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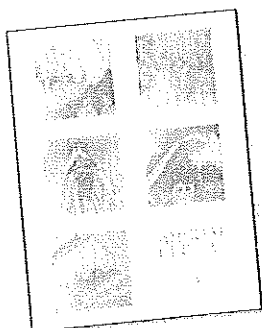
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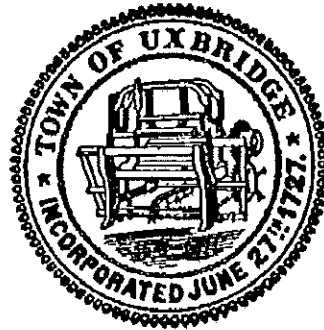
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About the Cover

Lynne Randolph lives in Whitinsville and works in Uxbridge for the Nazarene Church. Her boss, Senior Pastor Bob Howard, is Chaplain for the Uxbridge Fire Department. When he suggested that Lynne create some paintings for the Department that depicted scenes from the Bernat Mill Fire, Lynne, a lifelong artist, enthusiastically took on the project, producing a series of six canvasses to honor the many firefighters, police, and other public servants who battled that memorable blaze.

Board of Selectmen



This Annual Town Report is presented to the residents of Uxbridge to summarize the major activities of Town Government during Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008). The production of this report is a tremendous undertaking each year, and the Board of Selectmen extends its appreciation to all who have participated in the process.

As evidenced by the reports of the various officials, boards, committees and commissions contained herein, FY08 was a year of challenge and change in the town of Uxbridge. We as residents and taxpayers can be proud of the talented and dedicated team of professionals, working under the leadership of Town Manager Jill Myers, who provide the services our community needs.

This dedication can be no better illustrated than by the incredible response of our collective team to the fire that destroyed the thriving Bernat Mill complex on July 21, 2007. While the devastating story of the Bernat Mill fire has been well chronicled in the media, interspersed throughout this Annual Report should be some insight into the actions and roles each department played in responding to the disaster.

From the public safety team coordinating the efforts of dozens of towns providing mutual aid, to the school department responding quickly with a solution to a loss of space for some of its programs, to the finance team diligently keeping records which allowed us to recover some costs from the Commonwealth, to our local, state and national political leaders shepherding support resources, to the DPW assuring that a safe, adequate water supply was maintained during the events, and to the countless private citizens and organizations offering support wherever and whenever needed – we saw a community come together and face a challenge unlike any other this town has seen.

In addition to the challenges introduced by the fire, FY08 was also a year of considerable change on the Board of Selectmen. The year began with a

full Board consisting of Julie A. Woods as Chairman, Kevin J. Kuros as Vice Chairman, Michael Potaski as Clerk, and James E. Dwyer II and Daniel P. Stack as selectmen. On October 9, 2007, James Dwyer tendered his resignation from the Board as he relocated out of town after serving nearly 2½ years of his 3 year term. After deliberating on the vacancy, the remaining four members made the determination not to hold a special election to fill the vacancy, given the expense of holding a special election and the brevity of the unexpired term.

On March 21, 2008, selectman Daniel Stack resigned from the Board, citing personal reasons, several months shy of

2 years into his 3 year term. While the Board desired to fill the vacancy created by Dan's resignation as soon as possible, election scheduling requirements coupled with the timing of the resignation precluded the inclusion of the vacancy on the May 20, 2007 town election. As a result, the Board decided to schedule a special election in late summer to fill the remaining year of Selectman Stack's term.

On April 14, 2008, Chairman Woods resigned her chairmanship, and the Board reorganized, appointing Kevin Kuros as Chairman, and Michael Potaski as Vice Chairman. Subsequently, on May 16, 2008, selectman Woods tendered her resignation from the Board after nearly 8 years of service to the town, citing personal reasons. For the period of a few days the Board consisted of only two members. Finally, on May 20, 2008, Peter Baghdasarian was re-elected to the Board after a three year hiatus. The Board functioned as a three member board for the remainder of FY08, with Kevin Kuros as Chairman, Michael Potaski as Vice Chairman and Peter Baghdasarian as Clerk. The Board

Board of Selectmen Initiatives and Issues Addressed in Fiscal Year 2008

- Bernat Mill Fire Recovery
- Blanchard School Reuse
- Bylaw Review Committee – Recodification of Bylaws
- Disposition of Douglas Street Property
- 43D Expedited Permitting Grant
- Budgeting / Budget Summits
- Sutton Street Land Lease
- 4-Town Selectmen Group Regional Planning
- Capital Plan Report
- DOR Financial Management Review
- Department Restructuring – Planning and Economic Development
- Post-Vietnam Memorial on Town Common
- Blackstone Valley Angel of Hope Memorial
- Affordable Housing – Summerfield LIP
- Crown & Eagle Sidewalk / Road Repair
- Negotiation of Union Contracts / Health Care Cost Containment
- Exploration of Group Insurance Commission
- Policy Creation / Documentation – Complaint Response, Sexual Harassment, US Flag, Finance / Stabilization Fund, Alcoholic License Enforcement, Town Common Sign, Citizens Forum, etc.
- Power Plant Bylaw Change
- Private Way Snow Removal
- Council on Aging Grant Efforts / Van
- School Building Committee – SBA Building Moratorium Lifted
- Committee & Board Appointments (Numerous)
- Town Counsel Negotiation / Appointment
- Water / Sewer Rate Restructuring
- Well Field / Water System Expansion
- Licensing and Permitting – Liquor, Gravel Pit, Business, etc.

Board of Selectmen, continued

scheduled a special election for July 29, 2008 to fill the unexpired terms of former selectmen Woods and Stack.

The Board extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to former Selectmen Dwyer, Stack and Woods for their dedication and service to the Town, and for the wisdom and leadership they shared through their volunteerism. We wish them well in all their future endeavors.

With respect to the FY08 business of the Board, it is difficult to summarize the multitude of items that cross the selectmen's table. The actions of the Board are well documented in the press, in our meeting minutes (available at town hall and on the Town's website www.uxbridge-ma.gov), and elsewhere in this Annual Report. A brief list of items the Board addressed in whole or in part in FY08 can be found in the chart on the previous page, in no particular order.

It is an honor to serve and represent the residents of Uxbridge as your top elected officials, and the Board is grateful for your past, present and future support. We encourage you to get involved in town government – a list of committee openings is available in the town manager's office. While the challenges we face are many, the rewards of being part of a great team are profound and we invite you to join that team.

Finally, no report like this would be complete without recognizing the brave men and women of Uxbridge who serve our country through the armed services. Without them we would not have the freedom we enjoy and so often take for granted. Thank you to all Uxbridge veterans, past and present, living and deceased, for the sacrifices you make.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Kuros, Chairman
Michael Potaski, Vice Chairman
Peter Baghdasarian
James Dwyer (through 10/07)
Daniel Stack (through 3/08)
Julie Woods (through 5/08)

Litigation Summary

In calendar year 2008, *Louison, Costello, Condon and Pfaff, LLP* filed appearances on behalf of the Town in pending court proceedings, provided legal advice and opinions to the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and other Town officers, boards and agencies on matters relating to municipal contracts/agreements, leases/real estate, zoning/building code enforcement, tax assessment and tax collection, personnel administration/employment issues, zoning variance/special permit proceedings and other general legal issues.

A summary of the pending and resolved litigation in which the Town has been engaged from January, 2008 to the present is set forth below.

Cove v. Lobisser Development Corp.

Land Court Case No. 07 MISC 343957 (Active)

This is an appeal pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §81BB of a decision by the Town of Uxbridge Planning Board approving a certain Definitive Subdivision Plan submitted by the defendants. The parties have agreed to settle this matter.

Moscaritolo v. ZBA

Worcester Housing Court 08 CV 0302 (Not Active)

This case is an abutter's appeal of a decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals finding that the use of the structure located at 230 Mendon Street may be maintained as a three family residence as its existence predated the enactment of the Zoning Bylaw. The property owner and the Town filed a Motion for Summary Judgment requesting the case be dismissed for lack of standing. After a hearing, the Court allowed the motion and dismissed the case on July 31, 2008.

Uxbridge Police Association and Town of Uxbridge - Barth Grievance

AAA #11 390 01897 06 (Not Active)

This case, filed in September, 2006, is a grievance by a former police officer claiming that he was entitled to additional vacation and sick leave pay upon

his departure from employment with the Town. After negotiations with the Police Union, we were able to settle this case with minimal exposure to the Town.

Wunschel v. Board of Selectmen **Land Court Case No. MISC 316099 (Not Active)**

This case involves an abutter's request for enforcement of the Town's Zoning By-laws relative to the Carrington Land Condominium (which consists of 50 dwellings in fifteen buildings on one, undivided lot). This case was dismissed on July 7, 2008.

Desruisseaux, et al. v. Zoning Board of Appeals

Uxbridge District Court C.A. No. CV08650002 (Active)

This is a property owners' appeal pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, §17 of a decision by the Town of Uxbridge Zoning Board of Appeals denying their application for a Special Permit seeking permission to construct a fuel service station with 4,800 square feet of retail store and car wash on property located at 486 Douglas Street in Uxbridge. The Complaint was filed with the Uxbridge District Court on January 7, 2008.

Down East Realty, LLC v. Town of Uxbridge

Worcester Superior Court C.A. 2006-2423-A (Active)

This is an appeal of the Fire Chief's order denying the plaintiff's application for a blasting permit in connection with the construction of water lines for a residential subdivision. The denial was based on a Board of Health Regulation that places an indefinite moratorium on blasting within a 3000 foot radius of a hazardous waste release. The appeal also includes a challenge to the Board of Health's regulation. On June 11, 2008, the planning Board issued a decision with regard to this property which renders the blasting unnecessary. Accordingly, the plaintiff intends to dismiss this action upon issuance by the Building Inspector of a building permit for the project.

Fred Hutnak Development v. Planning Board
Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. 04-285C – Appeals Court Case No. 2006-P-0897 (Active)

This is an appeal from the Planning Board's decision disapproving a definitive subdivision plan known as Cornfield Estates located off of West Road. The parties have agreed to settle this matter.

Hurteau v. ZBA
Land Court Case No. MISC. 376279 (Active)

This is a property owner's appeal from a decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals granting an application for a variance to construct a single family home, barn and kennel on a parcel of land located on Quaker Street. At a recent hearing, the Court asked the plaintiff to submit a revised application to the Zoning Board of Appeals accurately reflecting the structures he wishes to build on the property. The Board intends to consider this revised application at its February, 2009 meeting.

Norberg v. Planning Board
Worcester Superior Court C.A. No. 06-00309-B (Active)

This is an appeal of the Planning Board's refusal to endorse as "approval under the Subdivision Control Law not required" a plan involving land on Landry Lane. An abutter who claims to have an interest in the subject way, has been allowed by the Court to intervene in the case. This is a passive defense case in which the abutter will defend and we will monitor on behalf of the Town.

North v. Planning Board/
North v. ZBA

Land Court Case No. MISC 268779 (Planning Board) (Active)

This is an appeal from the Planning Board's denial of a definite subdivision plan of Rowley Mill Estates. The plaintiff has taken no further action with regard to this case since filing the Complaint.

Worcester Superior Court
No. 2000-01847C (ZBA) (Active)
 This is an appeal from the ZBA's denial

of a special permit for the removal of sand and gravel at Elmsdale Road. The Town and the plaintiff are currently engaged in settlement negotiations and have devised a proposed safety plan for earth removal activities at the property.

Scotland Yard LLC v. Planning Board
Land Court Case No. MISC (Active)

This is an appeal pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §81BB of a decision by the Planning Board denying the plaintiff's application for modification of the Ledgemere Country V Subdivision Plan to extend the date for final completion of the ways and installation of the municipal services until October 31, 2010. The parties are currently engaged in settlement discussions with regard to this matter.

Scotland Yard LLC v. ZBA
Land Court Case No. MISC 377478 (Active)

This is an appeal of a decision by the Uxbridge Zoning Board of Appeals wherein the Board voted to uphold the decision of the Uxbridge Building Inspector denying the plaintiff's application for a building permit. All discovery in this matter is complete and the parties intend to file Motions for Summary Judgment.

Uxbridge v. Griff/Griff v. Town of Uxbridge and ZBA
Cases Consolidated (Active)
– Worcester Superior Court C.A. 01-2487-B – Worcester Superior Court C.A. 02-0294-B

These cases involve an action by the Town to enforce an October, 2001 Order that defendant cease and desist activities at the Uxbridge Motor Sports Park. In September, 2004 the Worcester Superior Court entered Judgment in favor of the Town, affirming the case and desist order and ordering the motor sports park to close. The plaintiff appealed to the Appeals Court. The Appeals Court affirmed the Superior Court's Decision in favor of the Town which closed the case(s).

The Town has filed multiple Complaints for Contempt against the defendant relative to his continued operation of the motor sports park. On October 12, 2006, the Superior Court

ruled in favor the Town on its fourth Complaint for Contempt and awarded attorney's fees in the amount of \$5000. The Town then filed an itemization of attorney's fees, and, after a hearing at the request of the plaintiff, the Court ordered the defendant to pay the Town the sum of \$18,069.48. The defendant has appealed the Court's Order. The appellate record is currently being assembled in the Superior Court.

Uxbridge v. Tzimogiannis, et. al. (Vecchione)
Worcester Superior Court C.A. 00-2099A (Active)

This case involves the Town's zoning and general by-law enforcement action relative to earth removal activities conducted by the defendant on a 10.2 acre parcel located at 189 Mendon Street. The defendant has filed an application for an earth removal permit under the General Bylaw.

Uxbridge Multi-Family Realty v. Planning Board
Land Court Case No. MISC 381831 (Active)

This is an appeal pursuant to G.L. c. 41, §81BB of a decision by the Planning Board denying the plaintiff's application for modification of the Ledgemere Country IV Subdivision Plan to extend the date for final completion of the ways and installation of the municipal services until October 31, 2010. The parties are currently engaged in settlement discussions with regard to this matter.

We are honored to have been appointed to serve as Town Counsel for the Town of Uxbridge. We remain committed to providing the Town with high quality, cost-effective, and timely legal advice and representation. We look forward to working with the Town Manager, the Selectmen, and other officers, boards and agencies of the Town to secure and advance the interests of the Town in calendar year 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
 Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison,
 Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP

Elected Officials

ELECTED POSITIONS	TERM EXPIRES	ELECTED POSITIONS	TERM EXPIRES
Blackstone Valley Regional Voc. School Dist.		School Committee - 7 members - 3 year terms	
Committee Rep. - 4 yr. term		Peter Baghdasarian	2009
Daniel L. Baker	2010	Mason Seagrave Jr.	2009
Board of Selectmen - 5 members - 3 year terms		Michelle K. Taparowsky	2009
Cari Kay Robertson	2009	Jane F. Keegan	2010
Bruce E. Desilets	2009	John Higgins	2010
Julie A. Woods *Resigned 2008	2009	Mary-Meg Walsh	2011
Daniel P. Stack *Resigned 2008	2009	Ernest F. Esposito	2011
Kevin J. Kuros	2010		
Michael Richard Potaski	2010	Edward C. Thayer Fund Trustees - 3 year term	
Peter Baghdasarian	2011	Mary E. Miller **Resigned 8/27/08**	2009
		Alan S. Keeler	2010
Finance Committee - 3 year terms - Each year the Moderator designates the seat to be elected per Charter		Karin D. Knapik	2011
Howard W. Fortner, Jr. (elected)	2009	Town Moderator - 3 year terms	
Peter DeMers	2009	Harold J. Klei	2011
Mark W. Andrews	2009		
Christine M. Horwath (elected)	2010	Uxbridge Housing Authority - 5 members - 5 year terms - Four of these members shall be elected and the fifth member shall be app't. as provided in the general laws	
Richard D. Young	2010	Maura E. McCrohan	2009
Charles E. Maharay (elected)	2011	Norman R. White	2010
Board of Library Trustees - 5 members shall be elected for 3 year terms		Anna M. Chinappi *appointed by the state*	6/23/2011
Catherine A. Parker	2009	Jacqueline A. Norberg	2012
Gail M. Shields	2009	Alice M. Picard	2013
Arthur A. Jackman III	2010		
Daniel L. Baker	2011		
Daniel P. Donovan	2011		

Meetings Schedules

BOARD/COMMITTEE	DAYS	TIME	PLACE
Blackstone Valley Reg. Sch. Committee	3rd Thursday	6:30 PM	Blackstone Valley Voke, Upton
Board of Health	1st & 3rd Thursday	9:00 AM	Town Hall, Room 107
Board of Selectmen	2nd & 4th Monday	7:00 PM	Town Hall, Room 102
Conservation Commission	1st & 3rd Monday	9:00 AM	Town Hall, Room 107
Council on Aging	2nd Tuesday	4:00 PM	Senior Center
Finance Committee	1st & 3rd Wednesday (as needed)	7:00 PM	Town Hall, Room 102
Historical Commission	3rd Tuesday	3:00 PM	Cornet John Farnum House
Housing Authority	1st Monday	6:00 PM	Calumet Court
Library Trustees	3rd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Uxbridge Public Library
Planning Board	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 PM	Board of Selectmen's Room 102
Public Safety	1st Thursday	8:30 AM	Police Station
Recreation Committee	1st Wednesday	7:00 PM	High School
School Committee	1st Tuesday	7:30 PM	High School Library
Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee	3rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Cornet John Farnum House
Uxbridge Spec. Ed Advisory Committee	Last Wednesday	7:00 PM	Tri-River Health Center
ZBA	1st Wednesday	7:00 PM	Board of Selectmen's Room 102

NOTE: Exceptions to above schedule posted separately. All meetings are subject to change.

FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING REPORTS



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Town Employee Earnings – Fiscal Year 2008

