special USE restrictions in oversized BUILDINGS.
- C. Amend section 5, Table of Standard Dimensional Regulations, by inserting in line “SM”, columns “Maximum Floor Area Ratio” and “Maximum Height in feet”, the following new footnote (18):
- (18) The maximum FLOOR AREA RATIO and height may be increased further subject to procedures and conditions set forth in section 10.4.3.12.

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Starzec moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

MOTION CARRIES

Declared 2/3 vote by Moderator

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ARTICLE 41 *AMEND ZONING BYLAW – HOUSE-KEEPING

(Two-thirds vote)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows [Notes in italic print are not part of the Article but are intended for explanation only.]:

A. In section 3.8.3.6 relative to Amateur Radio Towers, amend subsection i) by replacing the first cross-reference "(section 3.8.3.6.a)" with a corrected cross-reference to read "(section 3.8.3.6 – first paragraph)".

B. In section 4.2, Open Space Development:

1. Replace the first paragraph of subsection 4.2.3.1 with the following new paragraph:

"Minimum Tract Size – Open Space Developments shall be located upon a TRACT OF LAND which has an area within the Town of Acton of at least 6 acres in the R-2 District, or 8 acres in the R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10, and R-10/8 Districts."

[Note: The first sentence of subsection 4.2.3.1 currently reads: "Minimum Tract Size – Open Space Developments shall be located upon a TRACT OF LAND which has an area of at least 6 acres in the R-2 District, or 8 acres in the R-4, R-8, R-8/4, R-10 and R-10/8 Districts."]

2. In subsection 4.2.3.4, delete the first sentence and replace it with the following new sentence:

"Dimensional Requirements for the Common Land - Not less than 30% in the R-2 District, 40% in the R-4 and R-8/4 Districts, and 50% in the R-8, R-10, and R-10/8 Districts of the total area of the TRACT OF LAND within Acton to be developed as an Open Space Development shall be dedicated as Common Land within Acton."

[Note: The first sentence of subsection 4.2.3.4 currently reads: "Dimensional Requirements for the Common Land - Not less than 30% in the R-2 District, 40% in the R-4 and R-8/4 Districts, and 50% in the R-8, R-10 and R-10/8 Districts of the

total area of the TRACT OF LAND to be developed as an Open Space Development shall be dedicated as Common Land."]

C. In section 9, Planned Conservation Residential Community:

1. Add at the end of the first sentence of subsection 9.6.2.1 the following phrase:

"within the Town of Acton"

[Note: The first sentence of subsection 9.6.2.1 currently reads: "PCRC Site Area – The TRACT OF LAND for a PCRC must contain a minimum of 8 acres."]

2. In subsection 9.6.3.1, delete the first sentence and replace it with the following new sentence:

"In a PCRC, at least sixty percent (60%) of the TRACT OF LAND within Acton shall be set aside as Common Land within Acton for the use of the PCRC residents or the general public."

[Note: The first sentence of subsection 9.6.3.1 currently reads: "In a PCRC, at least sixty percent (60%) of the land shall be set aside as Common Land for the use of the PCRC residents or the general public."]

D. In section 9B, Senior Residence:

1. In subsection 9B.5.1, add after the words "8 acres" the following phrase:

"within the Town of Acton"

[Note: Subsection 9B.5.1 currently reads:

9B.5.1 MINIMUM TRACT OF LAND area: 8 acres. For the purpose of this section, the Planning Board may consider LOTS on directly opposite sides of a STREET as a single TRACT OF LAND.]

2. In subsection 9B.9.1, delete the first sentence and replace it with the following new sentence:

"In a SENIOR Residence development, except for the conversion to a Senior Residence development of a project approved under MGL Chapter 40B before January 1, 2006, at least fifty percent (50%) of the TRACT OF LAND in Acton shall be set aside as Common Land in Acton for the use of the SENIOR residents or the general public."

[Note: The first sentence of subsection 9B.9.1 currently reads: "In a SENIOR Residence development, at least fifty per-

cent (50%) of the land shall be set aside as Common Land for the use of the SENIOR residents or the general public.”]

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Schaffner moves that the Town adopt the zoning bylaw amendments as set forth in the Article.

**CONSENT MOTION CARRIES
Declared 2/3 vote by Moderator**

*Town of Acton has excepted MGL CH 39 Sec 15 at its Annual Town Meeting April 2001, Article 43 and the amended Bylaw 5A was approved by the Attorney General on Aug. 6, 2001 (The Town Meeting Moderator is not required to count a 2/3 required vote.)

**ARTICLE 42 * ACCEPT STREETS – JACKSON DRIVE & MONROE DRIVE
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will accept as public ways the following streets, or any portion thereof, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen according to plans on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take the fee or easement in said streets by eminent domain or otherwise, including easements for drainage, utility, sidewalk or other purposes as shown on said plans or described in the Order of Layouts;

In the JACKSON DRIVE EXTENSION SUBDIVISION

JACKSON DRIVE - from the previous limit of acceptance at the easterly end of Jackson Drive a distance of 1,466 feet, more or less, in a generally easterly direction to the westerly sideline of Washington Drive, this being the entire road.

In the GLENBROOKE RUN SUBDIVISION

MONROE DRIVE - from the southerly sideline of Jackson Drive a distance of 500 feet, more or less, in a generally southerly direction to the end of a T-shaped turnaround, including the turnaround, this being the entire road.

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hunter moves that the Town accept as public ways the streets listed in the Article, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, according to the plans on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take or otherwise acquire the fee or easements for drainage, utility, or other purposes where shown on said plans or described in the Order of Layout.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

**ARTICLE 43 * ACCEPT SIDEWALK EASEMENTS – MARTIN AND MAPLE STREETS
(Majority vote)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise and to accept the deed of an easement interest for sidewalk and drainage-related purposes, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine, in the following land:

1. Land of Pamela A. Hoodes, located at 36 Martin Street, substantially as shown on an "Easement Plan of Land in Acton, Massachusetts (Middlesex County), owned by Pamela A. Hoodes, 36 Martin Street," dated March 1, 2006, on file with the Acton Engineering Department;
2. Land of John A. & Karen K. Sonner, located at 76 Maple Street, substantially as shown on an "Easement Plan of Land in Acton, Massachusetts (Middlesex County), owned by John A and Karen K Sonner, 76 Maple Street," dated March 1, 2006, on file with the Acton Engineering Department;
3. Land of Joseph G. & Rebecca Krysko Scanlan, located at 77 Maple Street, substantially as shown on an "Easement Plan of Land in Acton, Massachusetts (Middlesex County), owned by Joseph G. & Rebecca Krysko Scanlan, 77 Maple Street," dated March 1, 2006, on file with the Acton Engineering Department;

, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Magee moves in the words of the Article.

CONSENT MOTION CARRIES

MOTION: Mr. Ashton moves to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 10:00

Motion carries

TOWN ELECTIONS AND STATISTICS

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MARCH 28, 2006

VOTE COUNT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
MACHINE 9:00 AM	48	63	93	93	65	86	448	4%
12:00 PM	98	161	270	228	176	195	1128	9%
3:00 PM	145	270	386	300	256	294	1651	13%
6:00 PM	216	415	581	447	376	412	2447	20%
MACHINE TOTAL - FINAL	269	511	701	589	464	497	3031	25%
HAND COUNT		0	0	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL VOTED	269	511	701	589	465	498	3033	25%
TOTAL # REGISTERED VOTERS---	1994	2094	2294	2024	1993	1926	12325	
MODERATOR								
BLANKS	39	88	112	93	63	79	474	16%
DONALD MACKENZIE	229	419	581	492	398	405	2524	83%
SCATTERED	1	4	8	4	4	14	35	1%
TOTAL	269	511	701	589	465	498	3033	100%
SELECTMAN								
BLANKS	6	6	8	9	19	5	53	2%
ANDREW D. MAGEE	178	287	433	401	271	307	1877	62%
HERMAN KABAKOFF	85	218	260	179	175	185	1102	36%
SCATTERED	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0%
TOTAL	269	511	701	589	465	498	3033	100%
SCHOOL COMMITTEE								
BLANKS	165	322	427	373	279	305	1871	31%
MARIE E. ALTIERI	188	352	496	420	340	361	2157	36%
JONATHAN E. CHINITZ	185	342	463	382	303	322	1997	33%
SCATTERED	0	6	16	3	8	8	41	1%
TOTAL	538	1022	1402	1178	930	996	6066	100%
TRUSTEE, MEMORIAL LIBRARY								
BLANKS	65	136	162	132	107	117	719	24%
DAVID T. BARRATT	203	370	531	456	354	380	2294	76%
SCATTERED	1	5	8	1	4	1	20	1%
TOTAL	269	511	701	589	465	498	3033	100%
ACTON HOUSING AUTHORITY								
BLANKS	159	309	442	346	256	281	1793	30%
BERNICE BARAN	197	357	482	419	335	355	2145	35%
KENNETH SGHIA-HUGHES	182	356	468	409	333	353	2101	35%
SCATTERED	0	0	10	4	6	7	27	0%
TOTAL	538	1022	1402	1178	930	996	6066	100%

WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
MODERATOR								
BLANKS	58	112	163	122	103	113	671	22%
RICHARD P. O'BRIEN	211	398	533	465	359	382	2348	77%
SCATTERED	0	1	5	2	3	3	14	1%
TOTAL	269	511	701	589	465	498	3033	100%

COMMISSIONER								
BLANKS	65	132	172	144	113	120	746	25%
LEONARD A. PHILLIPS	204	379	525	442	349	373	2272	75%
SCATTERED	0	0	4	3	3	5	15	1%
TOTAL	269	511	701	589	465	498	3033	100%

STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

VOTE COUNT		PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
MACHINE	9:00 AM	68	74	117	81	91	99	530	4%
	12:00 PM	159	173	265	190	202	207	1196	10%
	3:00 PM	236	271	395	275	312	312	1801	15%
	6:00 PM	388	436	670	475	485	502	2956	25%
MACHINE TOTAL - FINAL 8:00PM		483	548	844	602	600	601	3678	31%
HAND COUNT		28	30	6	27	34	23	148	
PROVISIONAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL VOTED		511	578	850	629	634	624	3826	32%

TOTAL # REGISTERED VOTERS---	1876	2049	2276	1980	1984	1904	12069
Registered Democrat	494	540	643	559	546	511	3293
Registered Republican	289	298	240	249	233	281	1590
Registered Unenrolled	1085	1203	1382	1163	1199	1106	7138
Other	8	8	11	9	6	6	48

DEMOCRAT								
SENATOR IN CONGRESS								
BLANKS	51	82	104	94	95	84	510	14%
EDWARD M. KENNEDY	427	449	682	484	500	481	3023	84%
SCATTERED	1	12	14	8	5	11	51	1%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

GOVERNOR								
BLANKS	1	1	6	3	2	0	13	0%
CHRISTOPHER F. GABRIELI	120	147	168	136	143	168	882	25%
DEVAL L. PATRICK	302	328	551	393	393	343	2310	65%
THOMAS F. REILLY	56	65	75	54	62	65	377	11%
SCATTERED	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR								
BLANKS	56	59	91	67	75	53	401	11%
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	142	144	156	137	148	149	876	24%
TIMOTHY P. MURRAY	171	239	379	251	235	220	1495	42%
ANDREA C. SILBERT	109	99	171	131	140	154	804	22%
SCATTERED	1	2	3	0	2	0	8	0%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

ATTORNEY GENERAL

BLANKS	87	109	170	132	134	131	763	21%
MARTHA COAKLEY	392	431	623	452	464	442	2804	78%
SCATTERED	0	3	7	2	2	3	17	1%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

SECRETARY OF STATE

BLANKS	85	97	162	104	114	104	666	19%
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	350	355	515	394	395	392	2401	67%
JOHN BONIFAZ	44	90	123	88	90	80	515	14%
SCATTERED	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

VOTE COUNT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
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TREASURER

BLANKS	120	153	222	173	168	158	994	28%
TIMOTHY P. CAHILL	358	387	575	410	430	416	2576	72%
SCATTERED	1	3	3	3	2	2	14	0%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

AUDTOR

BLANKS	135	170	235	193	180	170	1083	30%
A. JOSEPH DeNUCCI	344	370	563	393	419	403	2492	70%
SCATTERED	0	3	2	0	1	3	9	0%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

REP IN CONGRESS

BLANKS	69	107	129	107	123	104	639	18%
MARTIN T. MEEHAN	409	428	664	470	476	467	2914	81%
SCATTERED	1	8	7	9	1	5	31	1%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

COUNCILLOR

BLANKS	179	213	297	232	249	226	1396	39%
MARILYN M. PETITTO DEVANEY	300	327	500	351	350	347	2175	61%
SCATTERED	0	3	3	3	1	3	13	0%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

SEN IN GENERAL COURT

BLANKS	63	81	104	89	112	98	547	15%
PAMELA P. RESOR	416	455	688	491	487	471	3008	84%
SCATTERED	0	7	8	6	1	7	29	1%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

REP IN GENERAL COURT 14TH

BLANKS	86	123	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	133	342	21%
CORY ATKINS	392	410	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	436	1238	78%
SCATTERED	1	10	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	7	18	1%
TOTAL	479	543	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	576	1598	100%

REP IN GENERAL COURT 37TH

BLANKS	XXXX	XXXX	100	75	101	XXXX	276	14%
JAMES B. ELDRIDGE	XXXX	XXXX	694	505	498	XXXX	1697	85%
SCATTERED	XXXX	XXXX	6	6	1	XXXX	13	1%
TOTAL	XXXX	XXXX	800	586	600	XXXX	1986	100%

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BLANKS	164	188	285	209	229	191	1266	35%
GERARD T. LEONE, JR.	315	352	511	377	370	385	2310	65%
SCATTERED	0	3	4	0	1	0	8	0%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

VOTE COUNT

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
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CLERK OF COURTS

BLANK	163	166	295	208	217	187	1236	35%
BRUCE M. DESMOND	81	101	108	100	95	94	579	16%
MICHAEL A. SULLIVAN	235	274	395	278	287	295	1764	49%
SCATTERED	0	2	2	0	1	0	5	0%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

REGISTER OF DEEDS

BLANK	166	195	288	211	230	206	1296	36%
EUGENE C. BRUNE	313	345	511	375	367	369	2280	64%
SCATTERED	0	3	1	0	3	1	8	0%
TOTAL	479	543	800	586	600	576	3584	100%

REPUBLICAN**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

BLANKS	2	6	5	6	4	2	25	10%
KENNETH G. CHASE	22	20	31	24	22	27	146	60%
KEVIN P. SCOTT	8	9	14	13	8	19	71	29%
SCATTERED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%

GOVERNOR

BLANKS	2	5	6	1	6	3	23	10%
KERRY HEALEY	30	29	42	41	26	43	211	87%
SCATTERED	0	1	2	1	2	2	8	3%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

BLANKS	4	9	11	5	4	5	38	16%
REED V. HILLMAN	28	25	39	38	30	42	202	84%
SCATTERED	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%

ATTORNEY GENERAL

BLANKS	5	9	8	8	7	7	44	18%
LARRY FRISOLI	27	26	42	35	27	41	198	82%
SCATTERED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%

SECRETARY OF STATE

BLANKS	32	33	47	43	34	45	234	97%
SCATTERED	0	2	3	0	0	3	8	3%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%

TREASURER

BLANKS	32	34	48	43	34	45	236	98%
SCATTERED	0	1	2	0	0	3	6	3%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%

VOTE COUNT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
AUDITOR								
BLANKS	32	34	48	43	34	45	236	98%
SCATTERED	0	1	2	0	0	3	6	3%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%
REP IN CONGRESS								
BLANKS	32	33	49	43	34	45	236	98%
SCATTERED	0	2	1	0	0	3	6	3%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%
COUNCILLOR								
BLANKS	32	34	49	43	34	45	237	98%
SCATTERED	0	1	1	0	0	3	5	2%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%
SEN IN GENERAL COURT								
BLANKS	32	34	49	42	34	45	236	98%
SCATTERED	0	1	1	1	0	3	6	3%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%
REP IN GENERAL COURT 14TH								
BLANKS	32	33	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	45	110	96%
SCATTERED	0	2	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	3	5	4%
TOTAL	32	35	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	48	115	100%
REP IN GENERAL COURT 37TH								
BLANKS	XXXX	XXXX	6	8	0	XXXX	14	11%
KEVIN C. HAYES, SR.	XXXX	XXXX	44	35	34	XXXX	113	89%
SCATTERED	XXXX	XXXX	0	0	0	XXXX	0	0%
TOTAL	XXXX	XXXX	50	43	34	XXXX	127	100%
DISTRICT ATTORNEY								
BLANKS	32	34	48	43	34	45	236	98%
SCATTERED	0	1	2	0	0	3	6	3%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%
CLERK OF COURTS								
BLANKS	32	34	48	43	34	48	239	99%
SCATTERED	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	1%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%
REGISTER OF DEEDS								
BLANKS	32	34	49	43	34	45	237	98%
SCATTERED	0	1	1	0	0	3	5	2%
TOTAL	32	35	50	43	34	48	242	100%

**STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

VOTE COUNT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
MACHINE 9:00 AM	242	196	352	304	249	208	1551	13%
12:00 PM	498	413	699	608	546	570	3334	27%
3:00 PM	675	778	993	835	825	792	4898	40%
6:00 PM	997	1109	1399	1184	1182	1090	6961	56%
MACHINE TOTAL - FINAL 8:00PM	1265	1437	1694	1500	1466	1344	8706	71%
HAND COUNT	1	0	2	0	0	2	5	
PROVISIONAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL VOTED	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	71%
TOTAL # REGISTERED VOTERS---	1942	2107	2313	2027	2028	1934	12351	
SENATOR IN CONGRESS								
BLANKS	40	140	62	51	57	63	413	5%
EDWARD M. KENNEDY	850	901	1154	1043	1031	877	5856	67%
KENNETH G. CHASE	372	393	480	404	377	404	2430	28%
SCATTERED	4	3	0	2	1	2	12	0%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
GOVERNOR								
BLANKS	18	102	28	17	27	15	207	2%
HEALEY AND HILLMAN	431	474	521	465	403	471	2765	32%
PATRICK AND MURRAY	744	745	1015	886	903	781	5074	58%
MIHOS AND SULLIVAN	45	95	106	82	94	53	475	6%
ROSS AND ROBINSON	25	17	25	48	38	24	177	2%
SCATTERED	3	4	1	2	1	2	13	0%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
ATTORNEY GENERAL								
BLANKS	89	148	88	91	85	78	579	7%
MARTHA COAKLEY	840	905	1176	1049	1068	932	5970	69%
LARRY FRISOLI	337	383	430	359	313	334	2156	25%
SCATTERED	0	1	2	1	0	2	6	0%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
SECRETARY OF STATE								
BLANKS	165	236	201	165	170	176	1113	13%
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	849	927	1103	1040	1018	913	5850	67%
JILL E. STEIN	248	272	380	290	277	251	1718	20%
SCATTERED	4	2	12	5	1	6	30	0%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
TREASURER								
BLANKS	194	262	226	197	203	182	1264	15%
TIMOTHY P. CAHILL	892	968	1168	1059	1054	965	6106	70%
JAMES O'KEEFE	176	205	289	241	208	195	1314	15%
SCATTERED	4	2	13	3	1	4	27	0%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%