ABRAIN, MARK	2,013.00	BERNARD, SHEILA	59,929.82	BYRON, CHRISTINE	21,805.72	CURRAN, GEMMA	3,675.00
ACCORSINI, JEAN	67,104.05	BERNARD, DEBORAH	5,636.64	BYRON, TARA	132.16	CZUPRYNA, JOANNE	35,399.25
ADAM, KIMBERLY	780.00	BERNIER, EILEEN	31,246.34	CAFFREY, CAROL	31,937.60	DABLESTEIN, SHANNAN	24,510.54
ADAMS, ANNEMARIE	5,086.06	BERUBE-POTTER, L.	31,767.97	CAHILL, ISABELLE	5,146.03	DALEY, JEANNE	38,533.32
ADAMS, NANCY	23,575.64	BIANCO, RALPH	51,941.93	CAHILL, EDWARD	112.00	D'AMATO, CAROLE	7,155.15
ADAMS, MATTHEW	16,604.71	BIANCO, RENEE	19,209.32	CAHILL, JUDENE	470.26	D'ANDREA, GRETCHEN	68,779.55
AHERN, CHRISTINE	3,066.00	BLODEAU, ANDRE	320.00	CAMPBELL, ROSEMARY	68,901.84	DARIENZZO, JACQUELINE	13,375.72
ALLAIRE, SUSAN	66,156.94	BIONDI, ROBYN	65,545.27	CAMPBELL-LANDINI, KIM	64,731.60	DAUGHERTY, DIANA	52,982.92
ALLEN, PAMELA	23,674.53	BISHOP, WILLIAM	45,108.29	CANGELLO, KAREN	15,159.58	DAUPHIN, SUZANNE	62,996.49
ALMY, KEVIN	43,784.99	BLAIR, MARK	6,834.03	CARDIN, CELESTE	18,516.92	DAVEY, MICHAEL	44,194.54
ALSFELD, AMANDA	41,481.54	BLAIS, GAIL	62,422.56	CARR, VALERIE	38,907.42	DAVEY, GABRIELLE	15,456.16
ALVES, JEAN	5,446.35	BLODGETT, MELISSA	101,038.78	CARRIER, CYNTHIA	66,523.27	DAVEY, MICHELLE	776.36
AMBROSINO, MICHAEL	581.80	BLODGETT-OTTOOLE, M.	44,591.83	CARRIER, CLAUDE	51,073.67	DAVIDSON, PATRICIA	1,056.00
AMES JR., W.	11,664.60	BODELL, JANE	805.22	CARTER, BRIAN	61,318.96	DAVIS, STEPHANIE	68,687.84
ANDERSON, STEPHEN	63,158.85	BOLDEN, JEANNE	67,330.98	CASUCCI, IAN	2,754.62	DAVIS, BRIAN	54,759.93
ANDREWS, DIXIE	153.00	BOLIVER, JAMES	65,122.71	CATALANO, MICHAEL	56,951.68	DAY, KARLA	27,221.12
ANTE, TRACEY	22,461.70	BOLLINGER, JARED	4,809.00	CHANLEY, GEORGE	1,314.67	DEAN, TIMOTHY	6,672.00
AQUILINO, CHRISTINA	25,789.92	BOMBARA, LAWRENCE	118,714.74	CHAPIN, MEGAN	180.00	DELANG, LINDA	35,014.74
ARCHAMBAULT, ELIZA.	10,585.55	BORDEN, WAYNE	72,439.36	CHAR, HARVEY	134.00	DELANG, DONNA	5,161.45
ARGUIN, LISA	30,835.83	BORGIA-LUNDBERG S.	61,133.69	CHAR, JACQUELYN	134.00	DELANNOY, DENISE	34,410.00
ARMSTRONG, CHRIS.	66,232.16	BOSMA, MICHAEL	930.07	CHASSIE, CHRISTINE	6,592.08	DELUCA, MICHAEL	1,668.50
AUCIELLO, DEBRA	42,858.86	BOUCHARD, LINDA	16,259.98	CHASTENAY-SIMPSON, M.	26,166.62	DEMANCHE, VINCENT	975.00
BACH, GREGORY	88,730.97	BOUCHARD, LAUREN	41,676.86	CHAUVIN, CATHY	20,050.10	DEPASQUALE, MARJORIE	48,713.50
BAER, JOSEPH	44.00	BOULE, MARCELLE	3,390.38	CHENEVERT, PETER	65.00	DESILETS, MICHAEL	3,661.00
BAISLEY, DEBORAH	15,530.08	BOWDITCH, NANCY	31,558.53	CHESLEY, MICHELLE	17,244.02	DESILETS-PHILLIPS, AMY	52,408.91
BAKER, LYNN	12,575.47	BOYAJI, HOWARD	95,123.02	CHESLEY, JANE	18,179.59	DESJARDINS, KIM	73,467.48
BAKER, LINDA	10,301.78	BRADSHAW, KERRY	43,490.70	CHIASSON, NINA	750.78	DESMARAIS, FLORENCE	37,093.20
BALDANZA, ANGELES	51,923.08	BRESCIANI, ALBERT	14,083.56	CHIUCHIOLO, MARCIE	63,366.60	DESRUISSEAU, NICOLE	43,210.92
BALUNAS, DAVID	60,065.98	BREZNIAK, WALTER	1,072.50	CHOKSHI-FOX, SHEP.	51,294.80	DEVEAU, DANIEL	90,585.99
BANDSTRA, RUTH	67,366.06	BRIERLEY, SHANNA	51,362.10	CICCONE, ANTHONY	600.00	DEVEAU, PATRICIA	1,137.50
BANGMA, TODD	5,376.81	BRITT, STEPHEN	37,921.63	CLARK, BEVERLY	120.00	DEVRIES, PATRICIA	22,794.38
BANGMA, JASON	53,952.48	BRITT, FRANCES	34,951.38	CLARK, MARION	16,245.71	DEYOUNG, ANN	45,683.96
BANGMA, JUNE	29,687.51	BROCHU, BRENDA	28,850.91	CLARK, JENNIFER	60,087.34	DHOSI, SUSAN	54,764.82
BANNER, SUSAN	4,000.00	BRODEUR, BETTY	43,819.00	CLARKE, BEVERLY	30,592.95	DIBATTISTA, PAMELA	30,264.72
BARBOSA, MARILYNN	15,840.46	BRODEUR, JESSICA	521.44	CLARKE, SARAH	49,109.81	DIBATTISTA, AMANDA	980.23
BARBUTO JR, FRANK	49,304.90	BRODEUR, SARAH	580.13	CLEMENT, HOLLY	2,674.80	DIMEGLIO, MICHAEL	70,806.90
BARRELL, JOAN	61,318.96	BROOKS, CAROL	70,045.77	CLIFFORD, NADINE	26,756.81	DIMMICK, BONNIE	70,361.12
BARSAMIAN, REBECCA	39,183.46	BROTHERS, DIANE	74,891.89	CLINTON, STEVEN	2,789.75	DINIS, ANTONIO	1,050.00
BARTH, DEBRA	10,422.99	BROWN, ELIZABETH	96,124.13	COFFEY, JOHN	1,040.00	DINOI, DEBRA	67,962.02
BAZZETT, BERNADETTE	64,447.96	BROWN, SCOTT	48,433.50	COLE, SEAN	1,825.00	DION, THOMAS	7,278.70
BAZZETT, RACHAEL	361.82	BROWN, DONNA	17,700.00	COLE, MARYELLEN	18,212.03	DIONNE, ELIZABETH	28,582.74
BEANE, BARBARA	43,951.02	BRULE, REBECCA	4,884.50	COLE, JUSTIN	52,112.27	DIPASQUALE, BONNIE	10,084.97
BEAUDOIN, VICTORIA	10,397.66	BUCKLEY, SUSAN	63,263.96	COLWILL-SHANLEY M.	1,592.50	DIPETRILLO, ALISON	18,897.20
BEDARD, ROSEMARY	15,174.89	BUCKLEY, SARAH	56,911.04	CONE, CATHI	2,585.78	DIPIERO DUBEAU, JOAN	63,366.60
BEDARD, MATTHEW	364.00	BUMA, WILLIAM	71,290.06	CONNORS, REGINA	23,528.97	DIPRETE, MEGAN	52,738.20
BELANGER, ANN	13,999.99	BURGESS, LAURA	25,766.43	COOLBRITH, LYNNE	10,508.00	DIRIENZO, JOHN	412.50
BELANGER, TANYA	22,884.14	BURGESS, STEPHEN	44,183.15	COOLBRITH, LORI-ANN	3,064.11	DIVITTO, MICHAEL	69,135.96
BELSITO, SUSAN	62,834.28	BURGESS JR, ELLIS	57,800.62	CORONA, LINDA	40,613.46	DIVITTORIO, CYNTHIA	153.60
BENNETT, TARA	83,846.17	BURKE, TIMOTHY	86,382.88	CORREIA, NICOLE	3,352.40	DOHERTY, RONALD	48,338.17
BENOIT, LINDA	37,034.68	BURKE, BRIAN	66,799.61	COSKY, ANTHONY	3,782.00	DONAHUE, MARK	91,094.89
BERARD, BONNIE	47,059.60	BURKE, KEEAN	5,694.00	COTA, CHRISTOPHER	48,773.61	DONAHUE, JUDITH	70,190.69
BERGERON, DAVID	60,620.01	BURR, JILLIAN	46,887.74	CRAIG, ROBERT	61,453.56	DONATELLI, SUSAN	64,929.30
BERGHUIS, JENNIE	334.69	BURTON, COLIN	66,844.63	CRATER, BRIAN	43,985.90	DORGAN, LINDA	14,749.14
BERKOWICZ, WALTER	71,631.66	BYRNES, JUDITH	13,080.48	CULLEN, MARK	15,845.74	DOUGLAS, SARAH	8,562.54

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DROVER, BEVERLY	126.00	GOLDMAN, RACHEL	585.00	HYLAND, JENNIFER	16,740.77	LEGERE, SUZANN	67,919.98
DUBOIS, SUSAN	42,051.06	GOODWIN, GINETTE	31,442.35	IANNUCCILLI, JANET	74,470.22	LEGG, JAMES	61,474.14
DUNLAVEY, HELEN	64,497.78	GOODWIN, BRIAN	6,406.63	JANSSON, MARY ELLEN	45,820.94	LEONARD, MATTHEW	2,480.00
DUNN, LISA	9,453.88	GORNALL, JAMES	128.00	JODREY, ELIZABETH	63,363.24	LESERANCE, LESLIE	71,413.40
DWIGHT, JODY	94,353.27	GRADY, DENNIS	8,220.00	JOHNSON, LORI	13,537.82	LESERANCE, GERALD	1,900.00
DWYER, ALISON	61,318.96	GRAMSTORFF, CARL	1,457.25	JOHNSON, MATTHEW	260.00	LEWIS, ANN	144.00
EARL, HOLLY	75,736.92	GRAVES, KENNETH	4,802.95	JONES, MICHAEL	1,020.00	LIMANEK, FRANCES	23,079.88
EKSTROM, KARA	57,907.94	GRAVESON, BEVERLY	11,644.83	JONES, CARLA	3,906.33	LISAK, BRETT	63,952.99
ELLIS, LISA	40,055.86	GRAY, DAVID	56,712.06	JORDAN-ROY, KATH.	18,667.68	LIVELY, KELLEY	4,109.50
EMERICK, PETER	69,768.89	GRENON, NICOLE	11,924.20	KAPLAN, JOSEPH	52,452.16	LIZOTTE, LUCIEN	320.00
EMERICK, JONATHAN	44,171.52	GUERTIN, HELEN	15,245.00	KARNS, ROANN	687.50	LUCCIO, SUSAN	9,551.04
EMERICK, BARBARA	48,566.27	GUILMETTE, MARY	49,160.42	KASWANDIK, ELAINE	31,721.40	LUKACINSKY, KATHLEEN	7,508.44
EMOND, ARTHUR	43,348.41	HALACY, CAROL	64,758.97	KEAY, JEFFREY	162.00	LUKOWSKI, SUSAN	50,886.70
ESPOSITO, BRIETTA	24,737.80	HALACY, DAVID	71,739.96	KELSEY, GLENIXON	3,828.86	LUSSIER, CHARLENE	67,330.98
ETHIER, REBECCA	27,761.26	HAMELIN, WENDY	23,983.64	KEOWN, CHRISTINE	63,224.18	LYNCH, JUDITH	87,941.37
ETHIER, CHERYL	13,070.72	HAMELIN, MICHAEL	1,667.23	KERR, JEANNE	4,868.07	LYNCH, DAVID	1,518.60
ETHIER, ROMEO	16,000.05	HAMM JR, GEORGE	2,990.00	KESSLER, WILLIAM	86,041.38	LYNCH JR. JOHN	142.00
ETHIER, MELANIE	40,758.81	HAMMERTON, ROBERT	67,706.10	KNAPIK, ALINE	251.63	MACDONALD, BRIAN	108,600.70
EWART, ROBERT	52,982.92	HANSEL, PAULA	67,905.38	KNAPIK, KARIN	65,791.64	MACDONALD, KEVIN	77,973.44
FAFARD, LORI-JEAN	79,653.83	HARALDSEN, ERICA	40,414.68	KNAPIK, WALTER	32.00	MACDONALD, WALTER	11,332.50
FAHEY, DANIEL	2,405.00	HARCOURT, ROSEMARY	65,252.98	KNAPP, GEORGETTE	65,163.12	MACDONALD, RAYMOND	769.12
FAIRBANKS, MARGARET	69,014.20	HARPER, PETER	16,000.05	KOEHLER, KRISTOPHER	130.00	MACWHINNIE, CAROL	11,509.61
FARRAR, RONALD	86,173.00	HARRIS, BARBARA	36,179.25	KOGUT, LUCILLE	192.00	MAHONEY, EILEEN	1,056.00
FAULKNER, MARY	178.00	HARRIS, ROBERT	79,188.10	KOSIBA JR, HENRY	780.00	MAJEAU JR, RAYMOND	680.00
FEEN, KEVIN	66,295.83	HARRISON, DAVID	1,724.13	KRAUSE, KYLIE	2,140.88	MALAE, REMA	16,353.30
FERGUSON, CORNELIUS	44,527.90	HARTMAN, LISA	81,066.36	KRESS, KAREN	68,130.48	MALAVASIC, GEORGE	1,842.00
FERRELLI, LISA	75,198.28	HAUGHEY, PAUL	84,807.67	KURZON, MARCELINE	252.00	MALONEY, ANNE	207.50
FINN, CHERYL ANN	1,368.46	HAZARD, LILLIAN	63,172.16	LABONTE, RITA	126.00	MANCUSO, MARK	7,103.26
FINNELL, EMILY	10,233.42	HEALY, JOSEPH	59,602.03	LABRIE, TIMOTHY	320.00	MANEY, CATHY	270.19
FISHER, LEIGH	47,339.48	HEAVEY, EMILY	18,783.92	LAMARRE, AIMEE	55,244.88	MANNKA, MARGOT	43,048.38
FLADGER, EDWIN	4,471.08	HENDRICKS, MELISSA	23,730.14	LAMONTAGNE, DON.	51,422.92	MANZ, SHARON	26,229.84
FLANAGAN JR, MICHAEL	61,796.40	HENEY, SHAWN	3,760.00	LANDI, JOHN	197.02	MARCHAND, DONALD	3,915.54
FLANAGAN JR, WILLIAM	57,087.42	HENNESSY, PETER	69,436.81	LANDRY, JOANN	63,232.36	MARTELLIO, CHRISTINE	58,256.16
FLETCHER, KATHLEEN	25,125.53	HENRIES, DIANE	67,367.36	LANDRY, RACHEL	30,715.19	MARTIN, JENNIFER	61,721.19
FLETCHER, SUMNER	769.36	HERRMANN, CRYSTAL	14,149.43	LANE, ANN	73,775.90	MARTIN, WILLIAM	45,085.98
FLEURY, PAULINE	36,945.32	HETHERINGTON, JEFF	54,948.89	LANE, DAVID	4,550.50	MASON, CARLA	70,846.42
FOLEY, DANIEL	144.50	HEWETT, JANET	3,483.00	LANNIGAN, KIMBERLY	257.24	MASON, TARA	2,676.18
FRABOTTA, LYNN	70,480.26	HICKS, DANIEL	947.00	LANOUE, JUDITH	26,787.60	MASTROIANNI, JUDITH	73,489.64
FRABOTTA SR, RICH.	46,881.29	HIGGINS, ANNMARIE	41,629.06	LANTHIER, ROBIN	19,454.26	MAYER, AMY	84,045.84
FRAINE, JOYCE	68,119.54	HILL, KIM	30,616.05	LAPETE, NICHOLAS	7,398.98	MAYO, ELLEN	29,658.87
FREITAS, SCOTT	89,947.18	HILL, JENNIFER	57,614.04	LARRABEE, JOHN	2,178.00	MAYO, KATHRYN	223.25
FREITAS, TIMOTHY	260.00	HIRSCH, JACQUELINE	3,282.17	LARSEN, TERRI	60,518.36	MC ORATH, STEVEN	25,384.59
FRENCH, TRACY	7,666.99	HIRTLE, SUSAN	6,120.66	LARUE, RODNEY	47,267.94	MCCALL, MELISSA	2,642.22
FRITZ, ROBERTA	21,063.38	HOLLAND, JOSHUA	380.00	LAVALLEE II, ROGER	62,176.55	MCCALLUM, THERESA	54,568.50
GALLO, CHRISTINE	64,898.05	HOOD, KIMBERLY	23,816.16	LAVERTY, KRISTIN	195.00	MCCARTHY, DEANA	1,150.00
GARBER, CAROL	1,070.00	HORAN, SANDRA	311.45	LAVIGNE, CELESTE	67,935.74	MCCLAFFERTY, CHRIS.	1,888.59
GARDNER, KENNETH	49,129.70	HUDSON, SHIRLEY	23,320.64	LEAVITT, TRACY	12,405.41	MCCOURT, JOSEPH	87,265.98
GARERI, JOYCE	24,790.42	HUGHES, RACHEL	665.52	LEBLANC, RAYMOND	403.38	MCCROHAN, TARA	98,707.77
GAZERRO, NICHOLAS	47,887.98	HURST, KATHY	64,571.94	LEBLANC, SUSAN	50.00	MCCROHAN, MAURA	902.00
GENEREUX, DAVID	84,468.93	HUTCHINGS, ROBERT	79,308.18	LEBRUN, JAYNE	54,992.92	MCCROHAN, MICHAEL	44,063.09
GERVAIS, LEONARD	59,777.29	HUTCHINSON, CHRIS.	29,711.68	LECLAIRE, DONNA	116.00	MCCUE, PAULINE	818.72
GILES, BARRY	40,784.85	HUTH, JAMES	4,238.48	LEE, ANDREA	2,502.50	MCCUE, JOSEPH	326.50
GILES, DAVID	20,634.66	HUTNAK, WENDY	20,863.97	LEFEBVRE, JOSEPH	6,988.00	MCLAUGHLIN, BARB.	27,294.20
GIRARD, DEIRDRE	22,748.88	HYLAND, BETH	11,177.30	LEGENDRE, MICHAEL	70,359.22	MCLAUGHLIN, ROBERT	3,760.00

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MCMURRAY, GENEVIEVE	96.00	PESO, NANCY	17,443.48	ROSS, SHARON	55,280.90	SZERLAG, LYNETTE	75,107.66
MEDIROS, CHRISTINE	54,827.88	PETERS, CRAIG	1,628.90	ROY, DONALD	540.00	TALLING, LINDA	39,549.42
MELIA, THOMAS	700.00	PETERS, MARK	53,492.94	RUSSELL, KERRIE	13,886.98	TANCRELL, STEVEN	53,784.50
MELLEN, RICHARD	212.00	PETRILLO, MARSHA	42,824.04	RUSO, ARTHUR	700.00	TANNER, CYNTHIA	64,307.94
MERCURE, KATHLEEN	46,072.08	PETROWICZ, SHARON	91,766.01	RYAN, JENNIFER	2,175.00	TANSON, WAYNE	72,435.51
MICHELSON, NANCY	60,865.24	PHILLIPS, SHERRY	19,381.34	SABIA-MCGEE, LAURA	185.11	TESSIER, CATHERINE	34,619.25
MILLS, HOLLY	42,224.40	PHILLIPS, CRAIG	6,760.00	SACHSE, KRISTEN	40,963.90	TETREAU, CHERYL	128.00
MODUSZEWSKI, MARY-L	1,885.00	PLASSE, REBECCA	54,820.70	SALMONSEN, NICOLE	65.00	THAYER, GAIL	20,397.02
MISTLER, LISA	46,529.02	PLUMB, JOAN	184.00	SAMPSON, CATHERINE	18,639.92	THOMAS-WAGAR, GEO.	26,608.33
MITIDES, JAYNE	69,904.05	POIRIER, BRUCE	1,280.00	SAUCIER, DORIS	31,159.88	TOURANGEAU, A.	83,815.39
MOALLI, DIANE	3,997.50	POIRIER, MARY	264.00	SAWYER, DONALD	89,057.75	TRAVALLINE, KATHLEEN	266.11
MONTESI, PAULA	87,514.54	POKORNICKI JR, EDWARD	880.00	SAWYER, DEBORAH	15,741.42	TRONERUD, JASON	64,722.05
MONTESI, JOSHUA	2,069.00	POMINVILLE, JUSTIN	59,034.90	SCAGNELLI, MAUREEN	64,905.74	TURNER, MARY	17,627.78
MOORE, RYAN	5,369.47	POND, JENNIFER	45,254.97	SCHOTANUS, KATHLEEN	74,857.91	TYMRKIEWICZ, WANDA	24,881.70
MORAN, RICHARD	3,655.08	POULIN, KELLY	27,551.46	SCHULTZBERG, GARY	48,140.36	TYMRKIEWICZ, JULIAN	5,729.45
MORDINI, DEBRA	66,879.56	PRESERVATI, PATRICIA	19,713.24	SCHULTZBERG, JACOB	6,644.38	UTAKIS, DAVID	57,341.13
MORIARTY, AMY	803.92	PRIEST III, IRVING	71,797.72	SCOTT, STEPHEN	39,548.86	VAIDYA, NEIL	2,618.88
MORIN, TANYA	479.28	PRINCE, DEBRA	58,620.56	SCOTT, TIMOTHY	14,262.84	VAIDYA, KEITH	8,440.49
MORRISSETTE, JOSIAH	87,082.11	PRIOR, STEVEN	81,425.20	SEAGRAVE, PAMELA	36,277.12	VAIDYA, KRISTEN	3,297.75
MUELLER, KARIN	18,394.26	PRIOR, CHRISTINE	65,010.18	SENECAL, JOAN	325.00	VANDAL, BRANDON	38,129.79
MULDERIG, KIMBERLY	52,169.00	PRIOR, KEITH	44,625.48	SHAUGHNESSY, KELLY	11,300.64	VIERCK, JOANE	451.08
MULKERRIN, JENNIFER	1,755.00	PRIORE, SUSAN	76,573.77	SHAW, PAULA	28,677.29	VOGEL, CAROL	18,502.08
MURPHY, PAMELA	407.50	PROULX-BRUNEAU, S.	46,592.30	SHAW, CHRISTOPHER	2,575.00	WAEGER, TIMOTHY	2,158.88
MYERS, JILL	110,958.06	PUCKETT, FRANCEEN	71,773.01	SHELDON, KENDRA	58,653.48	WALKER, ROBERT	1,914.86
NADEAU, JOHN	66,551.08	PUZ, PRISCILLA	208.00	SHERMAN, SCOTT	68,417.59	WALLACE, DEBORAH	73,065.52
NADEAU, JOSHUA	3,400.00	QUINTILIANI, HELEN	61,718.96	SHMIDT, ALLA	64,432.06	WALLACE, TERRI	13,733.96
NEALON, JENNIFER	1,005.44	RACICOT, ANN	5,348.09	SILBOR, HURLEY	69,715.71	WALSH, NANCY	16,673.76
NEDDER III, JOSEPH	2,140.04	RAEKE, THOMAS	47,370.76	SILBOR, PAMELA	43,083.09	WASHBURN, LAURA	35,138.10
NEDDER JR, JOSEPH	1,827.60	RANCOURT, BETH	46.52	SILVESTRI, JOHN	77,718.05	WATERHOUSE, IONA	32,324.38
NELSON, BEVERLY	35,132.36	RAPOZA, JEANNE	70,922.16	SIMONDS, LINDA	65,521.30	WATT, JANICE	44,739.13
NIRO, JESSICA	5,957.25	RAYMOND, JOHN	85,626.36	SIROIS, MARLA	64,432.06	WEAVER, CHRISTINE	42.48
NOLAN, CHRISTINE	4,277.22	RAYMOND, MICHAEL	60,033.47	SKILLERN, HENRY	28,998.42	WHEELER, LINDA	50.00
NUTTER, KAREN	2,364.96	RAYMOND, NORA	36,763.75	SMART, ROBERTA	7,745.10	WHITE, SUSAN	11,351.46
O'BRIEN, PAULA	2,154.94	REARDON, MARIA	10,218.85	SMITH, WILLIAM	77,371.20	WHITE WISE, SUZANNE	41,343.86
O'BRIEN, MICHAEL	34,984.87	REID, JEFFREY	352.00	SMITH, SHIRLEY	14,217.93	WILLIAMS, MARTHA	136.00
O'BRIEN, CATHLEEN	64,882.20	REITBLAT, RAISA	27,607.27	SMITH, LEONARD	320.00	WILSON, MICHAEL	112,613.25
O'DONNELL, MARGARET	61,318.96	REMILLARD, JOAN	77,765.70	SMOOT, BENJAMIN	64,268.45	WILSON, DONNA	3,495.00
OSTROSKY, PETER	81,623.70	RENAUD, CATIE	6,917.69	SOUSA, MARGARET	62,834.28	WISE, REBECCA	35,943.20
OSTROSKY, REBEKKAH	4,838.73	RICE, MARY	10,893.75	ST. GERMAIN KELLY, M.	64,432.06	WISE, ALISON	5,924.55
OUILLETTE, JOHN	480.00	RICE, SANDRA	1,433.25	STANKEVITZ, PATRICIA	61,331.84	WOOLSLAGER, BARB.	29,078.16
OVIAN, VICTORIA	132.00	RICE, JULIA	1,756.08	STEELE, KENNETH	4,655.04	WORDEN, DAVID	66,434.18
PACHICO, ANN	27,339.20	RICE, THOMAS	164.00	STEFANILO, DANIEL	129,230.77	WRIGHT, RACHEL	946.36
PALMER, BRUCE	50,593.21	RIZOLI-RICHARDS, JULIE	88,336.58	STEPHENS, LISA	49,613.74	WRIGHT, JOSHUA	194.00
PANDOLFO, CATHYANN	25,326.12	ROBBINS, LAURA	35,399.25	STEVENS JR, BRIAN	51,055.94	YANIS, JARED	220.00
PAQUETTE, PAUL	41,976.17	ROBBINS, CHRISTINE	50,958.48	STOCKWELL JR, THOM.	6,954.76	YARGEAU, DONNA	72,188.39
PARABICOLI, KRISTIN	2,139.31	ROBERT, ANNE	35,943.20	STRATTON, KEITH	14,590.27	YORDANOPOULOS, J.	67,873.01
PARKER, CATHERINE	3,625.54	ROBERT, KELLY	16,835.69	STROM, YVETTE	252.00	YOUNG, DEBRA	44,425.11
PASZKEWICZ, CHARLES	184.50	ROBERTSON, JENNIFER	31,494.05	STUCZYNSKI JR, PAUL	71,123.72	YOUNG, JONATHAN	4,071.92
PATRICK, LINDA	72,557.05	ROBIN, DIANE	60,448.08	SUCHANEK, MICHELLE	2,214.42	YOUNGSMAN, BETSY	20,055.24
PATTON, EMILY	115.64	ROBINSON, FREDERICK	46,971.35	SULLIVAN, KEVIN	53,890.16	YUKNA, PAMELA	65,336.54
PATTON, LYNNE	25,937.80	ROBUCCIO, ROBERT	486.00	SULLIVAN, SUZANNE	31,440.88	ZANI, CAROLINE	66,416.94
PAUL, MARGARET	282.63	ROCHE, MICHELLE	62,834.28	SWEENEY, WILLIAM	77,371.20	ZENESKI, MARLA	4,655.00
PAUL, ROBERT	258.00	ROCHE, GRETCHEN	61,351.05	SWEENEY, ANNE	68,199.05	ZINI, GEORGE	100,302.90
PENZA, KATHLEEN	66,782.28	ROHAN, LAURIE	9,450.91	SWEET, STEVEN	56,236.98		
PESO, PAUL	2,376.00	RONDEAU, EDWARD	15,300.92	SWIFT, STEPHEN	5,784.75		

Assessor's Report – Fiscal Year 2008

The Assessing Department again achieved its goal of getting timely tax rate approval from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Although certification of values occurs every three years, the DOR requires assessors to annually adjust real estate and personal property valuations to full and fair market value.

The FY2008 approved value for 5,862 accounts was \$1,713,978,100. A tax rate of \$10.47 per thousand dollar valuation was approved by the DOR in December, 2007. Despite a \$707,500 increase in appropriations, the tax rate increased only 20 cents.

The total assessed valuation of the town increased by only \$50 million compared to \$140 million in the prior year. The increase included \$39 mil-

lion in new growth which resulted in tax base growth of \$401,137. The balance of valuation adjustments were due to changing market conditions which began to decline late in calendar year 2006. A slowdown in construction caused new growth numbers to drop by \$282,000.

The number of accounts normally increases, but we lost 36 accounts due to a major fire at the Bernat Mill complex on July 21, 2007. With the help of our legislators, we were able to get special legislation passed to change the assessment date from Jan. 1, 2007 to the day after the fire. This allowed us to lower the value of the Bernat Mill complex and cancel out the personal property taxes of many of the businesses that were destroyed by fire. The town was reim-

bursed by the state for the \$29,492 tax loss.

Among the many tasks required of the assessing department is that of being a major source of information for the public and other town departments. Department staff documented hundreds of real estate transactions, nearly 14,000 excise tax bills, hundreds of abatement and exemption requests and numerous tax map inquiries.

The last day of the fiscal year marked the last day of employment of Senior Clerk Jennifer Hyland.

Respectfully submitted,
David C. Utakis, MAA,
Principal Assessor
Barbara Harris,
Administrative Assessor

FY2008 Assessor Department Statistics

Total amount to be raised	\$ 38,922,602.57
Less Cherry Sheet receipts	\$ 13,513,656.00
Less Local Receipts (including enterprise funds)	\$ 6,502,999.00
Less transfers from free cash & other available funds	\$ 3,161,888.57
Total Estimate Receipts & other revenue sources	\$ 23,178,543.57
Total to be raised through real & personal property tax levy	\$ 17,945,350.70
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy	\$ 17,946,414.00
New Tax Base Growth	\$ 401,137.00
State approved per thousand valuation tax rate	\$ 10.47
Total certified Valuation of real & personal property	\$ 1,713,978,100.00

Breakdown of Property Valuations

Single Family – 3,278 parcels valued at	\$ 1,120,264,300.00
Condominium – 884 units valued at	\$ 196,044,800.00
Miscellaneous – 41 parcels valued at	\$ 15,179,900.00
Two Family – 261 parcels valued at	\$ 77,678,500.00
Three Family – 57 parcels valued at	\$ 19,496,000.00
Four Family & more – 41 parcels valued at	\$ 14,447,400.00
Vacant Land – 611 parcels valued at	\$ 53,485,200.00
Commercial – 152 properties valued at	\$ 69,205,900.00
Industrial – 96 parcels valued at	\$ 78,003,000.00
Chapter 61 land (forest) – 42 parcels assessed (not market) at	\$ 591,500.00
Chapter 61A land (farm) – 52 parcels assessed (not market) at	\$ 332,100.00
Chapter 61B land (recreational) 21 parcels assessed (not market) at	\$ 4,172,100.00
Mixed Use properties – 42 parcels valued at	\$ 21,736,100.00
Personal Property – 284 accounts valued at	\$ 43,340,900.00
Exempt Property – Not Taxed but valued at	\$ 98,402,700.00

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is composed of seven (7) registered voters of the town. Four (4) members are appointed by the Town Moderator and three (3) are elected. The role of the Finance Committee is: primarily, to investigate and report to town meeting on articles included in the warrant; and, secondarily, to manage the Reserve Fund.

Town meeting is the local equivalent of a legislature wherein the town adopts by-laws and appropriates funds for governmental purposes. The Finance Committee's recommendations on the warrants for this year's town meetings are contained in published documents made available for the town meetings and are included in the records of these meetings reported elsewhere in this report.

The Reserve Fund

The Reserve Fund provides an instrument for meeting "emergency or unforeseen expenses" without the need for a special town meeting. The FY08 began with a Reserve Fund balance of \$88,000. The Transfers from the Reserve Fund are listed below.

FY09 Budget

In the fall of 2007, four Budget Summits were held with the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee to layout a plan for a balanced budget for FY09. This followed the need to take \$1.2 million in Stabilization Funds to balance the FY08 Budget. The committees were joined in

these meetings by the Town Manager, Finance Director, Superintendent of Schools, School Business Manager and chair of the Capital Planning Committee. The meetings produced an outline for the FY09 Budget which called for lower spending on the school and municipal sides of government. The budget was further tightened up by a plan put forth by the Finance Director and School Business Manager. This plan called for further reductions in expenses, including the elimination of the \$200,000 set aside for building maintenance.

Reserves (or "Rainy Day Fund") In its role as an advisory board, the Finance Committee worries about the town's short term and long term finances. The town has been able to fund operating budgets for the last few years by using free cash which has been in excess of \$1.0M. With the close of the Spring Annual Town Meeting the balance in the Stabilization account stood at \$0.5 million – or 1.5% of the FY09 Budget.

The Finance Committee would like to see the town set a policy that the Stabilization account should be funded at \$1.0 million (short term) and 5% of the operating budget (long term). The action would serve to:

1. Establish a level for the fund to withstand a major financial crisis
2. Help the town's bond rating
3. Finally, allow any funds in excess of the 5% target, to help fund the town's capital needs

The Finance Committee adopted a policy of a \$1,000,000 stabilization fund to encourage thinking around building the Town's reserves. In the fall of 2008 the Board of Selectmen adopted a set of Financial Manage Policy and Objectives which included the above recommendation. At the 2008 Fall Annual Town Meeting the Stabilization Fund was increased to \$910,349 – just short of the \$1.0 million goal.

Capital Funding

The need to fund the town's capital requirements is a major concern. At the Budget Summit, the Capital Planning Committee identified over \$30 million in capital projects for the next five years – exclusive of the cost of a new high school. Except for debt service, there is nothing in the operating budget to address these needs. The problem is further exacerbated by the fact that all funds previously in the budget to fund vehicle replacements, roads and building maintenance have been eliminated

Going forward, the town needs to determine how it is going to: 1) balance the operating budget, 2) fund major capital needs and 3) create new sources of revenue to help fund items 1 & 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Maharay, Chair

Mark Andrews, Vice Chair

Christine Horvath, Secretary

Peter DeMers

Howard Fortner

Rick Young

FY08 Reserve Fund Appropriation	\$88,000.00
Selectmen Expense	(2,578.00)
Finance Committee	(29.60)
Fire Expense	(4,500.00)
Snow/Ice Expense	(1,138.37)
Veteran's Expense	(26,000.00)
Historical Commission Expense	(1,816.00)
Medicare	(5,816.13)
Retiree Sick Leave Buyback	(3,929.22)
Regional Retirement	(3,476.68)
Total Reserve Fund Transfers Approved:	(\$49,284.80)
Balance	\$38,715.20

Cash Reconciliation – For June 30, 2008

Total Treasurer's Cash and Investments (6/30 quarterly report)	\$	<u>14,824,407</u>
Other trust funds not in custody of Treasurer		<u>614,129</u>
Total Cash and Investments		<u><u>15,438,536</u></u>
Accountant's/Auditor's Cash and Investments (per balance sheet)		
General Fund	\$	<u>3,373,948</u>
Special Revenue Funds		<u>2,357,908</u>
Capital Projects Funds		<u>4,113,393</u>
Enterprise Funds		<u>1,793,691</u>
Trust and Agency Funds		<u>3,235,429</u>
Total per general ledger	\$	<u><u>14,874,369</u></u>
Reconciling Items (specify)		
Warrants Payable	\$	<u>566,025.07</u>
Petty Cash		
Void; Check# 63998		<u>(347.55)</u>
Void; Check# 64040		<u>(1,492.00)</u>
Void' Check# 62825		<u>(17.99)</u>
Total Adjusted Accountant's/Auditor's Cash and Investments	\$	<u><u>15,438,537</u></u>
Variance	\$	<u><u>0</u></u>

Snow and Ice Datasheet – June 30, 2008
M.G.L. Ch. 44 Section 31D

1. Original budget:	<u>250,000.00</u>
2. Supplemental appropriations and transfers into snow and ice:	<u>341,667.26</u>
3. Expenditures and encumbrances charged to the appropriation:	<u>591,667.26</u>
4. State reimbursements received and date received:	<u>0.00</u>
Date _____	
5. Federal reimbursements received and date received:	<u>0.00</u>
Date _____	
6. Deficits reported on the Balance Sheet as of 6/30/08	<u>0.00</u>

Capital Projects Fund Balances – June 30, 2008

<u>Fund 300 - Capital Projects</u>			
300-000-2720-0000-000	WARRANTS PAYABLE	\$	(412,821.00)
300-000-3270-0000-000	CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND AUTHORIZATION	\$	-
300-122-3580-0001-000	TOWN HALL MODULAR OFF ART 2 JUNE 06	\$	-
300-300-3580-0001-000	HIGH SCH VERTICAL REINFORCMENT RODS	\$	-
300-300-3580-0002-000	SCHOOL ROOF	\$	-
300-300-3580-0003-000	SCHOOL ROOF BOILER ART 6 NOV 04	\$	1,552.44
300-300-3580-0004-000	SCHOOL SPACE SOLUTIONS ART 8 NOV 04	\$	-
300-300-3580-0005-000	WHITIN SCHOOL GYM ART 5 JUNE 05	\$	-
300-300-3580-0006-000	SCHOOL LAND ACQ ART 12 NOV 05	\$	34,863.17
300-422-3580-0001-000	HIGHWAY GARAGE AUG 2000	\$	-
300-422-3580-0002-000	DPW SIDEWALK TRACTOR ART 6 NOV 05	\$	1,235.66
300-440-3580-0001-000	WASTEWATER SILO ART 4 JUNE 06	\$	3,628.12
300-450-3580-0001-000	WATER TANK AUG 00 and MAY 06	\$	-
300-450-3580-0002-000	RTE 16 WATER SEWER PROJECT APRIL 2001	\$	30,919.30
320-000-3590-0000-000	MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY FUND BALANCE	\$	3,737,323.11
321-000-3590-0000-000	WASTEWATER ROOF & HVAC REPLACEMENT	\$	303,871.14
		\$	<u>3,700.572</u>
Total Capital Projects		\$	<u>3,700.572</u>

Combined Balance Sheet - June 30, 2008

Assets and Other Debits	General Fund 1000	Special Revenue Funds 2000-2999	Capital Projects Fund 3000-4000	Enterprise Funds Fund 5500	Trust & Agency Funds 5000, 7000-9000	General Long Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Cash:							
Unrestricted checking	3,111,224	2,199,841	4,113,393	1,793,691	3,149,389		16,161,228
Cash & Investment Market Value							
Restricted savings	262,724	158,067			86,040		506,831
Total cash	3,373,948	2,357,908	4,113,393	1,793,691	3,235,429		16,668,059
Taxes and Excises Receivable:							
Personal property taxes receivable	30,268						30,268
Real estate taxes receivable	45,005						45,005
Deferred Real Estate	21,862						21,862
Tax liens	1,002,921						1,002,921
Tax Possessions	180,842						180,842
Excise taxes	202,441						202,441
Total taxes and excises receivable	1,483,339						1,483,339
User Charges, Liens and Assessments:							
Sewer Use and Liens				99,399			198,798
Water Use, Liens, Final, Pipe & Labor				103,528			207,057
Ambulance				244,809			489,619
Sewer Assessment & Assess Added to Tax							17,085
Total user charges, liens and assessments				464,821			912,558
Government Receivables:							
State aid - grants and contracts	21,622	209,429					231,051
State aid - SBAB	14,919,118						14,919,118
Total government receivables	14,940,740	209,429					15,150,169
Amount to provide for payment of debt						23,550,000	23,550,000
Amount to provide for pymt Capital Lease obligations							
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	19,798,026	2,567,337	4,113,393	2,258,512	3,235,429	23,550,000	57,764,124

Combined Balance Sheet — June 30, 2008

Liabilities and Other Credits					
Warrants payable	(1,560,567)	(709)	(357,403)	48,717	(1,918,679)
Police off duty detail				(923)	48,717
Fire off duty detail					(923)
Other liabilities	(35,049)		(55,418)	(1,909,452)	(1,999,920)
Deferred revenue					
Real estate and personal property taxes	283,652				283,652
Deferred Real estate taxes	(33,611)				(33,611)
Provision for abate. & exempt.	(347,175)				(347,175)
Tax liens	(1,002,921)				(1,002,921)
Tax Possessions	(180,476)				(180,476)
Excise taxes	(202,807)				(202,807)
Sewer Use and Liens			(99,399)		(99,399)
Water Use, Liens, Final, Pipe & Labor			(103,528)		(103,528)
Ambulance			(244,809)		(244,809)
Sewer Assessment & Assess Added to Tax					(17,085)
Due from state		(209,429)			(209,429)
Total Deferred Revenue	(1,453,339)	(209,429)	-	(464,821)	(2,605,326)
State aid anticipation notes payable					-
Bond anticipation notes payable					(23,550,000)
Long-term bonds					(14,919,118)
School Construction Outstanding -SBAB					(14,919,118)
Capital Lease Obligations					-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS	(17,998,073)	(210,138)	(412,821)	(1,861,659)	(23,550,000)
Fund equity:					
Fund balance					(1,270,204)
Market Value Adjustment					-
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	(521,844)		(374,180)		(376,202)
Fund Balance Reserved for Debt Service					(369,605)
Fund Balance Reserved for Overlay Realease					-
Designated	(262,724)	(158,067)		(86,040)	-
Designated for Encumbrances					-
Designated for Appropriation					-
Emergency snow and ice to be raised					-
Undesignated	(1,015,386)	(2,199,132)	(3,700,572)	(1,287,731)	(10,812,865)
Total fund equity	(1,799,953)	(2,357,189)	(3,700,572)	(1,373,771)	(12,818,876)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	(19,798,026)	(2,567,327)	(4,113,393)	(3,235,430)	(57,764,125)

Schedule of Outstanding Receivables – June 30, 2008

	Balance per General Ledger
Real Estate Taxes	
Levy of 2008	5,869
Levy of 2007	4,565
Levy of 2006	3,176
Levy of 2005	3,188
Prior Years	28,206
Total	45,004
Personal Property Taxes	
Levy of 2008	8,257
Levy of 2007	4,122
Levy of 2006	3,875
Levy of 2005	4,999
Prior Years	9,015
Totals	30,268
Deferred Property Taxes	21,862
Taxes in Litigation	-
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy of 2008	119,961
Levy of 2007	43,131
Levy of 2006	20,448
Levy of 2005	9,756
Prior Years	9,145
Total	202,441
Tax Liens/Tax Title	1,002,921
Tax Foreclosures/Tax Possessions	180,842
Other Excise Taxes	
Boat Excise	
Farm animal excise	
Classified forest land	
Other:	
Other:	
User Charges Receivable	
Water	102,226
Sewer	99,040
Other:	
Other:	
Other:	
Other:	
Utility Liens Added to Taxes	723
Departmental and Other Receivables	
Ambulance	244,809
Other: Water Work Service	818
Other: Water Final Inspections	120
Other:	
Other:	
Special Assessments Receivable	
Unapportioned assessments	15,709
Apportioned assessments added to taxes	837
Committed interest added to taxes	539
Apportioned assessments not yet due	
Suspended assessments	
Special assessments tax liens	

Trust and Agency Fund Balances – June 30, 2008

Fund 710 - Stabilization

704-000-3590-0000-000	STABILIZATION FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,598,278.22	
704-000-4970-0000-000	REVENUE-OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 904,556.26	
704-000-5960-0000-000	EXPENDITURE-OTHER FINANCING USES	\$ (2,054,076.89)	
			\$ 448,758

Fund 710 - Capital Improvement

710-000-3590-0000-000	CAPITAL IMPRVMT FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,552.29	
			\$ 2,552

Fund 800 - Expendable Trust Funds

800-000-3580-0000-724	ANDREWS TRUST FUND	\$ 102,079.92	
800-145-3590-0000-723	MARY GOLDTHWAITE TRUST	\$ 51,053.01	
800-300-3590-0000-726	SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND	\$ 3,117.36	
800-300-3590-0000-727	EDUCATION TRUST FUND	\$ 69.12	
800-330-3590-0000-725	EDWARD C THAYER TRUST ONE	\$ 6,140.24	
800-491-3580-0000-713	ALBEE CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 7,143.41	
800-491-3590-0000-714	OLD CENTER SCHOOL CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 33,495.69	
800-491-3590-0000-715	GIDEON MOWRY CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 4,364.77	
800-491-3590-0000-716	SOUTHWICK LOT CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 2,904.20	
800-491-3590-0000-717	QUAKER CITY CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 992.97	
800-491-3590-0000-720	J B BANCROFT CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 2,778.75	
800-510-3590-0000-719	CHARLES MATTHEW TRUST	\$ 13,152.21	
800-610-3590-0000-000	LIBRARY TRUSTEES EXPENDABLE	\$ 609,129.29	
			\$ 836,421

Fund 850 - Non Expendable Trust Fund

850-145-3590-0000-723	MARY GOLDTHWAITE TRUST	\$ 2,500.00	
850-330-3580-0000-725	EDWARD C THAYER TRUST ONE	\$ 62,310.29	
850-491-3590-0000-713	ALBEE CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 500.00	
850-491-3590-0000-714	OLD CENTER SCHOOL CEMETARY TRUST	\$ 5,204.67	
850-491-3590-0000-715	GIDEON MOWRY CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 125.00	
850-491-3590-0000-716	SOUTHWICK LOT CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 200.00	
850-491-3590-0000-717	QUAKER CITY CEMETARY TRUST	\$ 2,000.00	
850-491-3590-0000-720	J B BANCROFT CEMETERY TRUST	\$ 200.00	
850-510-3590-0000-719	CHARLES MATTHEW TRUST	\$ 8,000.00	
850-610-3580-0000-728	LIBRARY TRUST CO TRUSTEES	\$ 5,000.00	
			\$ 86,040

Trust and Agency Fund Balances – June 30, 2008

Fund 900 - Agency

900-000-2580-0000-000	PERFORMANCE BONDS	\$	1,243,701.09
900-000-2580-0000-801	CONTRACTOR ESCROW	\$	26,706.13
900-000-2580-0000-914	HEALTH AND LIFE INS WITHHOLDINGS	\$	126,878.20
900-000-2580-0000-916	MEDICARE INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS	\$	-
900-000-2580-0001-801	SNOW PERFORMANCE BONDS	\$	1,150.00
900-000-2580-0002-801	LEGAL AND OTHER PERFORMANCE BONDS	\$	21,331.00
900-000-2580-0003-801	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS	\$	713.87
900-122-2580-0000-000	AGENCY TOWN MANAGER INFORMATION SERVICES	\$	108.27
900-145-2580-0000-000	DEPUTY COLLECTOR FEES	\$	389.59
900-145-2580-0001-000	REDEMPTION CERTIFICATION FEES	\$	-
900-210-2580-0000-000	POLICE DETAIL	\$	(48,716.61)
900-210-2580-0001-000	POLICE FIREARM PERMITS	\$	(1,200.00)
900-220-2580-0000-000	FIRE OFF DUTY DETAIL	\$	923.25
900-231-2520-0000-803	AMBULANCE AGENCY FUND BALANCE	\$	380.22
900-310-2580-0000-804	TAFT STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	\$	971.40
900-320-2580-0000-804	WHITIN STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	\$	15,137.32
900-330-2580-0000-804	HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	\$	95,506.86
900-910-2580-0000-997	TEACHER ANNUITY WITHHOLDINGS	\$	(1,075.00)
900-911-2580-0000-999	OTHER EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT WITHHOLDINGS	\$	8,019.99
900-915-2580-0000-998	UNION DUES WITHHOLDINGS	\$	(85.00)
900-917-2580-0000-996	OTHER EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS AND GARNISHES	\$	-
900-918-2580-0000-995	MASS TEACHERS ST LT DISABILITY	\$	1,242.88
			<u>\$ 1,492,083</u>