VOTE COUNT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
AUDTOR								
BLANKS	227	291	268	223	237	211	1457	17%
A. JOSEPH DeNUCCI	844	943	1130	1060	1019	919	5915	68%
RAND WILSON	191	202	293	215	209	210	1320	15%
SCATTERED	4	1	5	2	1	6	19	0%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS								
BLANKS	288	356	369	312	270	302	1897	22%
MARTIN T. MEEHAN	957	1053	1284	1161	1168	1013	6636	76%
SCATTERED	21	28	43	27	28	31	178	2%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
COUNCILLOR								
BLANKS	416	527	553	470	432	466	2864	33%
MARILYN M. PETITTO DEVANEY	840	901	1121	1018	1020	867	5767	66%
SCATTERED	10	9	22	12	14	13	80	1%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT								
BLANKS	297	373	362	293	270	303	1898	22%
PAMELA P. RESOR	959	1041	1296	1187	1176	1018	6677	77%
SCATTERED	10	23	38	20	20	25	136	2%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 14TH								
BLANKS	330	418	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	356	1104	27%
CORY ATKINS	926	997	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	967	2890	71%
SCATTERED	10	22	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	23	55	1%
TOTAL	1266	1437	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	1346	4049	100%
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 37TH								
BLANKS	XXXX	XXXX	70	84	76	XXXX	230	5%
JAMES B. ELDRIDGE	XXXX	XXXX	1157	1068	1040	XXXX	3265	70%
KEVIN C. HAYES, SR.	XXXX	XXXX	467	348	350	XXXX	1165	25%
SCATTERED	XXXX	XXXX	2	0	0	XXXX	2	0%
TOTAL	XXXX	XXXX	1696	1500	1466	XXXX	4662	100%
DISTRICT ATTORNEY								
BLANKS	396	492	518	445	397	432	2680	31%
GERARD T. LEONE, JR.	866	937	1160	1047	1056	903	5969	69%
SCATTERED	4	8	18	8	13	11	62	1%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
CLERK OF COURTS								
BLANK	400	484	513	437	392	425	2651	30%
MICHAEL A. SULLIVAN	860	944	1165	1052	1062	908	5991	69%
SCATTERED	6	9	18	11	12	13	69	1%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%

VOTE COUNT	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
REGISTER OF DEEDS								
BLANK	413	495	518	457	401	450	2734	31%
EUGENE C. BRUNE	848	933	1161	1037	1052	886	5917	68%
SCATTERED	5	9	17	6	13	10	60	1%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
QUESTION 1								
	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
BLANK	83	129	49	68	66	57	452	5%
YES	648	649	774	692	654	631	4048	47%
NO	535	659	873	740	746	658	4211	48%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
QUESTION 2								
	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
BLANK	172	215	128	150	134	132	931	11%
YES	404	441	594	486	504	419	2848	33%
NO	690	781	974	864	828	795	4932	57%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%
QUESTION 3								
	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT4	PCT5	PCT6	TOTAL	%
BLANK	180	219	151	169	154	124	997	11%
YES	503	520	740	659	649	533	3604	41%
NO	583	698	805	672	663	689	4110	47%
TOTAL	1266	1437	1696	1500	1466	1346	8711	100%

OTHER INFORMATION

REGISTERED VOTER STATISTICS

Democrats	3,409
Republicans	1,634
Unenrolled	7,329
Others	46
Total Registered	12,418

Unregistered	7,663
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POPULATION	20,081
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DOG STATISTICS

Dog Licenses	1,677
Kennel Licenses	15

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS RECORDED	172
DEATH RECORDED	136
MARRIAGES RECORDED	72

DEATH

NAME	DATE	AGE
ADLER, KARL E.	07/16/06	88
AUSTIN, GERALDINE M.	07/30/06	89
BAKER, JAMES	07/30/06	92
BARBAROW, RUTH	08/16/06	88
BEATON, MARION	09/13/06	86
BEATON, ROBERT	07/21/06	84
BERGLIND, OLIVE J.	10/29/06	91
BERTELSEN, PEARL S.	04/21/06	86
BIDDLE, GAYLE R.	03/30/06	86
BONNAR, LILLIAN	07/31/06	94
BOWEN, BARBARA E.	10/05/06	90
BOYAJIAN, ALDEN	08/19/06	0
BRETT, MARJORIE F.	07/06/06	68
BRIEFER, MARION	01/07/06	77
BUTMAN, MARY	08/28/06	92
CAIN, JOHN E.	02/02/06	88
CAMPBELL, REGINA	04/11/06	98
CARELL, LISA R.	07/19/06	46
CRAFTS, KATHERINE B.	05/01/06	88
CZAJKOWSKI, DENNIS R.	10/05/06	58
DALY, YVONNE	04/11/06	92
DAVIS, DOROTHY	01/28/06	90
DELUCO, ANGELA	01/05/06	85
DIAS, LOUISE E.	04/07/06	80
DICKSON, STUART G.	07/22/06	81
DWYER, JAMES W.	07/21/06	75
EASTERBROOKS, JANE I.	11/20/06	50
EDWARDS, HOWARD R.	06/12/06	83

NAME	DATE	AGE
EHRENFRIED, JO-ANN P.	01/02/06	79
ELLIOTT, JOHN C.	12/10/06	55
ERB, STUART W.	08/17/06	53
EVANS, EMALINE L.	06/03/06	82
EVANS, FRANKLIN S. JR.	07/15/06	84
FACKERT, ANITA C.	04/26/06	62
FANNING, JOAN I.	01/21/06	73
FERRARI, WANDA	10/30/06	86
FLANAGAN, JACK B. JR.	09/07/06	75
FLERRA, LOUIS F.	12/17/06	74
FLETCHER, MARION G.	02/26/06	89
FORSBERG, ROBERT D.	07/01/06	87
FOSTER, RICHARD E.	03/21/06	59
FURMAN, ALFRED A.	10/21/06	94
GALLAGHER, JAMES E.	02/07/06	85
GEORGE, ANNA M.	03/09/06	90
GEREB, MARTA K.	04/27/06	92
GIRK, PHILLIP D.	04/21/06	68
GLENDINNING, ROBERT C.	03/16/06	94
GOGOLIN, HELEN J.	07/23/06	90
GOODMAN, SHIRLEY B.	01/14/06	87
GRAF, BARTON F.	09/07/06	66
GRAVES, WILLIAM B.	09/16/06	74
GRAY, ANNA D.	02/11/06	103
GRIGORESCU, MARIA	07/28/06	71
GUIDONE, ADELINE E.	03/08/06	85
HANSON, MADELINE A.	08/11/06	97
HANSON, ROBERT E.	07/27/06	58
HARTING, MILTON I.	10/07/06	97
HARTSON, FLORENCE M.	03/31/06	80
IMKE, GUNTHER A.	12/17/06	77
JAROSLAW, SURRINE	08/15/06	89
JEMISON, ROY A.	03/03/06	68
KAUPPILA, EDITH S.	06/07/06	84
KEANE, PETER R.	07/18/06	65
KEEFE, JAMES F.	11/17/06	72
KELLY, WILLIAM S.	04/14/06	55
KENDRA, FRED	09/04/06	91
KOUVELIOTIS, FLORENCE	10/16/06	90
KRYLOV, EVGENY A.	05/24/06	52
LAPINSKI, FLORENCE	04/26/06	77
LEMIEUX, PHILIPPE N.	05/28/06	64
LUBIN, JOHN S.	11/13/06	89
MA, SHENG	02/22/06	38
MACCARTHY, JUSTIN G.	06/12/06	90
MADDEN, ROBERT W.	09/25/06	87
MAHAR, CHARLES R. SR.	04/06/06	88
MARCEWICZ, JOSEPH A.	04/24/06	77
MARTEL, EDWARD	05/25/06	86
MATHURIN, RAYMOND A.	08/01/06	66
MATUSOW, ROBERT J.	03/06/06	82
MCAHREN, ROBERT	10/16/06	75
MCCARTHY, PAULA V.	04/30/06	58
MCCRACKEN, KATHE	07/01/06	66
MCNEIL, ALICE L.	02/15/06	91

NAME	DATE	AGE			
MCPHERSON, MARGARET	10/19/06	87	SAMMET, AGNES E.	10/17/06	89
METCALF, RUTH F.	10/20/06	89	SANDS, IDA M.	07/29/06	96
MILLS, ALICE M.	11/15/06	96	SCHAFFER, BERT J.	02/20/06	71
MILLS, DOROTHY A.	03/16/06	61	SCHIAVO, EDITH E.	08/14/06	90
NOEL, CHRIS R.	02/01/06	45	SEGALL, MONICA M.	05/13/06	90
NOURSE, EDITH M.	12/13/06	86	SHAUGHNESSEY, MARY L.	03/16/06	75
O'BRIEN, SUZANNE M.	08/02/06	73	SHAW, DAVID H.	03/24/06	71
O'DELL, GLADYS J.	09/20/06	86	SHIEBLER, SANDRA B.	07/11/06	73
OLSHAN, MICHAEL	10/14/06	61	SISK, ANNA M.	03/03/06	83
O'NEIL, GERTRUDE M.	11/19/06	97	SLUYSKI, DOROTHY H.	05/29/06	90
PACY, ELISA T.	10/19/06	84	SMITH, AGNES B.	06/13/06	95
PALLADINO, LENA C.	04/13/06	86	SNYER, HARRY JR.	01/19/06	79
PEASLEE, ALLEN R.	07/06/06	75	SOFFKA, EDITH	10/08/06	86
PERLEY, DAVID W.	04/26/06	76	SPOONER, EDWIN G.	06/10/06	76
PETERSEN, GLADYS B.	04/11/06	86	STUART, JOHN H. JR.	02/10/06	65
PHELPS, RUTH	11/28/06	95	SULLIVAN, G. LENORE	03/21/06	69
PIERCE, ROXANNE M.	11/13/06	54	SUMNER, FRANCES B.B.	09/27/06	94
PIRONE, ALTHEA	02/12/06	63	TABLOSKI, BLANCHE M.	06/02/06	92
POWERS, FRANCIS L. JR.	11/10/06	96	TOOMANIANS, GEORGE	05/25/06	73
RASSULO, JOHN A.	01/02/06	52	WAGNER, MARIE F.	03/04/06	48
REARDON, ROBERT P.	09/11/06	66	WALSH, ANN C.	02/21/06	64
RENHULT, MARK A.	09/29/06	44	WATTS, CATHERINE J.	10/25/06	84
RICHTER, EDWIN W.	01/11/06	83	WEISTROP, NATHAN	10/28/06	89
ROBERTS, IDA	01/27/06	90	WEST, JON F.	02/08/06	68
ROBINSON, GEORGE Y.	08/13/06	82	WEYMOUTH, FRANCIS. JR.	02/20/06	63
ROTHSTEIN, LETTY M.	12/20/06	86	WINTER, MOZELLE	05/02/06	86
			YEOMANS, FREDERICK L.	02/08/06	81

ACTON INFORMATION

NATIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

NATIONAL	
President	George W. Bush
Vice-President	Richard Cheney
Senators in Congress	Edward M. Kennedy
5th Congressional District	John F. Kerry
Representative in Congress 5th Congressional District	Martin T. Meehan
STATE	
Governor	Mitt Romney
Lieutenant Governor	Kerry Healey
Secretary of the Commonwealth	William F. Galvin
Attorney General	Thomas F. Reilly
Treasurer and Receiver General	Timothy P. Cahill
Auditor of the Commonwealth	A. Joseph DeNucci
Senator Middlesex / Worcester District	Pamela P. Resor
Representative in General Court 14th Middlesex Representative District	Cory Atkins
Representative in General Court 37th Middlesex Representative District	James B. Eldridge
MIDDLESEX COUNTY	
Clerk of Superior Court	Edward J. Sullivan
Register of Deeds Middlesex South	Eugene C. Brune
Register of Probate	John R. Buonomo
District Attorney	Martha Coakley
County Sheriff	James V. DiPaola

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

POSITION	TERM NAME	EXPIRES
Moderator	Donald MacKenzie	2007
Acton Board of Selectmen		
	Peter K. Ashton	2007
Clerk	Lauren S. Rosenzweig	2008
	F. Dore' Hunter	2008
Chair	Walter M. Foster	2007
VC	Andrew Magee	2009
Acton - Boxborough Regional School District		
	Sharon A. Smith-McManus	200
	Michael J. Coppolino	2007
	John E. Ryder, Jr	2008
	Jonathan E. Chinitz	2009
	Marie E. Altieri	2009
	Terence Lindgren	2007
Acton Public Schools Committee		
Chair	John E. Ryder, Jr	2008
	Michael J. Coppolino	2007
	Sharon A. Smith-McManus	2008
	Jonathan E. Chinitz	2009
	Marie E. Altieri	2009
	Terence Lindgren	2007
Trustees Memorial Library		
	Robert J. Surdel	2008
	David T. Barrat	2009
	Thomas F. Dunn	2007
	Francis Joyner Jr.	Corporate
	Dennis J. Ahern	Corporate
	Ann W. Chang	Corporate
	Mildred Jarvis	Corporate
	Brewster Conant	Corporate
	Robert Ferrara	Corporate
Housing Authority		
	Kenneth Sghia-Hughes	2011
	Jean B. Schoch	2007
	Robert B. Whittlesey	State Appt
	Dennis P. Sullivan	2010
	Bernice Baron	2011
Trustees, Fireman's Relief Fund Acton		
	William A. Klauer	2008
	Allen H. Nelson	2009
	James D. Young	2007

Trustees, Fireman's Relief Fund West Acton

Edward M. Bennett	2009
Robert A. Vanderhoof	2007
Malcolm S. MacGregor	2008

Trustees, Charlotte Goodnow Fund

Sally Moore	2009
Karen Sharp	2007
Alice P. Miller	2008

Trustees, Elizabeth White Fund

Cornelia O. Huber	2007
Francis M. Joyner, Jr.	2009
Andrea S. Miller	2008

Trustees, West Acton Citizen Library

Robert L. Loomis	2008
Open	2007
Peter J. Guilmette	2009

**OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY
MODERATOR****Finance Committee**

Chair	David Stone	2009
	Patricia Easterly	2007
	William Mullin	2009
	Robert Evans	2009
	Herman Kabakoff	2007
V C	Patricia Clifford	2007
	Stephen R. Noone	2006
	Allen Nitschelm	2007
	Kent Sharp	2008

Minuteman Science-Technology H.S.

Charles H. Olmstead	2008
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**APPOINTMENTS MADE BY
SELECTMEN**

POSITION	TERM EXPIRES
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Acton Boxborough Cultural Council	
Members	
Rixin Li	2009
Elaine Sisler	2009
Nancy Gerhardt	2009
Anne Budner (Chair)	2009
Rachel F. Lucas	2008

Acton Community Housing Corporation

Nancy Tavenier- Chair	2008
Naomi McManus	2008
Ryan Bettez	2009
Daniel Buckley	2007
Kevin McManus	2008
Member - Open	
Member - Open	
Pam Shuttle (Associate)	2007
Bernice Baran (Associate)	2007

Acton Water Resources Advisory Committee

Lauren Rosenzweig - BOS	2009
Andy Magee - BOS	
Joanne Bissetta - Board of Health	2009
Terry Maitland - Conservation Commission	2009
Nancy Tavernier - ACHC	2009
Allen Nitschelm - Finance Committee	2009
Chris Schaffner - Planning Board	2009
John Ryder - School Committee	2009
Eric Hilfer - ACES	2009
Jim Deming - Water District	2009
Ken Sundberg - Business Community	2009
J.D. Head - School Committee	2009
Ann Chang - Member at Large -	2009
Helen Probst - Member at Large	2009
Philip Alvarez - Board of Health (Associate)	2009
Carol Holley - ACES (Associate)	2009
Michael Densen - Planning Board Associate	2009
Jane Ceraso - Water District (Associate)	2009
Ron Beck - Member at Large (Associate)	2009

Board of Appeals

Jon Wagner	2007
Kenneth Zozik	2008
Cara Voutsela	2009
Richard Fallon - Alternate	2009

POSITION	TERM EXPIRES	POSITION	TERM EXPIRES
Board of Assessor's		Conservation Commission	
James Kotanchik (Chair)	2009	Terry Maitland (Chair)	2009
David E. Brown	2008	Cheryl Lowe	2008
Susan C. Miller	2008	Julia S. Miles	2009
Board of Health		William Froberg	2009
William McInnis (Chair)	2007	Linda Serafini	2008
Joanne Bissetta	2007	Janet Adachi	2008
Pamela Harting-Barrat	2009	James Snyder Grand-Associate	2007
William R. Taylor	2009	Council on Aging	
Member - Open		Stephan Baran (Co-Chair)	2007
Philip J. Alvarez (V-Associate)	2008	Gena Manalan (Co-Chair)	2007
Robert Oliveri (V-Associate)	2008	Anita Dodson	2007
Rita Dolan (Associate)	2009	Pat Ellis	2007
Board of Registrar of Voters		Bill Ely	2007
Dewitt C. Seward, III	2009	Paul Turner	2007
Katherine F. Arnold - Republican	2008	Edwin Carell (Associate)	2007
Deena Ferrara - Democratic	2007	Sally Thompson (Associate)	2007
Cable Advisory Committee		Design Review Guidelines Committee	
Frits W. Riep (Chair)	2009	Peter Ashton	2009
John Covert	2008	Lauren Rosenzweig - Chair	2009
Michael W. Geis	2007	Terra Friedrichs	2009
Theresa M. Landers	2007	Ann Sussman	2009
Mark H. Eisenberg	2007	Tom Peterman	2009
Ernie J. Lang	2007	Lynne Alpert	2009
Brian F. Costello	2007	Economic Development Committee	
Oleg M. Volinsky (Associate)	2007	Lauren Rosenzweig (BOS)	2009
Terra Friedrichs (Associate)	2007	Edward R. Starzec (Chair) Planning	2009
Cemetery Commission		William Lawrence, Chamber	2008
Leslie Gerhardt (Chair)	2009	Chris Papanthanasio, Chamber-B	2007
Charles Smith (Clerk)	2007	Member (Fincom) - Open	
Brewster Conant	2008	Member (BOS) - Open	
Community Preservation Committee		Member - Planning) Open	
Matthew Lundberg -Rec	2007	Economic Development & Industrial Corporation	
Susan Mitchell-Hardt	2009	Jonathan Avery-RE	2007
Walter Foster (BOS)	2009	Harry Hedison	2009
Kenneth Sghia Hughes-(AHA) - (V. Chair)	2008	Bonnie Wilson-Ind/Com	2009
Peter Berry	2007	John G. Ravis	2007
Catherine Coleman - (Chair)	2009	James Walker	2008
Edmund R. Starzec-(Planning) - (Clerk)	2007	Health Insurance Trustees	
Victoria Beyer-(Historical)	2008	Peter Ashton (Chair)	
Andrew Magee (ConsCom)	2008	Marie Altieri (SC)	
Jon Benson (Associate)	2007	Robert Evans (Fincom)	
Nancy Tavenier (Associate)ACHC	2007	Town Treasurer (John Murray)	
Community Shuttle Committee		Director of Finances-Schools (Sharon Summers)	
Antonio Santoro (LRTA Rep)			
Jim Yarin (TAC Rep)			