Fund 950 - Agency; Special State Legislation for Bernat Mill Fire

950-135-3520-2008-000	BERNAT MILL STATE REIMBURSEMENT	\$	-
950-135-3580-2008-295	BERNAT FIRE UXBRIDGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$	22,070.37
950-135-3580-2008-296	BERNAT FIRE ENGINE REPLACEMENT	\$	330,000.00
950-135-3580-2008-297	BERNAT FIRE MUTUAL AID REIMBURSEMENT	\$	11,246.95
950-135-3580-2008-298	BERNAT FIRE UNEXPENDABLE INTEREST	\$	6,257.67
			<u>\$ 369,575</u>

Special Revenue Fund Balances – June 30, 2008

Fund 220 - RRA

220-000-3300-0000-259	COUNTY DOG CLAIMS	\$	611.91	
220-292-3300-0000-206	DOG LICENSE FUND BALANCE RECEIPT RESERVED FOR APPR	\$	33,670.00	
220-645-3300-0000-000	CABLE PEG ACCESS RECEIPTS RESERVED	\$	450,332.17	
				\$ 484,614

Fund 230 - Highway Chapter 90

230-422-3520-0000-667	HIGHWAY CH90 8006 WALKWAY	\$	7,402.70	
230-422-3520-0000-663	HIGHWAY CH 90 350135606	\$	(0.68)	
230-422-3520-0000-668	HIGHWAY CH90 2008S00 51007 3501	\$	(78,124.99)	
230-422-3520-0000-669	CH 90 2009 RT 122 E HARTFORD AVE	\$	(708.40)	
				\$ (71,431)

Fund 240 - Town Revolving

240-510-2060-0000-000	BOARD OF HEALTH SALES TAX PAYABLE	\$	57.10	
240-000-3560-0000-042	CABLE PEG ACCESS REVOLVING FUND BALANCE	\$	5.17	
240-171-3560-0000-228	WETLANDS RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND BALANCE	\$	83,850.42	
240-171-3560-0000-751	FUND BAL SUMMERFIELD TAFT HILL 751	\$	354.15	
240-171-3560-0000-793	FUND BAL EVERGREEN ACRES 793	\$	2.50	
240-171-3560-0000-843	FUND BAL EVERGREEN ACRES 843	\$	1,935.00	
240-171-3560-0000-851	FUND BAL TAFT HILL MANOR 851	\$	453.62	
240-175-3560-0000-261	PLANNING BOARD REVOLVING 53E12	\$	31,970.81	
240-176-3560-0000-010	ZONING BOARD REVOLVING CH53E12	\$	753.00	
240-210-3560-0000-708	FEDERAL DRUG FORFEITURE FUND BALANCE	\$	53.03	
240-440-3560-0000-251	SEWER INSPECTION FEES Revolving	\$	3,240.00	
240-510-3560-0000-019	BOARD OF HEALTH REVOLVING 53E12	\$	55,220.79	
240-510-3560-0000-020	BOARD OF HEALTH COMPOST REVOLVING 53E12	\$	339.87	
240-510-3560-0000-260	BOH RECYCLING REVOLVING 53E12	\$	514.54	
240-610-3560-0000-267	LIBRARY REVOLVING 53E12	\$	3,234.32	
240-630-3560-0000-214	RECREATION REVOLVING 53E12	\$	9,522.65	
240-171-3580-0000-873	LYDIA TAFT HOUSE DEP312 873	\$	2,123.17	
240-645-3590-0000-000	UXBRIDGE COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION	\$	14,292.03	
				\$ 207,922

Fund 250 - School Revolving

250-000-3560-0000-246	THAYER FUND FUND BALANCE	\$	1,558.46	
250-300-3560-0000-225	SUMMER SCHOOL FUND BALANCE	\$	293.82	
250-303-3560-0000-201	ADULT ED FUND BALANCE	\$	17,768.76	
250-303-3560-0000-219	SCHOOL CHOICE FUND BALANCE	\$	127,301.46	
250-303-3560-0000-220	SCHOOL LUNCH FUND BALANCE	\$	5,992.45	
250-303-3560-0000-221	SCHOOL FACILITY RENTAL FUND BALANCE	\$	8,594.20	
250-303-3560-0000-230	PRESCHOOL REVOLVING FUND BALANCE	\$	43,770.71	
250-303-3560-0000-231	SPECIAL NEEDS REVOLVING FUND BALANCE	\$	12,307.46	
250-303-3560-0000-232	CHILDCARE REVOLVING FUND BALANCE	\$	2,040.62	
250-303-3560-0000-233	FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN REV OLVING	\$	83,503.69	
250-303-3560-0000-248	COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS FUND BALANCE	\$	(7,404.86)	
250-303-3560-0000-268	STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERF FUND BALANCE	\$	322,004.00	
250-303-3560-2007-218	EXTRACURRICULAR FEES FUND BALANCE	\$	285.00	
250-330-3560-0000-218	ATHLETIC REVOLVING FUND BALANCE	\$	19,958.97	
				\$ 637,975

Special Revenue Fund Balances – June 30, 2008

Fund 260 - Town Special Revenue

260-000-3300-0000-210	INSURANCE REIMBURSE OVER 20K	\$	718.49
260-000-3580-0000-210	INSURANCE REIMBURSE UNDER 20K	\$	29,284.87
260-122-3580-0001-249	TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE GIFT FUND BALANCE	\$	7,830.92
260-145-3580-0000-000	BVT ASSESSMENT REIMBURSEMENT FUND	\$	98,081.80
260-151-3580-0000-249	ATTORNEY FOR DOG CASE FUND BALANCE	\$	100.00
260-210-3580-0000-000	MEMA FLOOD DAMAGE REIMB CDA112807	\$	5,063.12
260-210-3580-0000-249	POLICE DONATION DV FUND BALANCE	\$	2,251.73
260-210-3580-0000-265	STATE DRUG FORFEITURE FUND BALANCE	\$	945.48
260-210-3580-0001-249	POLICE DONATIONS FUND BALANCE	\$	1,985.03
260-210-3580-0002-249	POLICE DONATION V TAFT FUND BALANCE	\$	26,165.71
260-210-3580-0003-247	POLICE DONATIONS DARE FUND BALANCE	\$	83.23
260-220-3580-0000-249	FIRE ALARM DONATIONS FUND BALANCE	\$	4,220.60
260-220-3580-0001-249	FIRE DONATION FUND BALANCE	\$	1,353.19
260-220-3580-0003-249	FIRE V TAFT DONATION FUND BALANCE	\$	65,490.35
260-231-3580-0000-249	AMBULANCE DONATION FUND BALANCE	\$	57,857.80
260-491-3580-0000-266	BUFFUM CEMETERY FUND BALANCE	\$	1,000.00
260-541-3580-0000-249	COA DONATIONS FUND BAL	\$	10,461.71
260-630-3580-0000-249	RECREATION DONATION FUND BALANCE	\$	7,527.80
260-631-3580-0000-249	POUT POND DONATIONS FUND BALANCE	\$	80.00
260-650-3580-0000-266	ARTHUR TAFT MEM FUND BALANCE	\$	10,096.68
260-913-3580-0000-000	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND BALANCE	\$	119,722.50
260-491-3590-0000-271	NORDEN CEMETERY DONATIONS	\$	1,475.00
260-491-3590-0000-718	CEMETERY GENERAL DONATIONS	\$	2,211.91
260-541-3590-0000-000	COA VAN PURCHASE ATM MAY08 ART15	\$	65,000.00
			\$ 519,008

Fund 270 - School Special Revenue

270-300-3560-0000-000	AMERICAN HERO PROGRAM GIFT	\$	1,000.00
270-303-3560-0000-000	SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS	\$	15,000.00
270-300-3580-0000-000	UXBRIDGE SCHOOL SECURITY BADGE REPLACEMENT	\$	45.00
270-300-3580-0000-022	SCHOOL ERATE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT	\$	9,653.45
270-300-3580-0000-023	SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	2,375.00
270-300-3580-2008-210	BERNAT LOSS INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	\$	55,425.56
270-303-3580-0000-217	KATRINA IMPACT AID FUND BALANCE	\$	6,000.00
270-303-3580-0000-245	EDUCATIONAL GIFT FUND BALANCE	\$	23,893.39
270-310-3580-0000-211	TAFT LOST BOOKS FUND BALANCE	\$	754.93
270-320-3580-0000-000	ATHLETICS DONATION FUND BALANCE	\$	6,000.00
270-320-3580-0000-211	WHITIN LOST BOOKS FUND BALANCE	\$	1,423.73
270-330-3580-0000-211	INDUSTRIAL ARTS FUND BALANCE	\$	2,004.78
270-330-3580-0001-211	HS LOST BOOKS FUND BALANCE	\$	2,387.86
270-300-3590-0000-249	TEACHER RECOGNITION GIFT ACCOUNT	\$	2,955.96
270-300-3590-2008-000	TAFT PLAYGROUND RESURFACING	\$	34,932.65
270-300-3590-2008-727	SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$	35,310.24
			\$ 199,163

Fund 280 - Federal Grants

280-162-3510-0000-000	EXTENDED POLLING HOURS FUND BALANCE	\$	-
280-210-3510-0000-512	COMMUNITY POLICING FUND BALANCE	\$	(13.00)
280-210-3510-0000-523	LOCAL LE PUBLIC SAF EQ FUND BALANCE	\$	1,644.48
280-210-3510-2002-520	LOCAL LE BLOCK 02 FUND BALANCE	\$	109.84
280-210-3510-2003-520	LOCAL LE BLOCK 03 FUND BALANCE	\$	3.38
280-210-3510-2007-512	COMMUNITY POLICING 07	\$	6,580.51
280-220-3510-0000-000	FEDERAL MEMA FUND BALANCE	\$	(2,093.30)
280-220-3510-0000-522	FIRE SAFE GRANT FUND BALANCE	\$	(393.35)

Special Revenue Fund Balances – June 30, 2008

Fund 290 - State Grants

290-162-3520-0000-662	ACCU VOTE FUND BALNCE	\$	195.00
290-198-3520-0000-000	BLANCHARD REDESIGN GRANT FUND BALANCE	\$	5,559.00
290-210-3520-0000-656	GHSB TRAFFIC ENFORCE FUND BALANCE	\$	(1,819.14)
290-210-3520-0000-653	POLICE BULLET PROOF VESTS	\$	(650.00)
290-220-3520-0000-005	FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT GRANT	\$	1,702.00
290-220-3520-2006-006	FIRE SAFE GRANT 06 FUND BALANCE	\$	1,902.20
290-231-3520-2006-009	AMBULANCE TASK FORCE GRANT FUND BALANCE	\$	1,763.28
290-303-3520-2001-349	SMOKING CESSATION 01 FUND BALANCE	\$	454.64
290-303-3520-2007-391	COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS 07 FUND BALANCE	\$	(23,173.16)
290-303-3520-2008-391	COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FY08	\$	5,911.17
290-510-3520-0000-028	WATER POLLUTION FUND BALANCE	\$	5,937.94
290-510-3520-2005-001	SKIN CANCER GRANT 05 FUND BALANCE	\$	266.84
290-610-3520-0000-221	LIBRARY INCENTIVE GRANT	\$	11,508.68
290-699-3520-0000-605	UX CULTURAL COUN. FUND BALANCE	\$	7,137.01
290-210-3580-2008-652	SETB FY2008	\$	(1,127.16)
290-300-3580-2008-632	ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES FY2008	\$	2,882.12
290-182-3590-0000-000	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND BALANCE	\$	85,000.00
290-220-3590-2008-000	FIRE S A F E GRANT 2008	\$	3,850.00
290-300-3590-2008-000	FOUNDATION RESERVE AWARD FY2008	\$	10,000.00
290-510-3590-2008-002	BOH SMOKING CESSATION 2008	\$	145.07
			<u>\$ 117,445</u>

Fund 299 - Grant Funding Liability

299-000-2580-0000-140	DOE 140 TITLE IIA	\$	17,815.70
299-000-2580-0000-160	DOE 160 TITLE IID	\$	1,482.46
299-000-2580-0000-240	DOE 240 SPED 94-142	\$	48,687.66
299-000-2580-0000-262	DOE 262 EARLY CHILDHOOD IMPROV	\$	53,705.87
299-000-2580-0000-274	DOE 274 SPED PROGRAM IMPROV	\$	1,938.36
299-000-2580-0000-302	DOE 302 TITLE V	\$	5,416.00
299-000-2580-0000-305	DOE 305 TITLE IA	\$	18,887.41
299-000-2580-0000-331	DOE 331 TITLE IV	\$	7,775.00
299-000-2580-0000-354	DOE 354 LEARN AND SERVE	\$	1,958.51
299-000-2580-0000-625	DOE 625 SUMMER ACADEMIC	\$	400.00
			<u>\$ 158,067</u>

Total Special Revenue Undesignated

\$ 2,199,132

Total Special Revenue Designated

\$ 158,067

Total Special Revenue

\$ 2,357,199

TOWN OFFICERS' REPORTS



July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Board of Registrars

Registrars are responsible for the entire registration process, for maintaining registration records and for sending certain records to the Secretary of the Commonwealth (MGL Ch. 51 s 33).

In January, the Board of Registrars conducted the annual street census. The street listing and voter lists were completed in a timely manner as prescribed under law.

The BOR conducted the required Registration sessions in advance of the following elections and town meetings, and were available to provide registrar support to these elections and meetings:

- Annual Fall Town Meeting: November 20, 2007
- Presidential Primary: February 5, 2008
- Annual Spring Town Meeting: May 13, 2008
- Annual Town Election: May 20, 2008

The signatures on all petitions and nomination papers were certified, absentee ballot applications were processed, election warrants were posted at various locations throughout the town as required, and election results were recorded with the Secretary of State's Office.

Training with accompanying manuals were provided for all poll workers for each election, including usage on the state's new Auto Mark machine, designed for voters with physical or visual disabilities. Informational kits were provided to all candidates for town office. Candidates also had the opportunity to meet with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance when the OCPF visited town hall at our invitation.

The Board of Registrars extends their appreciation to former Registrar Cecelia Boatman, who also served as Chair of the Board. We appreciate the dedication and knowledge that she enthusiastically shared with the department. Assistant Town Clerk Doris Saucier is always an enthusiastic and valuable contributor to all accomplishments and achievements of the Board and of the Clerk's office. We also thank Town Manager Jill Myers

and Kim Hood, former Assistant to the Manager, for their ongoing support of the Board's goals and objectives. The Secretary of State's Office is always available and accessible to our office and our town for any questions or concerns that we may have, most especially Elections Division Director Michelle Tassinari.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Nealon, Lanny Remillard
Joe Kaplan, Ex-Officio

Town Moderator

Uxbridge has an open town meeting form of government. During town meeting, all of Uxbridge's voters may vote on all matters including the salaries for elected officials, money appropriations to run the town, and the town's local statutes or by-laws. The Town Moderator shall preside over all town meetings, regulate the proceedings thereof, decide all questions of order and make public declaration of all votes.

For Fiscal Year 2008 (July, 2007-June, 2008), Uxbridge held two town meetings. Please refer to the Town Clerk's report for each meeting's minutes. I would like to give special recognition to the many volunteers who answer the call to be tellers. The professionalism of these special individuals is greatly appreciated. I also would like to give special recognition to our Town Manager during this period, Jill Myers, who I found to be invaluable in my preparations for Town Meeting. Town Manager Myers, I thank you.

Every Uxbridge voter can attend the town meeting. It is important to our open town meeting that both attendance and open debate be encouraged. Town meetings are a wonderful experience in democracy and are a privilege of our political freedoms. I invite all to attend and to enjoy the experience.

I am available to anyone who has a question concerning our open town meeting form of government. Please feel free to send me your correspondence at 105 Quaker Hwy, Uxbridge, MA 01569, or to call me at 508-278-6915

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Klei, Town Moderator

Department of Planning and Economic Development

The Town Charter requires that the Town Manager establish an administrative plan of the Town (government). Pursuant to that requirement, the Town Manager did so, in late FY07, and the Selectmen held a hearing to review the proposal. This administrative plan took effect just as FY08 dawned, and it included grouping the land use, inspectional services, and economic development functions under the "umbrella" of the Department of Planning and Economic Development.

The reorganization of the department represented one of the steps on the path to professionally manage government services. Adoption of the Charter represented the first step in implementing that approach. The Town Manager form of government was then implemented, and Town Meeting adopted the provisions of MGL Ch 43D, which required a comprehensive overhaul to the Town's zoning bylaws and development regulations.

A key objective of the reorganization was to create an organizational structure that effectively manages and coordinates process associated with development and growth throughout the community. The job description for the Director of this Department was modified to reflect the reorganization. The Department of Planning and Economic Development includes the following divisions/offices: Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement, Conservation Commission, Electrical Inspector, Board of Health, Planning Board, Plumbing Inspector, and Zoning Board, as well as generalized economic development and generalized administration.

The work of FY08 reflected a great deal of progress in meeting the requirements of the reorganization through establishment of coordinated review processes, updated forms and regulations, establishment of standardized operating procedures, and work with the various Boards toward preparation of the zoning bylaw revision, as well as other bylaw and regulatory reviews.

Virtually all of the regulatory and permitting processes have been evaluated and have been, or are in the process of being, substantially updated and revised. This single effort represents the first stages in establishing a community which can market itself to non-residential development opportunities. Through the Town Manager's office, and the interdepartmental coordination with Public Works, Police, Fire, and Schools, in particular, we have made tremendous progress in FY08 in carrying out the objectives of the Town Charter, and the P & ED departmental reorganization.

The following reports are provided by the respective divisions.

Building Department

Building Inspector

The mission of the Building Department is to contribute to the protection of the public through the enforcement of building codes and zoning bylaws.

The Building Department staff enforces State building codes, as well as local Zoning by-laws and Architectural Access Board Regulations. Many of the functions of the Department are mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including enforcement and implementation of the State building code, the State Zoning Act and the State Architectural Access Code. Additional local codes and standards must also be enforced. Staff issues permits, inspect construction sites, conduct periodic safety inspections of restaurants, schools, religious institutions, and other places of assembly, and initiate enforcement actions when necessary to obtain code compliance. This office processed more than 375 building permits in FY07 (not including electrical, plumbing & gas permits), with three to seven inspections per permit.

The full time administrative staff person also provides administrative support to the Electrical Inspector and to the Plumbing/Gas Inspector.

Building Permits

Residential

327 Residential Permits Issued	
Estimated value of all residential construction	\$ 8,064,945
New Construction	\$ 50,634
Renovation/Addition	23,068
Other	100
Total Fees Collected for Residential	\$ 73,802

Commercial

66 Commercial Permits Issued	
Estimated value of all commercial construction	\$ 5,973,814
New Construction	\$ 12,960
Renovation/Addition	29,213
Other	100
Total Fees Collected for Commercial	\$ 42,273

TOTAL VALUE in FY08

\$ 14,766,853

This represents a reduction of approximately 16% from FY07

TOTAL PERMIT RECEIPTS in FY08

\$ 116,075

This represents a reduction of approximately 26% from FY07

64 Certificates of Occupancy were issued, down from 72 in FY07

During the Fiscal Year 2008, Nicholas Gazerro served as the Inspector of Buildings for the Town of Uxbridge.

During this time period, there were 393 permits issued in the Town of Uxbridge.

Just three weeks into the fiscal year, the Bernat Mill suffered a devastating fire. For many months thereafter, the Building Inspector was involved in dozens of investigatory meetings with state inspectors and insurance investigators, as well as the relocation efforts of many affected business.

Mr. Gazerro also participated in numerous training programs throughout FY08, including OSHA 10, Scaffolding, and Flammable/Combustible Permitting training sessions. Such training helps to fulfill mandatory requirements for maintaining professional certificates and eligibility to serve in the position of Inspector of Buildings.

A new, 7th Edition of the (One- and Two-Family) Residential Building Code came into effect during this time. In addition to managing its implementation locally, the Building Inspector served as a key educational resource for contractors and residents alike.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicholas Gazerro
Inspector of Buildings

Electrical/Wiring Inspector

The mission of the Electrical Inspection Division is to contribute to the protection of the public through the enforcement of electrical codes.

The Electrical Inspector enforces the National Electric Code. Many of the functions of the Department are mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including enforcement and implementation of the code. Staff issue permits, inspect construction sites and initiate enforcement actions when necessary to obtain code compliance.

Residential

Total of 226 residential permits were issued for residential new construction and renovations.

Total fees collected Residential
\$ 15,525.00

Commercial

Total of 66 were commercial permits were issued for commercial new construction and renovations.

Total fees collected Commercial
\$ 7,551.50

Total Fees collected \$ 23,076.50

In FY08 there were 17% fewer permits, but a reduction in fees of approximately 41%.

All Electrical work was inspected and approved or corrected for approval according to the NEC and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,
Romeo Ethier, Electrical Inspector

Plumbing/Gas Inspector

The mission of the Plumbing Inspection Division is to contribute to the protection of the public through the enforcement of plumbing codes.

The Plumbing Inspector enforces State plumbing and mechanical codes. Many of the functions of the Division are mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including enforcement and implementation of the code. Staff issue permits, inspect construction sites, and initiate enforcement actions when necessary to obtain code compliance.

There were 176 Plumbing permits issued during the Fiscal Year 2008 which is only slightly fewer than FY07 (an 11% reduction).

Although the number of permits declined just 8% in FY08 compared with FY07, the revenue generated was more than 41% less. This reflects the fact that most of the permits were for renovations to existing structures, rather than new construction.

All Plumbing and Gas work was inspected and approved or corrected and re-inspected for approval according to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Harper
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is the governing body charged with the protection of Uxbridge's natural resources. The Commission also advises other municipal officials and boards on conservation issues. As required by law, every municipality in Massachusetts has a Conservation Commission. The enabling legislation that allows for the formation and operation of the Conservation Commission is called the Conservation Commission Act (MGL C.40 §8c).

Plumbing Permits

Residential

Total of 162 residential permits were issued for residential new construction and renovations:

Total fees collected Residential: \$ 11,402.00

Commercial

Total of 14 commercial permits were issued for commercial new construction and renovations:

Total fees collected Commercial: \$ 1,635.00

Total Plumbing fees \$ 13,037.00

Despite a relatively small decline in the number of Plumbing permits, the resulting permit fee revenue decreased by a startling 48%.