POSITION	TERM EXPIRES		
		Susan Mitchell-Hardt	
		William Mullin	
Historical Commission		Open Space Committee	
Peter Grover (Chair)	2007	Andrew Magee (Chair)-BOS	2008
Anita Dodson	2008	Jane Ceraso (Water District)	2008
William Klauer	2008	Ruth Martin (Planning)	2008
Victoria Beyer	2009	Karen O'Neil (Clerk)	2008
Kimberly Connors Hughes	2008	Cheryl Lowe (Conservation)	2008
		Charles Carlson	2008
Historic District Commission		Peter Ashton (Citizen)	2008
Brian Bendig (Chair)	2009	Dick Hatfield	2008
Michaela Moran (Secretary)	2007		
Thomas Peterman	2007	Outdoor Lighting Education Committee	
Aaron W. Moore	2008	Bernard Kosicki (Chair)	2007
Patty Murphy (Alternate)	2009	Martin Graetz	2007
Anne Forbes (Alternate)	2007	Gary Green	2007
		Steven Feinstein	2007
Land Stewardship Committee		Hartley Millet	2007
Charles Carlson-Pratt's Brook	2009	Planning Board	
Joan Cirillo-Nagog Hill	2009	Gregory Niemyski (Chair)	2010
David Cochrane-Heath Hen Meadow	2009	Christopher Schaffner (V. Chair)	2008
Andy Gatesman-Bulette Town Forest	2009	Edmund R. Starzec (Clerk)	2007
Robert Guba - Trails Coordinator	2009	Ruth Martin	2008
Maura Herlihy-Wills Hole/Town Forest	2009	Michael C. Densen	2010
Gigi Hopkins-Wetherbee	2009	Bruce Reichlen	2011
Philip Keyes-Springhill	2009	Alan Mertz (Associate)	2007
Peggy Liversidge	2009	Recreation Commission	
Linda McElroy-Canoe Landing	2009	Ronald Schlegel (Chair)	2009
Nan Millett-Stoneymeade	2009	Michaela Zaremba (V. Chair)	2009
Richard Rhode-Camp Acton	2009	Allison E. Gallagher	2008
Ann Shubert-Grassy Pond	2009	Mathew Lundberg	2007
James Snyder-Grant-Guggins Brook (Chair)	2009		
Laurie Ullmann-Nashoba Brook	2009	Senior / Disabled Taxation Aid Committee - (STAC)	
Paul Wasserboehr-Great Hill	2009	Chair of Board of Assessors (James Kotanchik)	
Member (Jenks)		Town Treasurer (John Murray)	
		Peter Ashton	
Lowell Regional Transit		Nancy Gerhardt	2007
Antonio Santoro	2008	Carol Mahoney	2007
		Transportation Advisory Committee	
Morrison Farm Reuse Committee		Leslie Hogan	2008
Walter Foster (BOS)		James E. Yarin	2009
Alison Gallagher (Rec)		Maureen Greer (Associate)	2007
Ann Shubert		Holly Ben-Joseph (Associate)	2007
Anne Forbes			
Bonnie Geither		Volunteer Coordinating Committee	
Brewster Conant (Cemetery)		Nancy Whitcomb (Chair)	2008
Catherine Coleman		Jean B. Schoch	2007
David Brown (EA)		Efi Papadopoulos	2007
Julia Miles (ConCom)		Giorgio Bruschi	2007
Lauren Rosenzweig (BOS)			
Laurie Ullman			
Linda McElroy			
Nan Millett			
Peggy Liversidge			
Peter Grover			
Ruth Martin			

Water District-Land Management Advisory Committee
 Paul Malchodi - BOS Appointed 2009
 Greta Eckhardt - Wat Dist Appointed
 Barry Rosen- Wat Dist Appointed
 Charles Olmstead-Wat Dist Appointed
 John Cipar- Wat Dist Appointed

Director of Municipal Properties
 Dean Charter

Director of Public Health
 Douglas Halley

Dog Officer
 Patrick (TAC) Palmer

Fence Viewer
 Bruce Stamski

Field Driver
 William J. Durkin

Fire Chief
 Robert Craig

Deputy Fire Chief
 Kevin Lyons

Captains
 Carl Robinson
 George Williams

Robert Vanderhoof
 Michael Lyons

Lieutenants
 Brian Richter
 Robert Hart

John White
 Robert Smith

Firefighters
 Forrest E. Bean, III
 James Young
 Bruce Stone

Firefighters/EMT's
 Robert Sabourin
 Richard Sullivan
 Ricky Robinson
 James Ray
 Richard O'Leary
 Tom Wallerstein
 Kenneth Ineson
 William Klauer
 Leo Hayes
 Kris Ellicks
 Shawn Ferrari
 Kenneth Carroll
 Eric Mathieu
 William Rolfe
 Matthew LaBossierre

Scott Morse
 Brent Carter
 Jared Crowley
 Anita Arnum
 Shean Sheridan
 Mark Richardson
 Robert Wetherbee*
 Christopher Sammet
 Patrick Judge
 Edmond Daigneault
 Nick Pentedemous
 Richard Tyler
 Dennis Smith
 Thomas Matthews
 Josh DeFelice

Call Fire Fighter
 Robert Puffer

Forest Warden
 Chief Craig

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE TOWN MANAGER

Assistant Town Manager
 John Murray III

Assistant Assessor
 Brian McMullen

Commission on Disabilities	Expires
9 Members for 3 year terms	
John A. Barko	2009
Elizabeth A. Franklin	2006
Christine Weinberger	2009
Brenda Viola	2010
Janet Feasel	2009
Selma Garber	2009
Jean Nigro-Ricci	2006
Beatriz Maimone	2011

Constable
 Robert Connell
 David Muscovitz
 Christine Joyce
 Christopher Prehl
 Frederick Hryniewich
 David Allen

Deputy Building Inspector
 Vacant

Deputy Forest Warden
 Kevin Lyons

Deputy Inspector of Gas Piping and Gas Appliances
 Todd Bosselmann

Deputy Inspector of Wires
 Charles Weeks

Emergency Management
 Director Don P Johnson
 Director John Murray
 Deputy Director, Gail Sawyer
 Deputy Director, Charles Landry

Inspector of Animals

Patrick Palmer

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Patrick Palmer

Inspector of Gas Piping and Appliances

James G. Corey

Inspector of Wires

William Morehouse

Local Building Commissioner

Garry A. Rhodes

Natural Resources/Cemetery Director

Thomas Tidman

Keeper of the Lockup

Frank J. Widmayer III

Chief of Police

Frank J. Widmayer III

Lieutenants

Donald L. Palma Jr.