Gas Permits

There were 163 Gas permits issued during the Fiscal Year 2008, which is similar to the FY07 number (170) for a 4% decline year over year:

Residential

Total of 137 residential permits were issued for residential new construction and renovations:

Total fees collected Residential \$ 5,270.00

Commercial

Total of 26 commercial permits were issued for commercial new construction and renovations:

Total fees collected Commercial \$ 1,155.00

Total Gas fees \$ 6,425.00

This represents a 19% reduction in fees.

Total Gas & Plumbing Fees Collected \$ 19,462.00

As the municipal focal point for environmental protection, Conservation Commissions were given responsibility in 1972 for administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL C.131 § 40). Under this Act, the Commission reviews applications to do work in and near wetlands, flood plains, banks, river front areas, beaches and surface waters. The Commission oversees approved projects in or near wetlands and also carries out enforcement duties where the Wetlands Protection Act is being violated.

The Uxbridge Conservation Commission is a group of seven volunteers with a diverse background of skills and interests. The members of the Commission serve three-year terms, and are appointed by the Town Manager. The tasks of the Commission require a great deal of study, learning and thought by its members, who become expert only by patience and work.

The Commission also undertakes the planning, acquisition and management

of open space for passive use, creation of open space and recreation plans, and encouraging and monitoring conservation and agricultural preservation restrictions. The Conservation Commission has the authority to adopt rules and regulations for the use of conservation land. These regulations have the full force of law.

In FY08, the Commission deliberated on numerous applications for work in or near wetlands. The Commission issued numerous Orders of Conditions for a variety of projects, including a 66 unit multi-family development which included a bridge crossing over the Mumford River, additions to the 100-unit nursing and rehabilitation center Lydia Taft House, several single family residences, a water storage tank and water transmission main. Several Determinations of Applicability were issued for various small or nonintrusive projects such as small home additions and paving of driveways. Of the numerous Orders of Conditions issued, a single project was

denied. Project proposals were denied for failure to meet regulatory performance standards, lack of sufficient safeguards to protect wetlands, or lack of sufficient information to be reasonably assured that negative impacts to wetlands would not occur.

The Commission pursued four separate enforcement cases including placement of fill within wetlands without a valid Order of Conditions, cutting of trees and construction within 100-feet of a wetland without a permit. When a provision of the State Wetlands Protection Act is violated, the violator is required to cease the offending activity and to restore the area to its former conditions.

The land management subcommittee of the Commission continues work on written land use management plans for the various conservation lands held by the Commission. The land management subcommittee also plays a key role in collaborating with volunteers who donate their time, labor and skills in the upkeep and monitoring of the Town's conservation lands. Following recommendations of this subcommittee, the Commission revised the Land Use Regulations governing Pout Pond in Fiscal Year 2008, to further protect the beach and property from erosion and problems resulting from conflicting uses.

The Commission is thankful for the many volunteers who help us manage our most-visited conservation areas, Pout Pond and Legg Farm. Volunteers have continued to maintain the beach and structures at Pout Pond Conservation Area. Volunteers also patrol and maintain trails. In particular, the Commission extends appreciation to:

- Nancy Lyle and the Uxbridge Cub Scout Pack 25 for their dedication and continued support of Pout Pond;
- The Police Department for their assistance in combating vandalism and other noxious uses of the property;
- Scout Troop 1122, which built and installed birdhouses for Blue Birds.
- Heritage Design Group for their ongoing support and contribution of hay bales, erosion control devices, and assistance;

- Pyne Sand and Gravel, for their donation of beach sand!
- Dave Lewcon and Tony Banya for manning the gates and helping to ensure compliance with regulations at Pout Pond; and
- The Department of Public Works for all of the assistance they provided throughout the year

During FY08, member Andrew Klos resigned, and the Commission welcomed David Lewcon as its newest member. Mr. Lewcon was raised in Uxbridge, and has a long record of stewardship for the Pout Pond property.

The membership of the Commission as of June 30, 2008 was as follows: Gretchen Duffield, Chair, Al Jones, Vice Chair, Tracy Tivedo, Secretary, Harold Klei, Dave Lewcon, Peter Lewis, and Russell Holden

Respectfully submitted,
Conservation Commission

Board of Health

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Ch 111, and also various other state and local regulations, the Uxbridge Board of Health is responsible for disease prevention and control, health and environmental protection, and promoting a healthy community.

This separate authority was intentionally created by the state because the protection of the public health was considered too important an issue to be under the influence of local politics. The Board serves as the local arm of both the Mass. Department of Public Health and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection. As such, its general duties include: Developing, implementing and enforcing health policies; Overseeing inspections to maintain minimum standards for sanitation in housing and food service; and Assuring that the basic health needs of the community are being met.

Specific responsibilities and areas of oversight include: Septic systems, Wells, Water quality, Public swimming pools, Public bathing/swimming beaches, Day camps, Restaurants, other Food estab-

lishments, Housing inspections, Lead inspections, Infectious disease reporting & surveillance, including rabies surveillance and rabies specimen collection, air quality, tobacco law compliance, pandemic response planning, health emergency response planning, and health education.

A total of nearly 300 permits were issued in FY08. The Board grants a variety of permits, including: Food Establishment Permit, Tattoo Permit, Percolation/Deep Hole Test, Retail Food Establishment Permit, Restaurant Permit, Stable Permit (Farm Animals), Tobacco Permit, Well Permit, Sand Blasting Permit (Abrasive Blasting), Land Application of Organic Materials, Tanning Establishments, Methol Alcohol, Motel/Trailer Establishment, Septage Haulers, Septage Installers, and Curbside (trash) Haulers. A detailed listing of permits issued in FY08 is on the following page.

Massage therapy permits, previously issued by the town, are now issued through the state.

We are honored to serve you, and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Board Members serving in FY 2008 include: Susan A. Smith, Chairman (current term 2007-2010); Thomas Rice (current term 2008-2011); Cay DenHerder (who resigned before her term was completed) and James F. Smith (filling Ms. DenHerder's unexpired term 2008-2009)

Agents

Agents of the Uxbridge Board of Health in Fiscal Year 2008 included the following: The Visiting Nurse Association of the Greater Milford-Northbridge Area, Inc. (providing home health care and public health, communicable disease reporting); James Malley, Malley Engineering (septic design and installation inspection); Sean Cole, Barn and Animal Inspector, Dennis Costello, Health Agent, who began working in March, 2007 and resigned in June 2008, and Joseph Kaplan, Town Clerk, Burial Agent

Permits Issued in FY08

76 Septic System related; 12 Well; 4 Abrasive Blast; 35 Barn/Stable; 1 Bathing Beach; 62 Food (includes restaurant, mobile, ice cream etc.); 12 Massage; 1 Motel; 2 Public Swimming Pool; 1 Recreational Camp; 10 Septic Hauler; 47 Septic Installer; 10 Solid Waste Curbside Hauler; 3 Tanning Facility; 15 Tobacco Retailer. The Board also issued 267 Recycle Stickers, and 23 rain barrels/composters

Reviews

There were 52 Title V inspections; of these 50 Passed and 2 Failed. There were 16 applications for variances regarding septic systems; of these, 13 were approved and 3 were denied. The Board conducted numerous plan reviews, including Preliminary and Definitive Plan Reviews, Restaurant Plan Reviews and Car Wash Plan Reviews

Reportable Disease Cases

The following Reportable Disease cases were documented in FY08: Animal bites (6); Campylo Bacter (3); Chicken Pox (2); Ehrlichiosis (2); Giardiasis (2); Granulocytic Anaplasmosis (2); Hepatitis (20); Lyme (63) – (increased construction has forced deer population into closer contact with humans); Meningitis (1); Rabies contact (7); Tuberculosis (9)

Other Investigations

These complaints were investigated by our Health Agent, our Septic Engineer and Board of Health members: 21 Animal; 2 Dust; 6 Food; 14 Hazardous Material; 19 Housing; 11 Miscellaneous; 2 Mold; 2 Odor; 8 Septic; 12 Smoke (air quality); 25 Trash

Miscellaneous Information

Please note: in FY07 Health agent was budgeted as a salaried employee, as we were asking for a full-time position. We were not successful in this attempt. The FY08 budget removes this category, and replaces it with health inspection expense, as it is a subcontracted position at 20 hours.

The Board recently adjusted its fees for Stable permits to more nearly reflect the cost of administering same. This has

increased its projected revenues somewhat this year.

The replacement of the formerly deleted recycling expense brings the budget over level funding, however we do not plan to contract with Blackstone's recycling center this year. This reduces the Town's expenses by \$7500, resulting in an overall net savings to the town.

Our proposed projects this year include ongoing work on state and federally mandate all-hazards emergency preparedness plans as well as flu pandemic planning. We are also planning one or more household hazardous waste recycling days.

The Board currently runs flu and blood pressure clinics through the VNA, with whom we also contract for communicable disease reporting.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan A. Smith, Chairman

Planning Board

The Planning Board is responsible for administering many provisions of the Uxbridge Zoning Bylaws, and the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The Board reviews and endorses or denies plans requiring a determination that the Subdivision Control Law does not apply, also known as Approval Not Required, or ANR Plans. The Board also reviews Preliminary Subdivision Plans, Definitive Subdivision Plans, and certain Special Permit proposals. The Board also reviews and issues reports regarding various proposals to Town Meeting. The Planning Board facilitates various planning efforts and work toward coordinated and sustainable development patterns.

The Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

During FY 2008, which ended on June 30, 2008, the Planning Board consisted of the following 5 members: John Morawski, who served as Chairman, Debbie Bernier, Charles Lutton, Peter Petrillo and Stanley Stefanick. Barry

Desruisseaux served as Associate Member.

During FY08, the Planning Board accomplished the following: reviewed 15 ANR (Approval Not Required) Plans; reviewed 8 Modifications of a Definitive Plan (approved 5, denied 3); reviewed 4 Special Permits (Approved 2 permits for Townhouse Development) and approved 1 Definitive Subdivision Plan. The Planning Board also approved 1 Conservation Design Special Permit which ensures land will be set aside as permanently protected open space.

During Fiscal Year 2008, there were two roads accepted by Town meeting. One was part of a subdivision, called Autumn Woods Estates subdivision, and the acceptance reflected completion of that subdivision project.

Administratively, the Board adopted a Fee Regulation in order to facilitate outside reviews of larger projects. The Planning Board also actively reviewed and commented on the Draft Open Space (Update) Plan, which is under development, and is grant-funded. Additionally, representatives of the Board were invited to participate in the interview process for hiring an engineering consultant. The consultant firm will be the primary outside reviewing agent for various development applications filed, as well as during the construction phase of many such projects.

Pursuant to the General Laws of Massachusetts, the Planning Board also reviewed 8 Town Meeting warrant articles to amend the Zoning Bylaws/map, and issued reports on each to Town Meeting. One of these was a comprehensive revision to the Zoning Bylaws, which was a project funded through a grant program and included input and participation by the Planning Board (and numerous other boards as well as the general public) throughout the review period.

Respectfully submitted,
Uxbridge Planning Board

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals hears petitions from landowners seeking relief from the Town of Uxbridge's Zoning Bylaws. The ZBA may review and make decisions upon applications for variances and certain special permits. The Zoning Board is also the appellate body for appeals from determinations of the Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Officer. The Zoning Board is charged with reviewing affordable housing development projects submitted under MGL Chapter 40B.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

During FY 2008, the Zoning Board of Appeals consisted of the following members: Mark Wickstrom who served as Chairman, Thomas Bentley and Bruce Desilets. Charles Lutton served as Associate Member throughout the year, and Steven O'Connell was appointed as an Associate Member late in the fiscal year.

During FY 2008, the Zoning Board of Appeals heard 35 cases. 18 were requests for Variances. Of those, 6 applications were converted to Findings or Determinations by the ZBA. There were 11 applications for Special Permits filed with the Board. There were also 2 Appeals of Decision from the Building/Zoning Enforcement Officer; 1 request for Determination by the ZBA, and 2 applications were withdrawn.

In addition to the applications filed with the Board, the ZBA spearheaded the Zoning Bylaw recodification/revision process. Funded through a grant, the Special Town Counsel (Blatman Bobrowski and Meade) provide guidance and materials along the way to reorganizing the zoning bylaws into a document that reflects the current laws. The ZBA held more than a dozen public meetings during the fiscal year to accomplish the task, which was overwhelmingly approved by the Annual Town Meeting in May 2008. The Board also began working on "next steps" in

updating the zoning bylaws, including evaluating the use regulations and other provisions.

The Zoning Board also adopted regulations governing the submittal and review of "comprehensive permit" projects, submitted in accordance with MGL Ch 40B, and adopted fee regulations for reviewing applications.

Respectfully submitted,
Uxbridge Zoning Board of Appeals

Animal Control Division

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 was the first fiscal year that the Animal Control Officer was a full-time regional position. Animal control services are shared with the towns of Douglas and Mendon, and are under the control of the Uxbridge, Douglas and Mendon Police.

Animal Control consists of one full-time officer and one per diem officer. During fiscal 2008, Animal Control responded to more than 473 complaints relative to dog issues in Uxbridge alone, as well as numerous calls pertaining to road kill, animal cruelty cases, wildlife complaints, illegal animal releases, and rabies concerns. In the spring of 2008 a rabies clinic was held at which over 200 dogs and cats were vaccinated. We hope to have another in the spring of 2009.

The town of Uxbridge Animal Control Bylaw is posted on the Uxbridge Police Department's Website at www.uxbridgepolice.com. During fiscal 2008 the Town adopted revised kennel regulations, which are also posted on the website.

I wish to thank all the members of the Uxbridge Police Department for their assistance this year, as well as the Town Clerk's Office which is responsible for administering dog and kennel licensing.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Gareri A.C.O.

Uxbridge Fire Department

The Fire Department is the service provider for the community responsible for fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical services. Personnel

also provide fire prevention services through plan review, inspections, and participation in the planning process in cooperation with the Building Inspector and Planning Department and public education through school and community programs. Members include 11 full-time Firefighter/EMTs and 35 "on-call" members operating from three stations. We provide intermediate life support (ILS) ambulance service with two ambulances serving the town.

Fiscal Year 2008 brought significant challenges to our department including a general alarm fire at the Bernat Mill Complex and closure of the Paramedic service provided by Milford Regional Medical Center. We are thankful for the assistance and support from our community and neighboring communities provided during this time. I also congratulate the members of the Uxbridge Fire Department for the excellence in performance on display. You have trained and worked hard to become adept professionals and the events of this fiscal year showed you to have learned your lessons well!!

There were some personnel changes over this fiscal year. Pastor Robert Howard from the Uxbridge Church of the Nazarene joined us as the Department Chaplain. We have not had that position filled since the mid-1980's and we welcome Pastor Bob in his ministry to our firefighters, EMTs and the public we serve. Firefighter Justin Garipey was appointed an auxiliary member and is working on his basic training. Peter Ostroskey Jr. joined us as a student intern through the Uxbridge High School program beginning in September '07 and continuing through January '08. He was subsequently appointed as an auxiliary member in June 2008.

The Bernat Mill Fire

At 4:15 a.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2007 box 2111 was received for the Bernat Mill Complex at 19 Depot Street. Captain Melissa Blodgett and Firefighter Roger Lavallee were on duty at Fire Headquarters and responded the short distance to the location within

minutes. Upon investigating the interior of the building they discovered heavy smoke in the main structure on the ground floor. As they attempted to locate the seat of the fire, Captain Thomas Dion sounded a second alarm bringing assistance from surrounding communities.

Firefighters located a fire on the ground floor of the main section of the building and began an attack with lines stretched from the east and west side entrances. Other firefighters from mutual aid departments entered the building on floors two and three to determine the extent of the fire and to locate any extension beyond the first floor. Mendon and Douglas personnel were driven out of floor two due to extreme heat conditions, and Millville personnel located a significant fire on floor 3 toward the northwest side and began attacking it with a hose line brought over their ladder truck into the building. Uxbridge personnel on the roof found deteriorating conditions causing the roof structure to be weakened and in danger of collapse.

Despite the efforts inside the building the fire progressed to a point that made such operations too dangerous to continue. All personnel were ordered to evacuate and to continue to attack the fire from the exterior. Five alarms had been sounded bringing mutual aid from throughout the Blackstone Valley to assist with the firefighting effort. The large amount of water required using pumpers to supply the streams from the Mumford River and even from the Blackstone River nearly one mile away. Fire consumed all floors of the main structure and assistance from a wide area of Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island was summoned.

The fire was brought under control by early evening having been contained to the structure of origin. Three adjoining sections were damaged. Fire personnel continued extinguishment while demolition crews made the damaged area safe and provided access to unreachable areas. The firefighting effort utilized more than 400 personnel from 83 fire departments responding. Although 9

firefighters were transported to local hospitals, all were treated for minor injuries and released. Subsequent investigation of the cause and origin of this fire conducted by the State Fire Marshal's Office, Uxbridge Fire and Police Departments determined the cause to be from a welding operation in the building the day before the fire igniting a small fire in materials stored that went undetected.

Town officials at the fire brought all of the town's resources to bear on this issue and a local state of emergency was declared by the Selectmen. Local officials were quickly joined by our local legislative delegation at the fire scene. As the scope of the incident became apparent, additional state officials responded to assist in any way possible. Governor Deval Patrick and Lt. Governor Timothy Murray were at the scene and committed the state resources needed to support the municipal needs and those of the small businesses and all the workers that were experiencing this major loss. Assistance from the Federal government was assured when Senator John Kerry and Congressman Richard Neal responded to the scene.

The Bernat Mill Complex had been going through a transition from the original use as a woolen mill to a multi-use complex housing more than 60 businesses of all types at the time of the fire. The impact on our community was felt throughout the fire and in the following months as the loss of a major feature of our town center and the economic hub of the community was felt.

Our most sincere thanks to all for the support you provided during this difficult time. The actions of our citizens on July 21st and in the aftermath of this incident displayed the palpable sense of community that exists in Uxbridge. Our community can be proud of the seamless cooperation between all town departments and the numerous local, state and federal agencies that operated in response to this fire. This department is particularly thankful for the limitless efforts of Chief Scott Freitas and the Police Department, Supt. Larry Bombara and the Department of Public Works

and Emergency Management Director Peter Emerick and the members of the Community Emergency Response Team.

In addition to the major incident noted above, we had several projects that were completed or are in progress over FY '08. They include significant changes in our emergency medical services delivery, vehicle repairs and modifications and our efforts to replace Station #2 in North Uxbridge.

We made great strides in improving our ambulance service through some projects completed this year. In September 2007 a replacement for Rescue #2 was delivered and placed in service. This new ambulance was constructed by Osage Industries and has a new body configuration that will lend to the evolving delivery of advanced life support services by our personnel. To that end, we have had four members of the department pursuing Paramedic Certification through a training plan developed and supported by the Town. On-call Firefighter/EMT Cheryl Ethier was certified at the Paramedic level this year. We received notice from Milford Regional Medical Center that the Paramedic program that provided intercept service to our town would close by the end of the fiscal year. This resulted in our accelerating local plans as we had planned to be ready to provide Paramedic level services in Fiscal 2010. We hope to have the service licensed and operating in early Fiscal 2009 as a result of this action. We will utilize other area services to provide this level of care until we are operational.

Firefighter/EMT Michael Dion was certified as an EMT-Basic and will be working with us on the ambulance as an on-call member.

The department implemented an electronic patient care reporting system for the ambulances. Extensive set-up and training was completed by the staff working with our software provider, Information Management Corp. We have already found that the system will improve our record keeping and we look forward to improved ability to transmit the data to our billing company directly, saving time and effort.

In addition to the EMS projects, we spent a great deal of time and effort on our fleet. The department's capital plan has not been funded over the last several years and our fleet is aging and we experienced some significant breakdowns over this year. Major work was completed on Engine #2 pump to keep it operational and we have a plan for some major body work on Engine #5 that will be accomplished FY '09. We were fortunate to receive a state grant to purchase a replacement pumper for Engine #2, and have developed specifications, solicited bids and awarded a contract to Pierce Manufacturing for this apparatus. This acquisition will replace the oldest of our front-line vehicles as well as providing some relief in our capital plan needs.

Another major project was initiated to replace Forestry 1, a 1977 Dodge brush truck. The current unit was acquired through the Federal Excess Property Program several years ago and we have utilized it for several years. We had the opportunity to acquire a 1985 Chevrolet truck through a Department of Defense surplus program that can be used to replace the existing vehicle. Members of the department traveled to a depot in Pennsylvania in April 2008 to tow the vehicle back and we have subsequently begun the transfer of equipment between the two trucks. Students at Valley Tech will be completing the refinishing of the cab and chassis and a new body is being planned and built by our members. This too will have a positive impact on our operation and our capital plan.

Lastly, we moved forward with planning for the replacement of Station #2 in North Uxbridge. We recognize the fiscal situation at present precludes this project from moving into the construction phase; however this is an opportunity to continue the planning stage up to that point. The Board of Selectmen heard a presentation on the proposal and have identified the town owned parcel on Hartford Avenue East formerly known as Gray Rock as the priority site. We will continue to develop the site plan and move through any pieces of the

project in anticipation of future capital funding that may make this building a reality.

Many thanks to all who were so generous and supportive this year!

STATISTICAL DATA

Responses

Total Incidents	1959
Total EMS patients	1394
Total Patients treated	1456
Total Patients transported	1122
Advanced Life Support incidents	527

Categories

Fire/Explosion	68
Overpressure/Rupture	0
Rescue Call	1394
Hazardous Condition	82
Service Call	136
Good Intent Call	104
False Call	166
Severe Weather	7
Special Type/Inves	2

Permits

Total permits issued	1414
Open air burning	1099
Blasting	12
Fireworks Display	1
Fuel oil storage	53
LP gas storage	37
Install fire sprinklers	1
Modify sprinkler system	5
Maintain fuel facility	2
Tank removal	3
Tank truck	7
Install fire alarm system	4
Store black powder	1
Live Entertainment	5
Install Un-vented Heater	3
Welding and cutting	4
Smoke Detector & CO Detector Inspections	177

Police Department

The Police Department would like to first thank all the Departments and Department Heads for assisting us in our continuing mission of providing public safety services to citizens.

During the past year the department has continued to make adjustments in order to keep pace in this ever changing world and attempt to adjust to the loom-

ing budget cuts without compromising service to any large degree. Officer Scott Brown was once again activated by the U.S. Military (for the 3rd time) although this time he is not overseas. Near the end of fiscal year of 2008 and in the current fiscal year we are below full staffing because of same.

The Police Department, as in the past, continued to work during fiscal year 2008 to increase seat belt use with the assistance of grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Council. All studies show seat belt use greatly reduces death and injury as a result of motor vehicle crashes. The percentage of person using seatbelt in town fluctuated between 62 and 80% based on surveys done by community service people. This was still at times lower than the state average and well below the national average.

Traffic Enforcement remained a priority for your Police Department. 80% of traffic fatalities occur within 25 miles of home and at a speed less than 40 miles an hour. Your air bag inflates up to 200 mph and can seriously injure unbelted drivers and passengers. Speeding impacts your wallet. Driving 20 mph over the speed limit is a \$175 ticket, plus a surcharge on your car insurance for up to six years.

Notable Statistics - Crime

OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	25
DRUG ARRESTS	13
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARRESTS	36
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS	63
RESTRAINING ORDERS	67
JUVENILE ARRESTS	42
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	27

In looking at victimization in town the statistics show that the age group age 35 to 54 has the largest potential to be victims of crime in Uxbridge. Of all age groups they comprise 41.2% of victims. That is not to say that there is an inordinately large number of crimes in Uxbridge nor does it differentiate between violent crimes and or property crimes. Uxbridge is a very safe community however as we have experience

List of Police Personnel		
NAME & POSITION	PREPARATION	DEGREES
Scott J. Freitas Chief of Police CPR Instructor First Responder Instructor Command Training Program	Anna Maria College Northeastern University Worcester Police Academy Babson College	MA BA
Peter B. Emerick Sergeant	Quinsigamond College Canton Police Academy Worcester Vocational Tech High School Command Training Program Babson College	
Michael P. Wilson Sergeant	Western New England College Western New England College Foxboro Police Academy Command Training Program Babson College	MA BA
Tara A. McCrohan Sergeant	Western New England College Curry College Boylston Police Academy	MA BS
Timothy J. Burke Sergeant	Quinsigamond College Boylston Police Academy	AS
Jody B. Dwight Detective	Western New England College Western New England College Quinsigamond College Worcester Police Academy Command Training Program Babson College	MA BS AS
Michael E. DiVitto Patrolman	Quinsigamond College Worcester Police Academy	AS
Brian M. MacDonald Patrolman EMT	Western New England College Canton Police Academy	AS
Paul J. Stuczynski Patrolman	Western New England College Quinsigamond College Foxboro Police Academy	BS AS
Kevin T. MacDonald Patrolman	Canton Police Academy Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical High School	
Steven W. Prior Patrolman	Boylston Police Academy Uxbridge High School	
David J. Bergeron Patrolman	Boylston Police Academy Uxbridge High School RITT 1980-1981	
Josiah Morrisette Patrolman	Westfield State College Boylston Police Academy	BS
Daniel Deveau Patrolman	Westfield State College Boylston Police Academy	BS
Scott Brown Patrolman	Reading Police Academy	

in fiscal year 2008, even communities like Uxbridge have violent crimes. The best way to avoid being a victim is to use common sense techniques with regard to crime prevention. Officers are ready to assist you in many ways in crime prevention methods. Feel free to call the department and inquire about trainings, and speaking engagements that you would like us to make presentations at. The Personnel at the Uxbridge Police Department are always willing to help keep Uxbridge a safe community in which to work live and play.

Many of the grants awarded to the Town last year both State and Federal are listed below.

- COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT
- GOVERNORS HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT
- HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS
- OCEAN STATE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS
- TRAINING GRANTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE
- THE FEDERAL BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNETSHIP
- DONATIONS FROM MANY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

As always the Uxbridge Police Department would like to thank the Uxbridge residents and community businesses for their continued contributions, which have helped in supplementing additional funds for our many programs.

This was the 18th year for the Blackstone Valley Drug Task Force. It has received funding from the Executive Office of Public Safety with a local match over its 16-year period. The funding has allowed the Drug Task Force to continue to focus on high profile drug cases and other serious crimes. It looks bleak for continued funding in fiscal year 2009.

Training remains an important issue in the Uxbridge Police Department and all officers were given the needed in service training. Many officers and dispatchers also were given specialized training in their respective areas of expertise.

As we look forward to the future it is important to note that the staffing level that we currently have has not grown with the times. Growth of the town, and the crime and increased calls for service that come with that growth, has not stayed the same but has in fact increased. If you get a moment please

seek out the police departments 5 year plan entitled "A Community Plan for a Safer Future, available on the Uxbridge Police website. The plan has not changed over the years basically because fiscal constraints continue to hinder any advancement. The Police Department has its own Web page; this can be viewed by entering www.Uxbridgepolice.com The Web page offers information on the Police Department and also has links to other interesting Federal Law Enforcement Agencies.

The Food Pantry continued in its 13th year and has helped to serve the people of our community. The Uxbridge Police Department still serves as the emergency contact number. The pantry has assisted in providing many Thanksgiving and Christmas meals over the past three years. The food pantry works in conjunction with the interagency group that meets at the Police Department meeting room once a month.

As always, the Police Department has an open door policy, seven days a week twenty-four hours a day. We encourage our residents to stop in anytime to visit or to tour our facility. I would also like to thank all of the persons who read this

NAME & POSITION	PREPARATION	DEGREES
Kevin Sullivan Patrolman	Community College of RI Boylston Police Academy	AS
Benjamin Smoot Patrolman	Boylston Police Academy	
Gregory Bach Patrolman	Boylston Police Academy	
Jeanne M. Daley	Worcester State College Newbury College Mass Bay Community College	AS
Lisa Laberge Dispatcher EMT	Association of Public-Safety Telecommunications Institute Blackstone High School	
Melanie Blodgett-O'Toole Dispatcher EMT Public Information Officer	University of Santa Barbara	BS
Brian Crater Dispatcher	MPTC Reserve Police Academy	
Nicole Desruisseaux Dispatcher EMT		

report as opposed to the many who only check the salary lines of the town report and fail to recognize the hard work of the employees who serve the citizens of Uxbridge.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott J Freitas, Chief of Police

Public Safety Committee

The Public Safety Committee is appointed by the Town Manager and is responsible for review of submissions by the public, Town Officials and Departments relative to public safety concerns or issues. The Committee makes recommendations and referrals as indicated by the issue and information gathered in the process. The committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at Police Headquarters.

The members for Fiscal Year 2008 were Public Works Superintendent Larry Bombara, Police Chief Scott Freitas, Town Manager Jill Myers, Fire Chief Peter Ostroskey and School Superintendent Daniel Stefanilo.

Several issues were considered over the period covered by this report. Among them were:

- Reviewed applications for use of the Town Common for traffic impact;
- Reviewed sign policies and criteria for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen;
- Reviewed parade route with the First Night Committee and endorsed their application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation;
- Reviewed proposed street names for new streets and provided recommendations to the Board of Selectmen;
- Reviewed a number of sign requests and made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen or applicant as indicated;
- Reviewed and made recommendations on parking or traffic issues on Hartford Avenue West near the 100 Acre Lot, Morrison St., Chocolog Rd., Taft and Seagrave St. intersection, Hecla Street near Highway Division, Crown and Eagle Lane at Hartford Avenue East, Rogerson's Crossing, Henry St.

at Mendon St. and Richardson St. at Landry Lane.

We thank all who participated in these efforts and appreciate the assistance and cooperation.

Uxbridge Community Access Television

Uxbridge Community Access Television is the local PEG access television station for the town of Uxbridge. The town receives funding from Charter Communications to fund the three channels of PEG Access. The three channels are for Public, Education and Government use. Uxbridge Community Access Television produces programming for approximately 4,000 subscribers in the town.

In the fiscal year of 2008, UCAT requested a budget of \$130,089 that was voted and accepted by town meeting in the spring. The budget was used to purchase equipment for the three entities of PEG Access and operating expenses including salaries, rent and other related expenses.

The equipment purchased will be utilized by volunteer producers, staff and students in the school district to produce programming for Public Access Television.

Students at Uxbridge High School will be able to use this equipment to help produce morning announcements live to the school, help cover local sporting events and be able to incorporate into the curriculum through the Technology Department.

The public is invited to participate in training workshops to learn about Public Access Television and be trained on the equipment. In the workshops volunteers will learn all aspects of television production including studio production, portable camera operation and non-linear editing.

Uxbridge Community Access Television is available to the residents of Uxbridge to help produce programming for the Public, Education or Government channels in Uxbridge. Classes are held throughout the year

for training on the equipment that is available to the community. If you are interested in learning more about Public Access Television in Uxbridge or you might have an idea for a program and you just need to know how to go about getting that program on UCAT, please contact the Program Coordinator at 508-278-0708 or email at cable.access@uxbridge-ma.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry Giles, Program Coordinator
Uxbridge Community Television

Department of Public Works

The mission of the Department of Public Works is to maintain the Town's water, wastewater, traffic systems and recreational facilities for the protection of the public's safety and improvement of the quality of life for the citizens of Uxbridge. DPW is responsible for all highway construction and maintenance projects, winter snow & ice operations, maintenance of the commons, parks, playgrounds and recreation fields, school grounds maintenance, water and wastewater facility operations, and infrastructure maintenance, as well as landfill monitoring and maintenance. Please refer to the "Department Budget Narratives" provided since FY09 to accompany the Department Budget requests.

The Department of Public Works, operating under the general supervision of the Town Manager, was comprised in FY08 of the DPW Superintendent, Assistant DPW Superintendent, Water and Sewer Operations Manager, Highway Supervisor, 2 Administrative Staff and 17 Union Employees. As we know, unfortunately, there has been a reduction in the number of positions funded in FY09. Larry Bombara, DPW Superintendent, retired at the end of the fiscal year with a distinguish 27 years of service. Andy Ethier, Water Division, retired in September with over 30 years of service and Lois Tucker, DPW Administrative Assistant, retired in August with 22 years of service. The longevity of these retiring employees

with dedication and service to the Town is greatly appreciated.

Chapter 90 State funds are the only source of funds to maintain the Town's more than 115 miles of public roads. Such funds were used for reclamation, paving and drainage on Cross Road & Hazel Street, reclamation and paving on Glendale Street, sidewalk repair on Rivulet Street, roadway, sidewalk and drainage on Elm Street, roadway, sidewalk and drainage on Pleasant Street, reclamation and paving on Douglas Pike, reclamation, paving and drainage on Chocolog Road, design work on Route 122 and seal coating on various roads.

Capital improvement projects related only to the enterprise fund activities which included the lime silo (alkalinity feed system) construction. The water tank and connecting water mains design was completed and construction of the new water tank and installation of the new water mains started in FY08. The Bouchard Land abutting the Blackstone Street well was purchased (wellhead protection land). The devastating Bernat Mill fire impacted the town wells resulting in purchasing water from the neighboring town. Support was provided by the Water and Highway Divisions. Lastly, the highway garage was struck by lightning resulting in damage to the garage and water main in yard.

Please refer to the Town Meeting minutes which note various items and action taken for the Department.

We take this opportunity to thank all Town Departments that have assisted us in meeting our work schedules and goals for this year, and the efforts of the staff level development review team which was implanted during this time period.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

The Wastewater Division as of July 1, 2008, has 2288 residential connections, 98 commercial connections, and no industrial connections.

Treatment Plant Data

Total gallons processed	303,105,000
Gallons septage processed	3,036,800
Gallons of sludge to SYNAGRO	2,313,000

Dry tons sludge to SYNAGRO 290
Cost of sludge disposal \$113,295.77
Extension to Sewerage System None

WATER DIVISION

The Water Division as of July 1, 2008 has 3011 residential connections, 82 commercial connections, and 1 industrial connection and 65.3 miles of water main.

Plant Data:

Blackstone Wellfield Totals

Total Gallons pumped	153,389,655
Average gallons per day	420,246
Well #1 hours pumped	1,715.95
Well #2 hours pumped	2,913.92
Well #3 hours pumped	1,336.25

Bernat Wellfield Totals

Total Gallons pumped	129,285,600
Average gallons per day	354,207
Well #4 hours pumped	1,404.02
Well #5 hours pumped	2,108.30
Well #6 hours pumped	2,359.40

Extension to Water System

4,800 feet of 16 inch main

PUBLIC WORKS REVENUE

Water

Usage/liens/interest/fees	1,001,135.65
Water System Development	127,030.00
Sub Total	\$1,128,165.65

Sewer

Usage/liens/interest/fees	826,968.39
Septage	178,447.50
Sewer Betterments	18,704.56

Sub Total	\$1,024,120.45
Total	\$2,152,286.10

Respectfully submitted,
Jill R. Myers, Town Manager

Senior Center

In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 40: Section 8B and in accordance with the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs we submit the following Annual Town Report for FY 2008 - July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Our Center is located at 36 South Main Street in the heart of downtown Uxbridge. The Center is wheelchair accessible and open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Individuals with disabilities or persons 60 years of age or older are eligible to receive our services. We are a local community resource center for senior citizens, their caregivers, disabled citizens, and for families in need, especially in terms of fuel assistance during the winter months. Our telephone number is 508-278-8622.

The mission of the Senior Center and the Uxbridge Council on Aging Board is to link needs with services and to promote wellness programs that educate and empower senior citizens to maintain their independence and quality of life. We recognize that our senior citizens are an important, active and contributing resource to our community. A fundamental part of our mission is to raise community consciousness relative to the services, programs, and activities offered at the Senior Center and to introduce our seniors to as many new opportunities as possible.

The Council on Aging Board is comprised of eleven members: Daniel Baker, Chairman, Herve Gazaille, Vice Chairman, Elton Jones, Treasurer, Karen Albright and Faye McCloskey, Co-Secretaries, John McQuade, Joan Remillard, Ann Lewis, Rita Labonte, Marie Potter and Cathy R. Maney.

Our staff is comprised of four individuals: Marsha Petrillo, Senior Center Director, Mary Rice, Outreach Coordinator and our certified SHINE representative. Mary is available three days per week: Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and Thursday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Edward "Joe" Rondeau is our part-time van driver. Joe works five hours on Tuesday and Wednesday each week and three hours on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. We welcome Susan White as our new, part-time Administrative Assistant. Susan's effective date of hire was July 16, 2007. She works 19 hours per week; Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and on Fridays 8:00 am to 11:00 am. If you would like to use our medical transportation services please call Susan at 508-278-8622 to schedule a ride.

Richard Moran, of C & D Cleaning Service, provides 15 hours per week of

custodial services at the Senior Center.

The Uxbridge Senior Center is a certified SMOC fuel assistance in-take site for local residents in need of assistance with their heating bills. Last winter, 141 households received fuel assistance through our office at the Senior Center. In total, our community fuel assistance benefit amounted to \$125,021.77; with an average household receiving \$886.68. The fuel assistance program runs from November 1 through April 30th each year. If you are in need of fuel assistance, please call Mary Rice at 508-278-8638 or Marsha Petrillo at 278-8622 and we will schedule an appointment.

The Senior Center serves as a very important link between the community and local governmental departments. We work in partnership with the Police Department, Fire Department, the DPW, Board of Health, Veteran's Agent, the Assessors Office, Town Clerk and the Treasurer/Collector's Office.

The Senior Center also works in conjunction with Tri-Valley, Inc., a private non-profit agency providing information, referrals and care management services in Central Massachusetts. Tri Valley, Inc. is administered by an Executive Director, salaried staff and is assisted by over 900 volunteers. The Town of Uxbridge received \$226,125.00 of service from Tri Valley in FY08, including \$18,743.60 for our meals on wheels program. We are thankful to Tri Valley, Inc., for their important community work and look forward to our continued partnership.

The Senior Center Director oversees the Local Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program. The program allows fifteen (15) eligible senior citizens to work off \$500 from their property tax bills. You must be 60 years of age or older, the legal owner of your home, and a taxpayer in the town of Uxbridge to qualify.

The Senior Center served 108 Uxbridge residents by way of our free AARP Income Tax Help this tax season. The total amount of savings earned from the Circuit Breaker tax credit for Uxbridge residents for FY08 is \$29,368.

The Senior Center strives to provide a

healthy social environment for all ages.

The following dates highlight some of our special monthly events: On July 11th we held a special Lunch n Learn featuring Robin Thorpe of Lydia Taft. Robin discussed the difference between long term care and short term care.

On August 16th we held an honorary luncheon for our Firefighters. On September 17th we hosted a special musical luncheon with vocalist, John Gundstrom. The Senior Center was happy to participate in World Smile Day on October 5th; we ended the month with a Halloween Party with the children from the Library on October 30th. The Senior Center, in conjunction with the VNA of greater Milford and the Board of Health, held our annual Flu Shot Clinic on November 5th. We administered 152 doses of flu vaccine. The Senior Center Director attended an honorary banquet sponsored by Ocean State Power held at the Cocke n Kettle on November 14th.

We are indebted to Ocean State Power - Uxbridge Community Foundation for their generous \$10,000 grant award, and for their ongoing support of our transportation services. We began the month of December with First Holiday Night on December 1st featuring the very talented Gary Lundgren, Honky Tonk Piano man and ended with a special New Year's at Noon musical on December 28th, with our very own, Jane Rondeau, on piano. In January 2008 we held a special Estate Planning Seminar with Attorney Gerald Lemire, Mr. Jim Buma and Mr. John Convent. The seminar was well attended and aired on cable access television. On February 7th, Shelly Merriam, Jill Kenrick and Cheryl Romasco discussed the history of the Norden Cemetery. The Senior Center dedicated the month of March to assist senior citizens with their stimulus check rebate tax filings. The Center hosted Irish Step Dancers on the 17th featuring the Nealon and Potter families, and we ended the month with a fun-filled social time at the Superintendent's Gala Ball on Saturday, March 29th. We hosted the Trinity Symphonette on April 1st, Lu Pilznak, Tri Valley Nutritionist, spoke

on habits for a healthy heart on the 10th, and the director attended a legislative breakfast on the 11th. The month ended with a yummy pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 27th sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection, Inc and the First Holiday Night Committee. On May 6th we featured speakers from Uxbridge Orthopedic & Sports Therapy at Lydia Taft House. We celebrated our 23rd Anniversary with Tri Valley on the 11th with Rep. Dr. Jennifer Callahan and Carol Muschler of Tri Valley in attendance. We ended the fiscal year with a musical "Summerfest" on June 26th, featuring Durango Mango.

Our programs and services include:

- SHINE counselors first Thursday of every month 9:00 am – 11:30 am.
- Meals on Wheels to the homebound
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Transportation to Hannaford Market for grocery shopping on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Transportation to Wal-Mart for shopping the first Thursday of every month
- Special holiday trips and outings
- Local Senior Work Off Program
- Notary Public Services
- Fuel Assistance application preparation (SMOC)
- AARP Tax Assistance with a focus on Circuit Breaker Tax Credits for Senior Citizens
- Prescription Advantage and Medicare Part D application assistance
- Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid Assistance
- Fallon Representative - once per month by appointment
- VNA Blood Pressure Clinics & Podiatry Clinics (bi-monthly) and Annual Flu Shots
- SHARE - St. Vincent de Paul from St. Mary's Parish - 3rd Sat. each month
- Pitch Party - every Monday 6:30 PM - Donation \$2 - Card games Tuesdays @ 1:30 pm
- Senior Citizens Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month - \$10 yearly dues.

Our annual Outreach statistics are as follows:

Office Visits	378
Nursing Home Visits	84
SMOC Fuel Assistance	85
Referral Calls & Fact Finding	1552
SHINE Appointments	88
Home Visits	52
Stimulus Package	127
Wakes Attended	33
Wellness Checks	150

The following statistics represent the number of individuals using our transportation services, meals on wheels, luncheon attendance and attendance at our various programs for FY 2008:

Van Transportation (<i>round trips</i>)	4493
Medical Transportation (<i>round trips</i>)	878
Meals on Wheels delivered	22,028
Congregate Meals Served (<i>at the Senior Center</i>)	5,387
Phone Calls In & Out	9,745
Overall Attendance	7,927

To The Givers: The Senior Center is the product of many helping hands and steadfast hearts. We are indebted to the members of our community, volunteers, staff, medical rivers, and everyone connected with our center. We owe a special note of thanks to the members of our fund raising group, The Uxbridge Elderly Connection, Inc., for their on-going support and for their help to promote the well being of our elderly citizens. We extend a very big "THANK YOU" to the Brownies, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, The Faith Fellowship Church, The Nazarene Church, St. Mary's Parish, Uxbridge High School Student Council members, the National Honor Society, the music departments at Taft, Whitin and the High School, The People First Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you, Chief Albin, for taping so many of our events for cable access this year. Your kindness is far reaching and keeps our homebound connected.

We are indebted to the Seniors of Uxbridge who honor us daily by allowing us into their lives. Thank you for your courage, for your grace, and for teaching us so much about life and living.

Respectfully submitted
on behalf of the COA Board,
Daniel L. Baker, Chairman

Herve Gazaille, Vice Chairman
Elton Jones, Treasurer
Karen Albright, Secretary
John H. McQuade
Faye McCloskey, Co-Secretary
Joan Remillard, Ann Lewis
Cathy Maney, Rita Labonte
Marie Potter
Marsha E. Petrillo, Director

Insurance Advisory Committee

The Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) is a State legislated Committee that consists of representatives from each of the employee bargaining units, management, and retired employees. The purpose of the IAC is to discuss proposed initiatives related to employee/retiree insurance benefits and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

The IAC met with Town Representatives during the year, however no initiatives were presented to the Committee, therefore no action was taken.

Respectively submitted,
Bill Kessler, Chairman (*Fire Dept*)
Irving Priest, Secretary (*Mgmt*)
Lisa Stephens (*School*)
Donna Yargeau (*School*)
Lois Tucker (*Retirees*)
Brian MacDonald (*Police Dept*)
Jim Legge (*Dept of Public Works*)
Barbara Harris (*Town Hall*)

Veterans' Services

The Veterans' Services Department is a mandated position in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any city or town with a population of 12,000 or more is required to have a full-time Veterans' Services Officer (VSO). The primary duty is to assist veterans and their dependants in applying for state and federal veterans benefits.

As our state and national economy looks bleak and unemployment is on the rise, more veterans/dependants are seeking the aid of State Veterans Benefits (M.G.L. Chapter 115). These benefits can be applied for confidentially with the VSO. This financial assistance can

also include reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical expenses and fuel assistance.