Thomas J. Rogers

Sergeants

Robert L. Parisi

John Cooney

James A. Cogan

Raymond P. Grey

Edward Lawton

Police Officers

Paul Cogan

Robert Cowan

James Goodemote

Christopher Prehl

Scott Howe

Michael Cogan

Kevin Heffernan

Luke Penney

Dean Keeler

Keith Campbell

Douglas Sturniolo

Daniel Holway

Todd McKelvie

John Collins

Michael Eracleo

John Stackhouse

Cristopher Browne
Frederick Rentschler

Leo Gower
Gardena Abramowitz
Daniel Silva
Scott Krug

Tricia Sullivan
Stephen MCarthy
David Lanteigne

Police Matrons

Faith Williams

Debra Richardson

Christine Joyce

Dispatchers

Faith Williams

Kevin Antonelli

Daniel Deane

Robert Socha

Robert Boyd

Robert Puffer

Taryn Sundburg

Anne Milligan

Roger Wallace

Adam Bean

Paul Connors **

Kevin Cann

Alicia Mele

Matthew Hammer

Paul Wexleblat

Adam Bean

Public Ceremonies and Celebrations

Gail Sawyer

Public Weighers

Christopher N. Prehl

Paul Cogan

James A. Barbato

Robert Greenough

Recreation Director

Catherine Fochtman

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Mark Fitzpatrick

Supt. of Streets

David Brown

Town Finance Director

Steven Barrett

Town Engineer

Bruce Stamski

Town Report Committee

Ann Chang

Mildred Jarvis

Veteran's Agent

F. Dore' Hunter

**Resigned

* Retired

STREET LIST

**OF THE TOWN OF
ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

**TOWN OF ACTON
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
JANUARY 1, 2004**

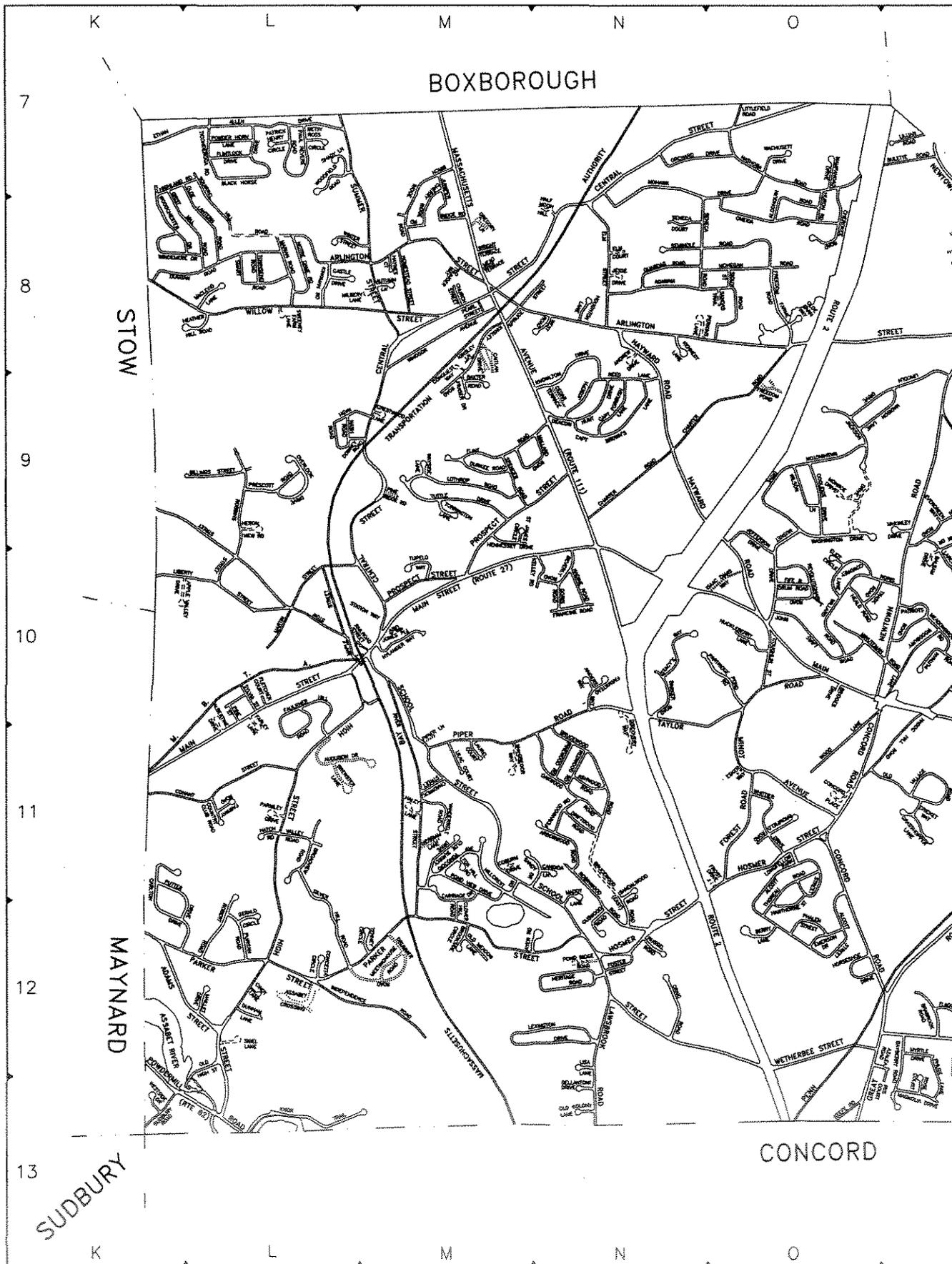
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ABEL JONES PLACE	4	M-10	BREWSTER LANE	5	L-11
ACORN PARK DRIVE	2	R-10	BRIAR HILL ROAD	1	R-11
ADAMS STREET	5	K-12	BRIDGES DRIVE	2	O-10
AGAWAM ROAD	3	N-8	BRIDLE PATH WAY	1	Q-13
ALBERTINE DRIVE	4	L-10	BRIMSTONE LANE	1	R-11
ALCOTT STREET	6	O-12	BROADVIEW ROAD	5	L-11
ALEXANDRA WAY	1	S-10	BROMFIELD ROAD	6	O-11
ALGONQUIN ROAD	3	O-8	BROOK STREET	6	Q-11
ANDERS WAY	4	N-10	BROOKSIDE CIRCLE	5	M-12
ANDREW DRIVE	4	N-8	BROWN BEAR CROSSING 1	S9	
APPLE VALLEY DRIVE	4	K-10	BRUCEWOOD ROAD	6	N-11
ARBORWOOD ROAD	5	N-11	BRUCEWOOD ROAD EAST	6	N-11
	3 - 21 ODD		BULETTE ROAD	2	P-7
	18 - 20 EVEN		BUTTERNUT HOLLOW	1	S-9
ARBORWOOD ROAD	6	N-11			
	2 - 12 EVEN		CAITLIN DRIVE	4	M-8
ARLINGTON STREET	2	P-8	CANDIDA LANE	5	N-11
	1 - 73 ODD		CANTERBURY HILL ROAD	1	S-11
	14 - 134 EVEN		CAPTAIN BROWN'S LANE	4	N-9
ARLINGTON STREET	3	N-8	CAPTAIN FORBUSH LANE	4	N-9
	89 - 423 ODD		CAPTAIN HANDLEY ROAD	1	R-10
	272 - END EVEN		CARLISLE ROAD	1	T-11
ARLINGTON STREET	4	N-8	CARLTON DRIVE	5	K-11
	158 - 262 EVEN		CARRIAGE DRIVE	5	M-11
ASHLEY CIRCLE	1	S-11	CASTLE DRIVE	3	L-8
ASHWOOD ROAD	6	N-11	CEDAR TERRACE	4	N-9
ASSABET CROSSING	5	L-12	CENTRAL STREET	3	N-7
AUDUBON DRIVE	5	L-11		236 - 456 EVEN	
AUTUMN LANE	3	M-8		283 - 459 ODD	
AYER ROAD	5	N-12	CENTRAL STREET	4	M-8
AZALEA COURT	6	P-13		1 - 267 ODD	
				2 - 224 EVEN	
BADGER CIRCLE	1	S-11	CHADWICK STREET	5	M-11
BALSAM DRIVE	2	P-9	CHAFFIN WAY	2	P-8
BANKSIDE HOLLOW	1	S-9	CHARTER ROAD	2	N-9
BARKER ROAD	6	N-10		63 - 103 ODD	
BAXTER ROAD	4	M-9		54 - 106 EVEN	
BAYBERRY ROAD	6	P-12	CHARTER ROAD	4	N-9
BEECHNUT STREET	2	R-9		16-50	
BELLANTONI DRIVE	5	N-13	CHEROKEE ROAD	3	O-8
BELLOWS FARM ROAD	1	R-12	CHERRY RIDGE ROAD	3	M-8
BERRY LANE	6	O-12	CHESTNUT STREET	2	R-9
BETH CIRCLE	1	S-9	CHURCH STREET	3	M-8
BETSEY ROSS CIRCLE	3	L-7	CINDY LANE	5	L-12
BEVERLY ROAD	4	N-10	CLOVER HILL ROAD	5	M-12
BILLINGS STREET	4	L-9	COBURN DRIVE	5	M-11
BIRCH RIDGE ROAD	3	M-7	CONANT STREET	5	L-11
BITTERSWEET LANE	1	R-11	CONCETTA CIRCLE	5	L-12
BLACK HORSE DRIVE	3	L-7	CONCORD PLACE	6	O-11
BLUE HERON WAY	1	R-11	CONCORD ROAD	6	O-11
BLUEBERRY PATH	1	T-11	CONQUEST WAY	4	M-9
BRABROOK ROAD	6	P-12	COOLIDGE DRIVE	2	O-9
BRAMBLE WAY	1	R-12	COUGHLIN STREET	6	O-10
BREEZY POINT ROAD	2	R-9	COUNTRY CLUB ROAD	5	L-11

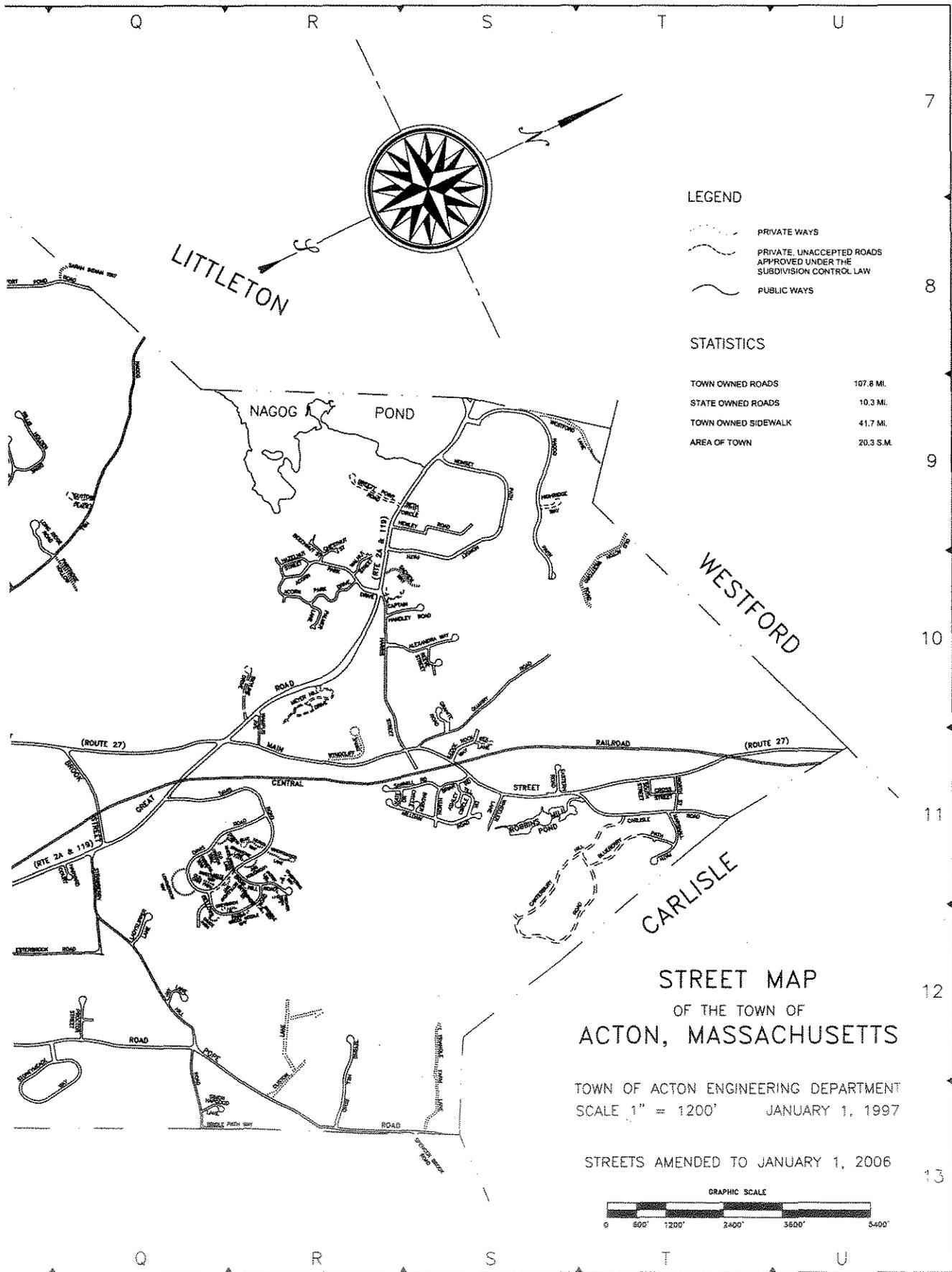
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COUNTRYSIDE ROAD	2	P-7	FREEDOM FARME ROAD	2	O-8
COWDREY LANE	2	O-10		1 - 5 ODD	
CRAIG ROAD	6	N-12		2 - 4 EVEN	
CRESTWOOD LANE	4	M-9	FREEDOM FARME ROAD	3	O-8
CRICKET WAY	6	P-11		7 - 21 ODD	
CROSS STREET	1	T-11		8-11 EVEN	
DAVIS ROAD	1	R-11	FROST DRIVE	2	0-11
DEACON HUNT ROAD	4	N-9	GERALD CIRCLE	5	L-12
DEERGRASS LANE	1	R-11	GIONCONDA AVENUE	5	M-11
DEVON DRIVE	1	T-11	GRANITE ROAD	1	S-10
DISCOVERY WAY	5	N-11	GRACE PATH	1	Q-12
DORIS ROAD	4	N-10	GRASSHOPPER LANE	6	P-11
DOWNEY ROAD	4	L-9	GREAT ELM WAY	1	S-9
DRIFTWOOD ROAD	6	N-11	GREAT ROAD	6	Q-13
DRUMMER ROAD	5	M-12		1 - 217 ODD	
DUGGAN ROAD	3	L-8		2 - 336 EVEN	
DUNHAM LANE	5	L-12	GREAT ROAD	2	Q-11
DURKEE ROAD	4	M-9		340 - END EVEN	
DUSTON LANE	1	R-12	GREEN NEEDLE WAY	1	R-12
EASTERN ROAD	1	S-11	GREENWOOD LANE	2	P-10
ELIOT CIRCLE	2	O-10	GREGORY LANE	3	M-8
ELM COURT	3	N-8	GREYBIRCH LANE	1	Q-12,R-12
ELM STREET	3	N-8	GRIST MILL ROAD	3	L-8
EMERSON DRIVE	6	O-12	GUSWOOD ROAD	5	N-12
ESKER WAY	6	O-11	HALEY LANE	5	M-11
ESTERBROOK ROAD	6	P-12	HALF MOON HILL	3	N-8
ETHAN ALLEN DRIVE	3	L-7	HAMMOND STREET	2	P-9
EVERGREEN ROAD	2	P-9	HARRIS STREET	1	R-10
EVERGREEN WAY	2	P-9	HARTLAND WAY	1	T-11
FAIRWAY ROAD	5	L-11	HARVARD COURT	6	Q-11
FARLEY LANE	5	L-10	HATCH ROAD	5	L-11
FARMERS ROW	1	Q-11	HAWTHORNE STREET	6	O-12
FARMSTEAD WAY	4	N-10	HAYNES COURT	3	M-8
FAULKNER HILL ROAD	5	L-10	HAYWARD ROAD	2	N-9
FERNWOOD ROAD	5	N-11		1 - 61 ODD	
	3-11 ODD		HAYWARD ROAD	4	N-9
FERNWOOD ROAD	6	N-11		66 - END EVEN	
	4-10 EVEN		HAYWARD ROAD	6	N-9
FIFE & DRUM ROAD	2	O-10		4-54 EVEN	
FISCHER PATH	1	R-11	HAZELNUT STREET	2	R-10
FLAGG ROAD	6	P-12	HEALD ROAD	2	O-10
FLETCHER COURT	4	L-10	HEATHER HILL ROAD	4	L-8
FLINT ROAD	4	M-9	HEMLOCK LANE	2	P-10
FLINTLOCK DRIVE	3	L-7	HENLEY ROAD	1	S-9
FOREST ROAD	6	O-11	HENNESSEY DRIVE	4	M-9
FORT POND ROAD	2	P-8	HERITAGE ROAD	5	N-12
FOSTER STREET	6	N-12	HERON VIEW ROAD	4	L-9
FOX HILL ROAD	5	M-11	HICKORY HILL TRAIL	2	P-10
FRANCINE ROAD	4	N-10	HIGH STREET	5	L-11
FRANKLIN PLACE	2	P-10	HIGHLAND ROAD	3	K-7
FRASER DRIVE	4	M-9	HIGHRIDGE WAY	1	S-9
			HILLCREST DRIVE	5	M-11

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HILLSIDE TERRACE	3	M-8	LOTHROP ROAD	4	M-9
HOMESTEAD STREET	3	M-8	MacGREGOR WAY	5	M-11
HORSESHOE DRIVE	6	O-12	MacLEON LANE	3	L-8
HOSMER STREET	5	N-12	MacKINLEY DRIVE	2	P-9
HOSMER STREET	103 - 119 ODD		MADDY LANE	5	N-11
	6	O-11	MADISON LANE	2	O-9
	3 - 91 ODD		MAGNOLIA DRIVE	6	P-13
	2 - 106 EVEN		MAILLET DRIVE	5	L-12
HOUGHTON LANE	3	N-8	MAIN STREET	5	O-10
HUCKLEBERRY LANE	6	O-10		3 - 113 ODD	
HURON ROAD	3	O-8	MAIN STREET	4	M-11
INDEPENDENCE ROAD	5	L-12		4 - 312 EVEN	
IRIS COURT	6	P-12		123 - 321 ODD	
ISSAC DAVIS WAY	6	O-10	MAIN STREET	2	O-10
JACKSON DRIVE	2	O-9		398 - 650 EVEN	
JAY LANE	1	Q-12	MAIN STREET	6	R-11
JEFFERSON DRIVE	2	O-9		355 - 641 ODD	
JENNIFER PATH	1	R-10	MAIN STREET	1	R11
JESSE DRIVE	3	N-8		660 - END	
JOHN SWIFT ROAD	2	O-10		655 - END	
JOSEPH REED LANE	4	N-9	MALLARD ROAD	4	N-9
JUNIPER RIDGE ROAD	3	M-8	MAPLE STREET	4	L-10
KATE DRIVE	1	R-11	MARIAN STREET	3	L-8
KEEFE ROAD	6	O-13	MARSHALL PATH	1	T-11
KELLEY ROAD	4	N-10	MARTIN STREET	4	L-10
KENNEDY LANE	2	N-8	MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE	6	N-11
KINGMAN ROAD	3	L-8		151 - 299 ODD	
KINSLEY LANE	4	M-8		186 - 222 EVEN	
KINSLEY ROAD	4	M-8	MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE	3	M-8
KNOWLTON DRIVE	4	N-9		603 - 693 ODD	
KNOX TRAIL	5	L-13		592 - 698 EVEN	
LADYSLIPPER LANE	1	Q-12	MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE	4	N-9
LARCH ROAD	2	P-10		310 - 598 EVEN	
LAUREL COURT	5	M-11		367 - 587 ODD	
LAWS BROOK ROAD	5	N-12	MEAD TERRACE	3	M-8
	1 - 63 ODD		MEADOWS EDGE	1	S-9
LAWS BROOK ROAD	6	N-12	MEADOW BROOK ROAD	2	P-10
	2 - 66 EVEN		MEETINGHOUSE ROAD	5	M-12
LEDGE ROCK WAY	1	S-11	MERRIAM LANE	5	M-11
LEXINGTON DRIVE	5	N-12	MEYER HILL DRIVE	1	R-10
LIBERTY STREET	4	L-10	MILBERRY LANE	3	M-8
LILAC COURT	5	M-11	MILLDAM ROAD	1	S-11
LILLIAN ROAD	2	P-7	MINOT AVENUE	6	O-11
LINCOLN DRIVE	2	P-9	MINUTEMAN ROAD	2	O-10
LISA LANE	5	N-12	MOHAWK DRIVE	3	N-7
LITTLEFIELD ROAD	3	O-7	MOHEGAN ROAD	3	O-8
LONG RIDGE ROAD	2	P-9	MONROE DRIVE	2	O-9
LONGFELLOW PARK	6	O-11	MOSSY LANE	1	R-11
LONGMEADOW WAY	1	Q-11	MUSKET DRIVE	2	O-10
LOOSESTICK WAY	1	R-11	MYRTLE DRIVE	6	P-12
			NADINE ROAD	4	N-10