During calendar year 2008, \$59,140.59 was paid out in benefits for Uxbridge veterans/dependants, an increase of \$21,064.60 over the previous year. The Commonwealth reimburses 75% of authorized benefits to the town the following year.

One should also note that in 2008, 111 Uxbridge veterans and beneficiaries received VA benefits from the federal government totaling \$1,214,160.00. This money goes right into our local economy.

Many veterans take advantage of VA Healthcare benefits. Enrollment forms are available at my office. Veterans are finding they will save on prescription costs. Military Discharge Form DD214 is the document necessary to obtain any veterans' benefits. If you have lost or misplaced yours, I should be able to obtain a copy for you.

The Veterans' Services office is located at 875 Hill Street in Whitinsville. The telephone/fax number is 508-234-9808.

As always, Veterans' Services looks forward to assist veterans and/or their dependents. Please call with any veteran concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Trajanowski
Veterans' Services Director

Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee

The Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee (appointed by the Selectmen, May of 1996) is charged with fostering the protection, preservation and appreciation of the community historic burying grounds. There are 35 cemeteries in the town of Uxbridge with four (Prospect Hill, St. Mary's, the Friends, and Richardson (South St.)) cemeteries being privately owned and maintained. The remaining 31 cemeteries are abandoned and neglected as defined under MGL c. 114, §1-2 and §18, and these cemeteries are the

focus of our restoration and preservation efforts. The committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Cornet John Farnum House, 44 Mendon St. at 7 p.m. Our meeting agenda, minutes and historic cemetery information can be found on our website, www.uxbridge-ma.gov/HTML/HistoricCemetery.shtml.

This year the committee acquired the historic iron fencing that for over a century has graced the bridge over the Mumford River on Mendon St., Rt. 16. The acquisition was arranged by D.P.W. Superintendent, Larry Bombara. Kerr Welding of Pascoag, RI repaired and restored sections of the fencing, created a gate, and placed it across the front of the Royal Taft Cemetery #12 (35 Johnson Rd.). When new funding becomes available, the magnificent iron fencing dating to the mid-1880s, will enhance many of our community cemeteries of the same era.

Aaron Kerr donated his work to restore an old iron gate to fit the entrance to the Buffum Cemetery #25 (115 Buffum Rd.). The National Buffum Family Association that sponsors the cemetery maintenance will hold their annual meeting in Salem, MA in August and some family members are expected to visit the cemetery.

Committee members Sheryl Romasco and Jill Kenrick continue their research on the individuals buried in the Norden Cemetery #6 (994 Millville Rd.). Informational presentations concerning the historical background of the cemetery were given at the Millville and Uxbridge Senior Centers. The presentations were an effort to inform and receive additional information.

The committee has exhausted all avenues of locating or gaining access to the Norden Society/Norden Cemetery records and therefore declared that "we shall proceed with the assumption that the records no longer exist". The committee worked with family members and Buma Funeral Home to create the updated "Norden Cemetery Guidelines and Regulations" for burial procedures and grounds maintenance based on a copy of the By-Laws for the

Scandinavian Assoc, Norden, originating 1895 revised 1942. The committee arranges seasonal maintenance of the cemetery that is paid for through an annual appeal to descendants.

The committee developed a preservation and maintenance agreement in partnership with BJ's Corp. for the Aldrich/Buxton Cemetery #30 (971 Quaker Highway). The plot plan for the cemetery was officially filed in Plan Book 862, page 24. The committee appreciates the commitment of BJ's to care for the Aldrich-Buxton cemetery.

Once again the committee tried to bring forward protection for the rural cemeteries through a new "Application for Earth Removal" form proposed by Gravel Pit Inspector, Rachel Landry. It was proposed that any historic cemetery and its right of way, be shown on an "Existing Conditions Plan Sheet", so the town can consider the potential impact on these historic sites during the evaluation and implementation process.

The Evergreen Acres cluster zoning development planned for a tract between King Street and Douglas Pike by Trans Canada (Ocean State Power Co.) was approved, but remains on hold. The project will impact two cemeteries on this property, the Jos. Richardson Cemetery #14, and the fieldstone graves #32. The Mountain View Estates project, adjacent to the Holbrook Cemetery #35 (52 Albee Rd.) was approved and road work has begun. The committee worked with Heritage Design Group to create a buffer zone around the cemetery, and a designated right of way to access the cemetery from the proposed road in the development. The committee continues to monitor the gravel removal projects adjacent to two historic cemeteries: Cook Cemetery #7 (220 Quaker Highway) and the Darling Cemetery #5 (Rt. 122). The projects remain incomplete.

The documentation of our historic cemeteries continues. The committee received a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation to purchase a laptop computer. This equipment will allow us to consolidate our records on one computer and be more mobile when visiting the cemeteries to record data. The grant will

also enable us to reach our goal of placing this information on the internet for public access. Sheryl Romasco is working with Jared Greenwald to develop a website that will accommodate our research.

Volunteers from Faith Fellowship Church assisted with the spring clean-up of the Quaker City Cemetery #23 (50 Providence Rd.), as part of their Sunday of Service program. Committee members and their families assisted church members Joe Tetreault, Denise Tetreault, Jared Allard, Jared, Heidi, Eric and Ralph Helstrom, Brian, Hunter and Montana Darling, Paul O'Meara, and neighbor, Jim Corrivcau.

The committee receives no state or local tax dollars and works solely from the limited interest income from five cemetery trust funds, and donations. This was the second year of our annual appeal letter campaign to increase our general donations toward cemetery summer maintenance. The additional donations allow us to rely less on the interest from the trust funds, so that the funds can grow to provide more stability for future cemetery restoration and caretaking responsibilities. We are most grateful for the generous donations to support our work.

Twenty of the thirty-one cemeteries are receiving some seasonal care. The committee currently oversees the summer maintenance of fourteen cemeteries through the lawn mowing services of Chris Cota. His professionalism, generosity, and commitment to the care of the cemeteries, is vital to our success in managing these historic properties. The Buffum Family Association continues to sponsor the care of the Buffum Cemetery #25 (100 Buffum Rd.). We also extend our appreciation to the corporate sponsors of the following cemeteries: Cove Insurance Agency, the George Aldrich Cemetery #16 (22 Glendale Rd.); Trans Canada Power, the Joseph Richardson Cemetery #14 (off Douglas Pike); and BJ's Corp., Aldrich/Buxton Cemetery #30 (971 Quaker Highway).

We thank the many friends, volunteers and abutters who assist in the care and maintenance of cemeteries including: Albee Cemetery, Frank and Jill Kenrick, Buffum Cemetery, Mary Brundage, and Cody Brundage; Royal Farnum Cemetery, Domingos and Donna Sanchez; Hannah Seagrave Cemetery, Thomas and Janet Patnode; and the Tucker Cemetery, Uxbridge Rod and Gun Club.

A special thank you to Beth Butler and Roy Henry for their commitment to research, identify and place a flag on the 1,115 graves of our community veterans. Beth has written an application to the Ocean State Power Grant Foundation for funds to purchase additional veteran's markers.

After 12 years, I am stepping down as chairman of the committee. I am pleased with the protective measures we have put into place that makes our cemeteries attractive areas of open space in our neighborhoods, respectful of our forebears. It has also been rewarding to transition from preservation and protective measures for our cemeteries, to recording the historical record of the properties and the individuals therein, raising community awareness and appreciation. We welcome the leadership of Sheryl Romasco to continue the stewardship of our community historic cemeteries.

Shelly Merriam, Chair
Sheryl Romasco, Secretary
Mary Brundage, Beth Butler
Roy Henry, Jill Kenrick
Jane Snyder

Uxbridge Historic District Commission

The Uxbridge Historic District Commission was established in 2004. The goal of the Commission is the preservation and protection of the distinctive exterior characteristics and architecture of the buildings and places significant in the history of the Town by means of the maintenance and improvement of their settings and encouragement of the new building designs and modifications being compatible with the

existing architecture within the designated area.

The designated area includes the first two properties on the south side of Douglas Street at the junction of Douglas and North Main and extends to the three surrounding hills on North Main Street, south Main Street, and Mendon Street, the crests of these hills serving as entry points to the District and thus its boundaries. This area is known as the Uxbridge Town Common and Center Historic District.

In 2008 the Commission approved Applications for Certification for renovation projects for the 1st Evangelical Congregational Church, Court Street and 61 Mendon Street and for a sign for the new "Spa at Capron Falls". Approval was also given to Harry Romasco and the Veteran's War Memorial Committee for their upcoming monument project on the town common.

The Commission would like to thank the members of the Town Hall who have assisted it with its responsibilities. The Commission would also like to thank the residences and businesses who have voluntarily worked during this last year to strive for an historic unity within the designated area.

Respectfully submitted,
Faye McCloskey, Chair
Pamela A. Cahill
William H. Leland
Gerald Lemire

Uxbridge Board of Library Trustees

Serving on the Board in FY2008: Linda Dorgan (President), Mark Francis (Secretary), Alan Keeler (Vice President), Ellen Bisson Kroll (Treasurer), Judy Lynch, Cathy Parker, Margaret Paul, Ernest Pouliot, Mark Wickstrom

Elected to the Board in May 2008: Danny Baker, Dan Donovan, Arthur Jackman and Gail Shields. Linda Dorgan did not seek re-election. At the Board meeting in June the Board was reorganized as follows: Mark Francis, President; Judy Lynch, Vice President;

Ellen Bisson Kroll, Treasurer; Cathy Parker, Secretary

The Uxbridge Library continued to serve the needs of the citizens of Uxbridge in FY08. Long-time Director Susan Stanovich left the Library in November of 2007, the Board thanks her for her service and wishes her the best in her new endeavors.

Debra Young was appointed Acting Director of the library in November of 2007 with the full support of the Board.

While many small improvements to the Library were made in FY2008 to enhance the services and safety of the library, (new fire alarm box installed, front entry roof replaced, a new Young Adult section was completed, keyless entry system installed, postage meter acquired), larger maintenance items were deferred due to budget constraints. The long needed re-pointing of the library brickwork was close to being done only to have funding revoked. The Board will work with the town to address this and other maintenance issues.

The Board thanks our active Friends of the Library group for their continued fund-raising efforts and support of the Library, and also thanks the citizens of the Town of Uxbridge for their support of the Library.

We also thank Linda Dorgan for her service as President of the Board of Library Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Francis
President, Uxbridge Board of Library Trustees

Uxbridge Free Public Library

The Uxbridge Free Public Library has been a busy place over the last year. Many changes have taken place, but the essence of the small town library feeling remains in tact.

Library Director Susan Stanovich retired in November, 2007 after 31 years of service to the town. Her time here is one marked with many important milestones, including, automating and con-

verting the entire collection to become a circulating member of the C/W MARS network. On behalf of the staff and the patrons of the library during her tenure, I wish her well.

Circulation recorded for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 included 79,322 items checked out and 31,898 visits to the library.

There were many activities throughout the year as well. Summer Reading was a huge success with the Wild about Reading theme. Many folks attended the annual ice cream party and musical program sponsored by the Friends and the Uxbridge Cultural Council.

Other programs held included monthly Teen Advisory Board meetings, which helped establish a Young Adult Library space and aided in the purchase of appropriate materials for pre-teens and teens. The monthly Adult Book Group has a steady membership of 8 active participants. The group has met both at the library as well as attending outside activities together. The Young Adult summer readers enjoyed a pizza party sponsored by the Friends again this year.

Laurie Baker of Grace Notes Music held several free toddler music programs at the library over the past year. Thank you Laurie!

There were many student library visits from the Taft Elementary School as well. Classrooms included Mrs. Bandstra, Mrs. Hazard, and Mrs. Bazzett, Mrs. DuBois, Mrs. Auciello, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Harcourt, Mrs. Kelly and many others. The Senior Center and the Library held a multigenerational Halloween luncheon for preschoolers and seniors this year. All attendees enjoyed the party!

Thanks go out to Ocean State Power Foundation, Hannaford Supermarket, UniBank and all of the patrons for their generous donations this year. The consistent and continued support of the library is a tremendous gift and greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, as the library contin-

ues to move forward with the aid of so many, I want to recognize those folks beginning with the Board of Trustees, the Town Manager, the Town Hall administrative team, the Massachusetts Regional Library System, the C/W MARS network, The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the patrons and the entire dedicated staff of the library. My transition as the Acting Library Director has been made easier with the help of these wonderful folks. My grateful thanks go out to all.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra J. Young
Acting Library Director

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the town's Highway Department and Parks Department. Without their support and efforts the fields in town would not be in the condition they are in now. We thank you for your hard work and dedication.

The town fields are primarily used by the school teams and town leagues. These town leagues consist of baseball, softball, soccer and flag football. These leagues also help in maintaining the fields that they use through volunteers and donations. The Uxbridge Lassie League, Uxbridge Baseball Association, & Uxbridge Youth Soccer League organizes a spring clean up and helps maintain the fields they use. A big thank you from the Recreation Commission is given to these volunteers, without them these leagues would not be viable.

We on the Recreation Commission understand that we are in a difficult financial time and that budget cuts are needed. However, further cuts to the Parks Department will eventually cause damage to the fields that will then result in a more monies being spent to rebuild and repair fields that could have been prevented by maintaining what we have

in place now. With proper scheduled maintenance, the town fields can last a long time without investing monies to repair damage that could be prevented. The Parks Department is doing a great job with the resources they have in maintaining the town fields. These fields are a town asset and not taking care of these assets would be a great injustice to the taxpayers. We ask the town to support a properly funded Parks Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hanson, Chris Cota
Norman Roy, Donna Roy
Scott Fitzgerald, Jeff Stewart
Jennifer Fiorentino

Uxbridge Town Scholarship Committee

The Town Scholarship was created by vote of the Town Meeting in January, 1988. This unique scholarship fund provides financial assistance to any town resident who is pursuing a degree or certification after receiving a high school diploma or G.E.D. Financial assistance is available to adults who are returning to school, as well as seniors who are graduating from school. The fund makes annual awards based upon financial need, character, scholastic record, and involvement in school activities or community work.

Committee Members

- Daniel Stefanilo
- Margaret Paul
- Elaine D'Alfonso

This year the committee voted to award three scholarships to Uxbridge High School Seniors. They are:

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| • Katelyn Krause | \$1,000 |
| • Joshua Wright | \$1,000 |
| • Julie Bliss | \$1,000 |

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Stefanilo
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOLS REPORTS



July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

School Committee

A school committee must be responsive to its constituencies in governance, sensitive to the diverse needs of all learners, an advocate for students and learning before the people of the community and, as such, a vigorous ambassador for public education before all citizens.

Superintendent's Report

On behalf of the Uxbridge Public Schools, I want to thank the citizens of Uxbridge for their continued support for the Uxbridge Public Schools.

Uxbridge Public Schools served 2029 students and our mission was to provide challenging educational programs and services to meet the diverse needs of all students in a safe, supportive environment and, in partnership with the community, prepare students to become competent, creative and contributing citizens.

In August, the Administrative Team presented the district's Strategic Plan to the staff at the start of the school year. Goals for the school year addressed connecting Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, School Climate and Culture, Technology, and Family and Community. We have continued to apply rigorous and comprehensive curriculum and appropriate instructional techniques in order to challenge students to discover and develop their strengths, talents, and interests for maximum student achievement. In addition, we continually embrace the involvement of our parents and our community members, as they are a large component in our student's success.

This year we welcomed one new administrator to our school system. The district appointed Ms. Amy Mayer (Puliafico) as our new Assistant Principal at the Whitin Middle School and Mr. Ronald Farrar was appointed as our new Principal. After many years of dedication and service as our Principal at Whitin Middle School, Dr. Howard Boyaj was appointed as our new

Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction.

I would like to thank Mr. James Haynes for his many years of service and devotion to the School Committee. At the town's annual spring elections, Ms. Mary-Meg Walsh was elected to the school committee.

Included in this report you will see information from each building which highlights new programs for the 2007-2008 school year as well as existing programs which we were able to provide for our students.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Stefanilo
Superintendent of Schools

Taft Elementary School

Taft School houses approximately 635 students in Grades 1-4. Current administration includes Paula Montesi, Principal and Lori Fafard, Assistant Principal. There are 32 classroom teachers and additional support staff. Children receive a rich education which includes weekly art, music, and physical education classes. Some of the programs and activities held throughout the year include:

NEW PROGRAMS

A new lab was installed to coincide with the appointment of a new technology teacher, Mrs. Mary Ellen Jansson. Students visit the lab for 40 minutes each week. Mrs. Jansson infuses technology into the Massachusetts Frameworks, including science and social studies, practices and reinforces basic skills, teaches basic keyboarding, and teaches Internet safety.

After researching and editing the Taft School staff adopted a new report card. This report card is based on the Massachusetts curriculum standards at each grade level and was distributed to parents in December, March, and June. Parent conference nights were held in November and April, with an additional Open House Night in September. Each of these sessions with parents was well attended.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

Title I Reading Program

Title I is a federally funded program that supports our early readers. This year, Taft School reading specialists hosted an informational night on October 4, explaining how children learn to read and offering suggestions to parents about how they may support their children at home. The Title I program provided at risk students with opportunities to build their skills during the school day and through after school and summer tutoring. In addition, monies were allotted for professional development for teachers. All teachers of ELA attended training in Empowering Writers.

School Council

The School Council members met monthly. Our first task was to create School Improvement Plan and present the plan to the Uxbridge School Committee. In addition the council worked on the Student Dress Code and recess rules.

Uxbridge Grange

The Uxbridge Grange donated dictionaries to each Grade 3 student in a national program called Words for Thirds. Project supporters hope that by using the dictionaries students will develop rich vocabularies.

Community Outreach

Students participated in the following community service programs:

Holiday in a Shoebox - This program is sponsored in conjunction with Uxbridge Supports Our Troops. Families donated shoeboxes filled with supplies which were sent to local military personnel who are stationed overseas. Students collected toothbrushes for World Smile Day in October. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Bandstra visited the Uxbridge Senior Center with their students in November for a harvest sing-along. Children in Grade 4 held a Spell-a-thon where they garnered pledges for the number of words they could spell. After the test, over \$800.00 was collected and presented at an assembly for fourth grade

students and invited veterans. Patriotic songs were sung under the direction of Ms. D'Andrea, our Music teacher. They also held a question and answer session with the students. Students collected various items for the Uxbridge First Food Pantry during a food drive in April. Each grade level was assigned a particular category, for example cleaning supplies, and collected the items related to that category. The students decorated bags for Hannaford's that were distributed at the store on Earth Day.

Open Circle

The remaining teachers were trained during the fifth year of implementation. Open Circle is a social competency program from Wellesley College's Stone Center. It involves creating a cooperative classroom environment and building positive relationship through the development of problem-solving skills. Mrs. Dinoi, School Social Worker, provided a series of workshops for parents designed to inform parents about Open Circle and extending the skills children are learning at school into techniques for effective parenting.

School Safety

The Crisis Committee met monthly under the direction of the principal to review and update procedures for student safety. Students practiced exiting the building as in the event of a fire and practiced lockdown and relocation drills.

We added a security system to the building. All doors are locked and visitors are buzzed into the office and directed to sign in before entering the building. The building is monitored by cameras at pivotal points throughout the perimeter.

An annual visit from the Uxbridge Fire Department took place during the month of October. Children learn the essentials of fire safety during this informative assembly.

Savings Makes Sense

Interested students took part in the Savings Makes Sense Program sponsored by Milford Federal Savings Bank. We hosted a kick-off assembly featuring Ernie DiGregorio, former Celtics

player. Interested students in Grades 3 and 4 participated in the weekly banking program.

Clubs

Taft School Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Nick LaPete, presented a spring concert for families. The Geography Club, with 27 members, met weekly as well. Students, under the direction of Mrs. Joan Remillard and Mrs. Debra Auciello, created Wonders of the World, including the Great Wall of China, Great Barrier Reef, Easter Island, Aztec ruins, Ring of Fire, and Niagara Falls.

Spirit Days

Spirit Days were celebrated each month. For example, in February Friendship Week was held. Students were encouraged to give compliments, do a good deed, do something nice for parents, and write friendship poetry. In addition, a all school assembly featuring NED (Never Give Up, Encourage Others, and Do Your Best) kicked off the week. October was Pick a Buddy Day. One activity had students create caring coupons where a child pledged to do something nice for their buddy. These activities go nicely with the Open Circle Philosophy. Each month one class made an Infomercial advertising the Spirit Day. It was videotaped by Barry Giles and ran on local cable access.

International Fair

Grade 2 students, under the direction of their classroom teachers and special subject area teachers Diane Henries, Bonnie Dimmick, and Gretchen Cutler, held an International Fair. Students researched their country of origin, wrote reports, and dabbled in art representative of several cultures around the world. For this annual event we rely on the help of high school teachers, Sue Priore and Judy Lynch, and their students. Parents, friends and relatives were invited to the fair to taste foods from the various countries, view the art show and country reports (videotaped), and watch the celebration of songs and dances from the 7 continents.

Literacy

Students were given three free books throughout the school year as a result of fundraising earmarked for RIF. Fundraising is accomplished through the annual ABC Fair held in October each year. Tracey French, a Taft School parent, is the RIF coordinator.

For the third year Donate a Book Program collected books for the Taft Library under the direction of parent volunteer, Nancy Winters. A wish list is generated by the school librarian and books are purchased. Parents or interested community members buy the wish list books and dedicate the book to someone. Over 70 books were collected through the Donate a Book program.

Uxbridge Teacher's Association sponsored a Dr. Seuss night on February 29 for families in the community. Teachers read books of their choice for children. Every 20 minutes a new group appears for the reading of the selected book.

During the winter children participated in Read-a-Thon from January 19 through February 15. Children charted their reading in a log that went home. Our progress as a school was marked in huge fishbowls in the cafeteria. The Read-a-Thon culminated in an assembly. Children read for a total of 354,005 minutes.

Class Trips

Many classes participated in walking field trips, establishing a link between school and the community, while connecting to content frameworks. Many classes walked to the Uxbridge Public Library to register for a library card and checked out books. Several first grade classes visited De Luna to study rocks and minerals. This walking field trip connects to curriculum frameworks in science and social studies, as grade one students study rocks and minerals as well as community helpers. Some classes visit Peaceful Pond, near Crowne and Eagle, to observe the changing seasons. This trip is repeated each season as students observe changes in the trees, leaves, grass, and particularly the pond. Follow up activities are planned upon their return.