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NAGOG HILL ROAD	6	Q-9	PINEWOOD ROAD	6	N-11
	1 - 59 ODD		PIPER LANE	4	M-11
	12 - 48 EVEN		PIPER ROAD	4	M-11
NAGOG HILL ROAD	2	Q-9		4 - 96 EVEN	
	77 - END		PIPER ROAD	5	M-11
	74 - END			1 - 53 ODD	
NAGOG PARK	1	S-9	PIPER ROAD	6	M-11
NAGOG SQUARE	1	S-9		63 - 79 ODD	
NASH ROAD	4	L-9	POND RIDGE DRIVE	5	N-12
NASHOBA ROAD	3	O-7	POND VIEW DRIVE	5	M-11
NEWTOWN ROAD	2	P-8	POPE ROAD	1	Q-12
NONSET PATH	1	S-9		196 - 258 EVEN	
NORTHBRIAR ROAD	1	S-11		205 - 249 ODD	
NORTH STREET	1	T-11	POPE ROAD	6	Q-12
NOTRE DAME ROAD	3	L-8		16 - 190 EVEN	
NYLANDER WAY	4	M-10		3 - 187 ODD	
			POST OFFICE SQUARE	2	P-11
OAKWOOD ROAD	5	N-12	POWDER HORN LANE	3	L-7
	1 - 19 ODD		POWDER MILL ROAD	5	L-13
OAKWOOD ROAD	6	N-12	PRESCOTT ROAD	4	L-9
	2 - 26 EVEN		PROCTOR STREET	6	Q-12
	21-END ODD		PROSPECT STREET	4	M-10
OLD BEAVER BROOK	1	S-9	PURITAN ROAD	5	L-12
OLD CART PATH	1	Q-11	PUTNAM ROAD	2	P-10
OLD COLONY LANE	5	N-13	PUTTER DRIVE	5	K-11
OLD HIGH STREET	5	L-12			
OLD MEADOW LANE	5	M-12	QUABOAG ROAD	3	N-8
OLD OREGON TRAIL	1	Q-11	QUAIL RUN	1	R-11
OLD STONE BROOK	1	S-9	QUARRY ROAD	1	S-10
OLD VILLAGE ROAD	6	P-11			
OLDE BARN WAY	2	O-8	RAILROAD STREET	4	M-10
OLDE LANTERN ROAD	3	L-8	REDWOOD ROAD	6	N-11
OLDE SURREY DRIVE	5	M-11	REEVE STREET	1	S-10
ONEIDA ROAD	3	O-8	REVOLUTIONARY ROAD	2	O-10
ORCHARD DRIVE	3	N-7	REX LANE	1	S-11
OVERLOOK DRIVE	4	L-9	RIVER STREET	5	M-11
OXBOW DRIVE	1	Q-11	ROBBINS STREET	4	L-9
			ROBERT ROAD	5	L-12
PALMER LANE	2	R-10	ROBINWQOOD ROAD	5	N-11
PARKER STREET	5	L-12		1 - 29 ODD	
PARMLEY DRIVE	5	L-11	ROBINWOOD ROAD	6	N-11
PARTRIDGE POND ROAD	6	O-10		4 - 22 EVEN	
PARTRIDGE HOLLOW	2	Q-10	ROSE COURT	6	P-13
PATRICK HENRY CIRCLE	3	L-7	ROUTE 2		O-8, O-12
PATRIOTS ROAD	2	P-10	RUSSELL ROAD	6	O-12
PAUL REVERE ROAD	3	L-7			
PEARL STREET	4	M-8	SACHEM WAY	1	R-10
PERKINS LANE	3	N-8	SAINT JAMES CIRCLE	4	M-9
PHALEN STREET	6	O-12	SAMANTHA WAY	1	R-10
PHEASANT HILL	1	S-9	SAMUEL PARLIN DRIVE	2	P-9
PHLOX LANE	6	P-12	SANDALWOOD ROAD	6	N-11
PINE CONE STRAND	1	S-9	SANDAS TRAIL	3	O-8
PINE STREET	4	L-10	SANDY DRIVE	5	N-11
PINE RIDGE ROAD	4	M-9	SARAH INDIAN WAY	2	Q-8

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SAWMILL ROAD	1	S-11	THOREAU ROAD	6	D-11
SCHOOL STREET	4	M-10	TICONDEROGA ROAD	3	L-7
	2 - 90 EVEN		TILL DRIVE	1	S-11
SCHOOL STREET	5	M-11	TINSDALE DRIVE	1-11	
	100 - 248 EVEN		TORRINGTON LANE	4	M-9
	3 - 271 ODD		TOWNE HOUSE LANE	4	N-10
SCHOOL STREET	6	M-10	TOWNSEND ROAD	3	L-8
	285 - 311 ODD		TRASK ROAD	2	O-10
	256 - 312 EVEN		TRIANGLE FARM LANE	1	S-13
SEMINOLE ROAD	3	N-8	TUMBLING HAWK	1	S-9
SENECA COURT	3	N-8	TUPELO WAY	4	M-10
SENECA ROAD	3	N-8	TUTTLE DRIVE	4	M-9
SETTLEMENT WAY	1	R-11			
SHADY LANE	3	L-7	VALLEY ROAD	5	L-11
SIBEL LANE	5	L-12	VANDEBELT ROAD	5	M-11
SILVER HILL ROAD	5	L-12			
SIMON HAPGOOD LANE	1	Q-13	WACHUSETT DRIVE	3	O-7
SIMON WILLARD ROAD	2	O-10	WALNUT STREET	2	R-10
SIOUX STREET	3	O-8	WAMPANOAG DRIVE	3	O-7
SKYLINE DRIVE	2	R-10	WAMPUS AVENUE	1	R-10
SMART ROAD	3	L-8	WASHINGTON DRIVE	2	O-9
SOUTH STREET	1	T-11	WATERSIDE CLEARING	1	S-9
SPENCER BROOK ROAD	1	S-13	WAYSIDE LANE	4	M-9
SPENCER ROAD	4	M-9	WEST ROAD	4	N-8
SPLIT ROCK	1	S-9	WESTFORD LANE	1	S-9
SPRING HILL ROAD	1	R-12	WESTSIDE DRIVE	5	K-12
SPRUCE STREET	3	M-9	WETHERBEE STREET	6	O-12
	30 - 70 EVEN		WHEELER LANE	1	S-11
	25 - 75 ODD		WHEELWRIGHT LANE	1	R-11
SPRUCE STREET	4	M-8	WHISPERING WAY	1	R-12
	10 - 20 EVEN		WHITTIER DRIVE	6	O-11
	5 - 11 ODD		WILLIS HOLDEN DRIVE	2	P-9
SQUIRREL HILL ROAD	3	L-8	WILLOW STREET	3	L-8
STACY'S WAY	6	N-10		5 - 179 ODD	
STATION WAY	4	M-10	WILLOW STREET	4	L-8
STONEYMEADE WAY	6	P-12		28 - 180 EVEN	
STOW STREET	4	L-10	WILSON LANE	2	O-9
STRAWBERRY HILL ROAD	1	Q-12	WINDEMERE DRIVE	3	K-8
	4 - END EVEN		WINDINGWOOD LANE	1	R-11
STRAWBERRY HILL ROAD	6	Q12	WINDSOR AVENUE	4	M-8
	5 - END ODD		WINGATE LANE	6	P-12
SUDBURY ROAD	5	K-13	WINTER STREET	3	L-8
SUMMER STREET	4	M-8	WINTERBERRY PATH	1	R-11
	8 - 20 EVEN		WOOD LANE	6	O-11
	13 - 23 ODD		WOODBURY LANE	2	P-10
SUMMER STREET	3	M-8	WOODCHESTER DRIVE	3	K-8
	33 - END		WOODFIELD ROAD	3	L-7
SUTTON PLACE	2	Q-9	WRIGHT TERRACE	3	M-8
SWEENEY FARM LANE	4	L-8	WYNDCLIFF DRIVE	1	R-11
SWEETBRIAR WAY	1	Q-11			
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Senior Taxation Aid Committee	stac@acton-ma.gov
South Acton Revitalization Committee	sarc@acton-ma.gov
Town Report Committee	trc@acton-ma.gov
Transportation Advisory Committee	tac@acton-ma.gov
Treasurer's Advisory Committee	trac@acton-ma.gov
Volunteer Coordinating Committee	vcc@acton-ma.gov
Wastewater Advisory Committee	wac@acton-ma.gov

TOWN OF ACTON VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Residents interested in serving on a Town Board, Committee, or Commission are requested to complete this form and forward it to the office of the Town Manager at the Acton Town Hall.

(Please print or type)

Date: _____

Mr/Mrs.
Ms/Dr. Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____ Home Phone _____ Email _____

Please refer to the other side of this sheet and indicate below, in order of preference, the Board, Committee, or Commission, which is of interest to you:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Have you been a member of a Board, Committee, or Commission previously (either in Acton or elsewhere)? If you have, please list name(s) and dates (approx):

Do you have any time restrictions? _____

How long have you lived in Acton? _____ in Massachusetts? _____

Are you a US citizen? _____

Present occupation and employer? (optional-attach resume) _____

Do you or your employer have any current or potential business relationship with the Town of Acton that could create a conflict of interest? _____

Education or special training _____

Please list below any additional information or comments which may help in the matching of your interests with the most appropriate Board/Committee, such as a civic experience, special interest/hobbies, etc.: _____

TOWN OF ACTON VOLUNTEER BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Acton-Boxborough Arts Council
 Aging, Council on
 Appeals, Board of
 Assessors, Board of
 Cable Advisory Committee
 Cemetery Commission
 Commission on Disability
 Conservation Commission
 Fair Housing Committee
 Finance Committee
 Volunteer Coordinating Committee

Historic District Commission
 Historical Commission
 Metropolitan Advisory Planning Council
 Minuteman Home Care
 Minuteman Vocational School Representative
 Planning Board
 Prison Advisory Board
 Public Ceremonies Committee
 South Acton Revitalization Committee
 Town Report Committee
 Health, Board of

Thank you. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact a member of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee (you can find out who the current members are by calling the Town Manager's office at Town Hall, 978-264-9612). The space below is for use by the Volunteer Coordinating Committee and the appointing body to record the status of your application.

VCC INTERVIEW

Applicant called: date/by _____

Schedule date/time _____

VCC Recommendation: Date _____

Board(s) _____ Member/Alt/Assoc

_____ Member/Alt/Assoc

_____ Member/Alt/Assoc

_____ Member/Alt/Assoc

BOS/TMgr/TMod _____

[] No openings at this time _____

APPOINTING BODY: BOS/Mgr/TMod

Interview Date: _____

Appointed: Date _____

to: Board _____

Term _____

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

Date Received by VCC _____

Notification by the VCC _____

Date committee notified _____

Date applicant notified _____