Grade 4 students visited the Roger Williams Park Zoo. They also attended a play entitled *Coming to America*. Both field trips support grade level curricula.

Grade 3 students went to the Boston Science Museum, Slater's Mill in Pawtucket, RI, and on a Blackstone River canal walk. All field trips help students to better understand the world around them through the study of science and history.

Grade 2 students also went to the Boston Science Museum. In addition to the various exhibits, they saw the 3D movie, *BUGS*, which fits in nicely with their insect unit.

Grade 1 students benefited from an in school presentation from a group specializing in science called High Touch High Tech. Their presentation was entitled *Simply Machines*. They also went to the Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket to see a production of "Seuss"ical, the Musical.

PTO Events

The PTO sponsored several events that enhance the Taft School experience by providing fun activities for students and families while raising monies that go back to the school. A Town-wide Yard Sale was held on September 22, 2007. Proceeds benefited the Taft Playground Fund. In October, the PTO sponsored their annual ABC Fair. This event has been held over 25 years, features games and fun for the children, and relies on the support of the entire Taft School community. The proceeds from this day allow children to get free books.

Wellness

On the first day of school, a representative from AAA came to address the students regarding bus safety. Through interactive discussion children learned important information to help them be safe on the bus.

In addition to implementing the Wellness Policy, the Taft School created a walking club, the Mileage Club. Students volunteered to walk during their recesses and were awarded prizes based on the number of miles they walked. The program was staffed by parent volunteers.

The children participated in two fundraisers during February, Jump Rope for the Heart and School Walk for Diabetes. In all over \$900.00 was collected for these individual charities. These fundraisers were coordinated by Mrs. Dimmick and Mrs. Seagrave.

Taft School hosted Heart Screen America on March 7, 2008. This reduced cost program screened interested children and adults, checking their blood pressure, calculating body mass, and administering an electro-cardiogram.

Whitin Middle School

NEW PROGRAMS

Whitin Middle School Interscholastic Athletics

Whitin Middle School offers Interscholastic Athletic teams. With the addition of new spring sports the Whitin Middle School Interscholastic Athletics includes:

- Cross Country (fall)
- Soccer (fall)
- Field Hockey (fall)
- Basketball (winter)
- Softball (spring)
- Baseball (spring)
- Track & Field (spring)

Key 3 Comprehension Program

The Key Three Routine is a program that is used to teach and practice comprehension strategies for middle school students. It is designed to emphasize three key skills to develop active reading and listening skills. The skills are stating main ideas, taking notes, and summarizing.

Extracurricular Activities

Whitin Middle School offers an extensive program of extracurricular clubs, after-school intramural activities, and athletic teams for all students in grades 5-8. The extracurricular program includes:

- Student Council
- Lego Robotics
- Yearbook
- School Newspaper
- Math Olympiad

- Chorus
- Destination Imagination
- Drama Club
- Bands

After-school intramural activities provide all students with opportunities to participate in group games such as basketball, softball, field hockey, indoor soccer, and volleyball. The interscholastic athletic program includes cross country, basketball, soccer, and field hockey.

Whitin Student Chosen as Middle School NELMS Speaker

Grade 8 student Corey Gomes was selected to introduce keynote speaker Kathy Hunt Ullock during the NELMS 27th Annual Conference. Corey provided a brief autobiography of Ms. Ullock and assisted in setting the tone for the morning session. The staff is proud of his efforts.

The criteria for selection included the students' record of academic initiative and scholarship, service to classmates and school, exemplifying positive attitudes, and evidence of leadership in the classroom and in school activities.

Activity Highlights

- A successful Cross-Country Season with a Team of More Than 85 Runners
- A Wonderful Drama Production A Christmas Carol
- Two Musical Concerts including both Band and Chorus
- Whitin Middle School Talent Show
- Appearance of Marching Band in the Memorial Day Parade
- Winners of the Grade 8 Debate (Micarla Connors, William Ferrara, Samantha Giroux)
- The Annual National Geography Bee (Whitin Champion Paul Mulligan, Grade 8)
- Annual Grade 5 Spelling Bee (Winner Lacie Kraich)

Existing Programs

Whitin Middle School, with an enrollment of 650+ students in grades 5-8, was selected as a "NELMS Spotlight School" in March 2004. Whitin Middle

School was honored again with this award in 2007. Worcester Magazine (August 2004) featured Whitin "as a Middle School that is frequently recognized, although the community has a low per-pupil expenditure." The School's trademark is a positive environment and culture and a strong spirit of staff collegiality. The district offers an extensive staff development program that lays the foundation for teachers to implement best practices, such as standards-based education, differentiated instruction, and strategic writing. The Whitin School Improvement Plan, based on Turning Points 2000, has paved the way for smaller teaching teams, flexible scheduling, and parent involvement.

Organization and Structure of Classes

- Grades 5-8 = 650 Students = Average Class Size of 24
- Flexible Class Schedule – Each Grade Has its Own Schedule
- ELA – Reading – Math – Science – Social Studies – Physical Education
- Exploratory Subjects: Art – Computer – Health – Music – Spanish
- Heterogeneous Grouping – Except in Grade 7 & 8 Math

Teacher Teams

- Teams of 2-3 teachers at Grades 5 & 6 – Teams of 3-4 at Grades 7 & 8
- Team Leader at Each Grade (Curriculum & Instruction Team Leaders)
- Two Common Planning Time Periods Each Week
- Team Uses SRC Process to Address Student Learning
- Teams Review Standards in Practice (Examining Student Work)

Focus on Inclusion Practices

- One Special Education Teacher at Each Grade Level (Co-Teaching)
- Paraprofessional Aides Service Students in the Classroom
- Functional Academic and Vocational Program (Room 110)
- Mosaic Mill Studio Curriculum and Support Program for At-Risk Students

Special Education Coordinator Oversees the Program at Whitin

School Culture and Environment

- School Climate Committee Promotes a Safe, Caring, Healthy Environment
- Teacher Teams Work Together to Enhance a Spirit of Staff Collegiality
- School Ambiance is Student-Centered and Creates a Climate for Learning
- Extracurricular Activities are Inclusive and Encourage Participation for All
- Expectations Challenge Students to Show Effort- Attitude – Respect

Effective School Practices

- School Improvement Planning that Reflects Turning Points 2000
- Professional Development that Focuses on Improving Instruction
- Long-Range Planning to Implement Standards-Based Education
- School wide Priority to Implement Differentiated Instruction and Assessment
- Strategic Writing Program Implemented at All Grade Levels
- Ongoing Efforts to Improve Student Achievement on MCAS Tests
- Strong Parent (PTO) Cooperation, Involvement, and Support

Uxbridge High School

NEW PROGRAMS

NEASC

From September 30, 2007 – October 3, 2007, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges sent fifteen educators to evaluate our programs, curriculum, resources, facility, and our adherence to our Mission Statement. Although we received many commendations in the areas of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and overall school climate, Uxbridge High School remains on probation due to the inadequacies and restraints of our facility.

Financial Literacy Program

UniBank joined forces with Uxbridge High School and presented a six part financial literacy program for Juniors.

The presentations covered general banking information such as, check writing, debit cards, investments, loans, and credit and identity theft.

Articulation Agreements

Uxbridge High School worked with Quinsigamond Community College and Mount Wachusett Community College and developed articulation agreements with them in the areas of Technology Education and Family and Consumer Science. These agreements allow for Uxbridge graduates, enrolled in identified courses in high school, to receive college credit upon enrolling at Quinsigamond Community College or Mount Wachusett Community College

New Courses

New courses were implemented in Physical Education (Get Fit Stay Fit) and Science (Forensic Science) for the 2007-08 school year.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

Crisis Response Team

The Crisis Response Team continued working with the Uxbridge Police and Fire Departments to formulate Evacuation and Lockdown procedures to help ensure the safety of students and staff in case of emergencies. Evacuation and Lockdown Drills were held during the year.

10th Annual Toys for Tots Holiday Party

The Holiday Party, held on November 30, 2007, was an overwhelming success. Over 200 children attended and enjoyed the activities and refreshments.

Academic Awards Dinner

On February 10, 2008, fifty seniors and juniors were recognized at the annual Academic Awards Dinner. Recognition is for students who have achieved honor roll status for eight consecutive marking periods. Dinner was prepared by Janice Watt and her staff and served by faculty members. Dr. Boyaj served as guest speaker.

FUTURE INITIATIVES

New Courses

Four new courses are being planned in the English Department for the 2008-2009 school year. They are: Mythology, Theater, Folklore and Fairy Tales, and Mystics, Fantasy, and the Imagination.

School Schedule

Administration and high school faculty have examined the strengths and weakness of the present schedule and researched other types of schedules that would help resolve the problems that our present schedule imposes. One of the possibilities being considered that appears to have significant merit is to change to a trimester schedule. Any change in the schedule would take place beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

MCAS

New state regulations call for students in the class of 2010 to achieve at the Proficiency level in ELA and Math. Students who score at the Failing or Needs Improvement level must now have an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP). These plans will be developed in collaboration with students, parents, teachers, and counselors.

Uxbridge High School

Class of 2008

Uxbridge High School saw 118 seniors graduate in the class of 2007. Eighty-six percent of the graduates will be continuing their education at a two or a four year college; three percent plan to enroll in the military; and eleven percent are entering the world of work. Our graduates enjoyed much success academically and in extra curricular activities and we wish them all the best.

Stephen Albertelli
Emily Aurora Ethier
Kyle Thomas Allaire
Rebecca Flynn
Seth Corey Anderson
Jordynn Ann Frollo
Michael C. Arbogast
Sage Corrine George

Lauren Barbosa
James Gornall
Jessica Eileen Barth
Timothy Michael Graham
Nicholas Barszcz
Amber Lee Greene
Catherine Elizabeth Beaudette
Katherine Greene
Brittany Leigh Beaudreault
Richard Greene
Branden Joseph-Charles Benn
Farrah Ann Griffin
Jacob Andrew Benson
Andrew Thomas Groth
Katherine Marie Bilbrey
Melissa Sue Guertin
Sarah Rose Bishop
Margaret Theresa Haley
Julie Anita Bliss
Melissa Jean Harris
Claudia Lorena Bozo
John Heron
Joshua Brodeur
Jeffrey Leo Hill
Jennifer Lynn Brook
Tessa Lynn Hutt
Danielle Christine Burkart
Correna Lyn Jodoin
Kayla Marie Byron
Ashley Nicole Joseph
Katrina Marie Caccavelli
Kaylee Kach
Courtney Elizabeth Cambridge
Michael Anthony Kerr
Nicole Ryan Clain
Erik Johannes Koehne
Chelsea Lauren Conley
Kerry Ann Kogut
Molly Verda Connors
Daniel Robert Kramer
Scott William Creamer
Katelyn Marie Krause
Michael Jonathan Davey
Keenan Christopher Laverty
Jordan Robert DePonte
Alexander Arthur Leduc
Jacob Mathew Dexter
Keri Ann Lemoine
Megan Marie DeYoung
Ashley Nicole Lewinski
Rebecca Ann Dickinson
Emily K. Lozeau
Alexander Ian Droby

Hillary Lauren Lyons
Kelly Anne Duarte
Samantha Rose Manning
Sean Patrick Dugan
Patrick Marchand
Kaila Elizabeth Marsden
George Vincent
Samantha Matte
Christopher Lee Washburn
Kimberly M. Mayo
Christopher Welch
Stephen F. Modica
Liam Mathew Welch
Ryan Matthew Moore
Robin Anne Wheeler
Lenora Myers
Sean Michael White
Peter J. Ostroskey, Jr.
Kristina Lee Wilcon
Amanda Lee Palmieri
Michael Charles Worden
Edward Earl Parker
Joshua Lee Wright
Krysta Jordan Pasacane
Michael Carl Zagame
Jill Kathryn Paszkewicz
Carolyn Alice Paul
Derek J. Pilotte
Julianna Pollack
Gina Marie Prestone
Jennifer Rose Puglisi
Sarah Elizabeth Rafferty
Samantha L. Riccardelli
Tiffany Robinson
Christopher Rocheleau
Jessica Marie Rosa
Caleigh Sage Ross
Mary Elizabeth Rothrock
Austin Nishan Sahagian
Stephen Scott
Brian Seagrave
Amanda Ann Sebastiao
Brooke Ann Shaughnessy
Jessica Shields
Derek Silbor
Anna Maria Slanda
Jonathan Smith
Marius Xavier Tardie
Danielle Lee Tekut
Michelle Grace Tessier
Samantha Regan Tetreau
Joseph Carl Troiano

Seniors Awards Banquet – June 4, 2008, Pleasant Valley

Class Officers'

Certificates of Service

Frank Barbuto (Advisor)
President – Catherine Beaudette
Vice President – Sarah Rafferty
Secretary – Michael Arbogast
Treasurer – Michelle Tessier
Historian – Joshua Wright

Scholarships, Awards and Recognition

Ocean State Power
Katelyn Krause
Emily Lozeau
Tiffany Robinson
Anna Slanda
Joshua Wright

Uxbridge Teacher's Association

Katelyn Krause
Timothy Graham
Joshua Wright

Robert Greene Memorial Scholarship

Peter Ostroskey

Shawna Shea Memorial Scholarship

Katelyn Krause
Derek Silbor
Jessica Barth

Uxbridge Education Foundation

Danielle Burkart

In the Name of Dr. Walter McCloskey

Timothy Graham

Uxbridge Scholarship Fund, Inc.

In the Name of Kevin Glode
Kyle Allaire
Michael Zagame
Derek Silbor
Andrew Groth

Uxbridge Woman's Club

Joshua Wright

Uxbridge Woman's Club

Helen M. Ryan
Jennifer Puglisi

The Valerie Wright Memorial

Amanda Sebastiao

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC STUDY CERTIFICATES IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Excellence in the Study of the
French Language and Culture
Sage George

Excellence in the Study of the
Spanish Language and Culture
Kaylee Kach

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC STUDY CERTIFICATES IN THE AREA OF FINE ARTS

Excellence in the UHS Music Program

Megan DeYoung
Correna Jodoin
Caleigh Ross
Kristina Wilcon
Kelly Duarte
Hillary Lyons
Mary Rothrock
Michael Worden
Timothy Graham
Kimberly Mayo
Anna Slanda
Robin Wheeler
Richard Greene
Amanda Palmieri

Judges' Choice Award Winner, 2008
Berklee College of Music's High School
Mary Rothrock

Outstanding Portfolio Work
Keri Lemoine

Excellence in the Study of Ceramics
Danielle Burkart

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC STUDY
CERTIFICATES IN THE FAMILY &
CONSUMER SCIENCE
Outstanding Achievement in Foods
& Nutrition
Chelsey Conley

Outstanding in Internship

Katie Bilbrey
Kayla Byron
Peter Ostoskey

Certificate of Achievement in Teaching Assistant

Katrina Caccavelli
Kaylee Kach
Kristina Wilcon
Maggie Haley
Kerry Kogut
Kate Greene
Melissa Harris

Handyman Special
Michael Arbogast

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC STUDY CERTIFICATES IN THE AREA OF MATHEMATICS

Excellence In Honors Math Courses

Michael Davey
Daniel Kramer
Jennifer Puglisi
Tiffany Robinson
Danielle Tekut
Michelle Tessier

Participation in Worcester Polytechnic Institute Math Meet

Daniel Kramer
Andrew Groth
Kyle Allaire
Michael Davey

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC STUDY CERTIFICATES IN THE AREA OF TECHNOLOGY

Excellence in the Study of Video
Kimberly Mayo

Excellence in the Study of
Computer Aided Drafting (CAD)
Daniel Kramer

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC STUDY CERTIFICATES IN THE AREA OF SCIENCE

Excellence in the Study of Chemistry
Michael Worden

Excellence in the Study of Physics

Daniel Kramer
Michelle Tessier

Excellence in the Study of Horticulture

Kerry Kogut

Excellence in the Study of Anatomy & Physiology

Danielle Burkart

Excellence in the Study of Forensic

Ashley Joseph

EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS**Superintendent's Academic Excellence Award**

Daniel Kramer

Valedictorian (Medal)

Tiffany Robinson

Salutatorian (Medal)

Daniel Kramer

Honor Speakers (Medal)

Catherine Beaudette
Michael Zagame

President's Award For Outstanding Academic Excellence

Tiffany Robinson
Joshua Wright
Julie Bliss
Melissa Guertin
Daniel Kramer
Kyle Allaire
Danielle Burkart
Michelle Tessier
Danielle Tekut
Keri Lemonie
Caleigh Ross
Katelyn Krause
Emily Lozeau
Ashley Joseph
Megan DeYoung
Rebecca Flynn
Michael Davey
Andrew Groth
Jennifer Puglisi
Kaylee Kach

President's Award For Outstanding Academic Achievement

Anna Slanda
Farrah Griffin
Kimberly Mayo
Jessica Rosa
Peter Ostroskey
Jordynn Frolo
Sage George
Robin Wheeler
Emily Ethier
Katrina Caccavelli
Austin Sahagian
Molly Connors
Nicole Clain
Samantha Riccardelli
Keenan Laverty
John Heron
Stephen Modica

2008 Commonwealth Award for Exemplary Community Service

Michael Zagame

Telegram & Gazette – Student Achievement Award

Ashley Joseph

Daughters of American Revolution

Melissa Guertin

National Honor Society Dictionary Award

Kayla Byron
Ashley Joseph
Katelyn Krause
Caleigh Ross
Jennifer Brook
Daniel Kramer
Kimberly Mayo
Joshua Wright

Library

Stephen Modica
Liam Welch
Jordan DePonte

SENIOR ACADEMIC MEDALS**Art**

Keri Lemoine

Band

Kimberly Mayo

Chorus

Hillary Lyons

Computer Science

Michael Davey

English

Danielle Tekut
Ed Naroian

Social Studies

Danielle Tekut

Family & Consumer Science

Melissa Harris

Technology Education

Alex Leduc

French

Erik Koehne
Josh Wright

Spartanette of the Year

Kimberly Mayo

Jazz

Tim Graham

Spartan of the Year

Andrew Groth

Library

Michael Davey

Science

Julie Bliss

PE Boys

Peter Ostroskey

PE Girls

Jessica Barth

Mathematics

Daniel Kramer

**SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND
RECOGNITION**

Uxbridge Scholarship Fund, Inc.

In the Name of Daniel Whitehouse
Michael Davey

**In the Name of
Forest & Carolyn Andrews**

Kyle Allaire
Melissa Guertin
Ashley Joseph
Katelyn Krause
Peter Ostroskey

**In the Names of the Taft Brothers,
Dennis Lynch, and Brent (Benny)
Desilets**

Jennifer Puglisi

**In the Name of the Walter E.
Wesgan Veteran's Post**

Anna Slanda

**In the Name of
Milton & Annie Tucker**

Michelle Tessier

**Leon Belanger Memorial
Scholarship**

Brian Seagrave

**Milford Federal Savings & Loan
Association Scholarship**

Danielle Tekut

**Milford Regional Hospital
52-Club Activities Committee
Scholarship**

Melissa Harris

Andrews Technology Foundation

Alexander Leduc
Brian Seagrave
Michelle Tessier
Daniel Kramer

**Polish American Social & Civic
Corporation Scholarship**

Carolyn Paul

**Robert Gardner Memorial
Scholarship**

Margaret Haley

Uxbridge Rotary Club Scholarship

Melissa Guertin

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1385
Scholarship**

Peter Ostroskey
Jill Paszkewicz

**Georgianna Richardson Baker
Scholarship**

Caleigh Ross

Unibank for Savings Scholarship

Farrah Griffin

**VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 1385
Scholarship**

Katelyn Krause
Timothy Graham

**VFW Freetown Post 6643 Frederick
C. & Anna A. Boehler Scholarship**

Daniel Kramer

Town of Uxbridge Scholarship Fund

Julie Bliss
Katelyn Krause
Joshua Wright

**Robert Krause Memorial
Montgomery Lodge of Mason
Annual Academic Scholarship**

Christopher Welch

**Christian A. Herter Memorial
Scholarship**

Kimberly Mayo

**AFC (Academic Finance Corporation)
Lending for Learning Scholarship**

Amanda Sebastiao

**Uxbridge Special Education Parents
Advisory Council Scholarship**

In Memory of Matthew W. Wilson
Samantha Riccardelli

Retirements

The following list of employees retired from the Uxbridge Public Schools during 2007-2008 and the School Committee wishes to thank them for their many years of dedicated service to the students of the Uxbridge Public Schools.

Ms. Elizabeth Brown
Ms. Julie Richards-Rizoli
Ms. Lynette Szerlag
Ms. Judith Lynch
Mr. John Silvestri
Ms. Mary Turner
Ms. Rosemary Bedard
Ms. Shirley Smith
Ms. Elizabeth Archambault
Ms. Claire LaChapelle

It is with great sympathy and much sadness that this year our school community had to say goodbye to two of its members: Brietta Esposito and Rodney LaRue. Both of these members held significant roles in our school community and have been greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest Esposito, Chair
Mason Seagrave, Member
Michelle Taparausky, Vice-Chair
John Higgins, Member
Peter Baghdasarian, Member
Jane Keegan, Member
Mary-Meg Walsh, Member

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SUPPORT GIVES STUDENTS ADVANTAGE IN WORKFORCE

With the continuous generous support of local municipal officials and the citizenry of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, students at Valley Tech are preparing to face the challenges of an increasingly complex and sophisticated global workforce environment. Vocational technical education has experienced major transformations and today's students must develop individual skills and strengths that will insure they are successful in today's competitive marketplace.

Recognized as a leader for innovative learning, Valley Tech strives to challenge every student. As the school steadily grows in overall population, the School Committee, administration, faculty, and staff work tirelessly to provide a safe and friendly atmosphere. Embracing the adaptability to change, Valley Tech does not rest on its laurels, rather constantly upgrades its curriculum to increase the rigor of both academic and vocational technical course offerings.

During Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008), Valley Tech, which serves 13 contiguous towns, experienced unprecedented accomplishments. We hope everyone throughout the Valley Tech region takes pride in the achievements of their vocational technical system.

At the beginning of FY08, Valley Tech distributed a total reimbursement of \$106,000 to the member towns which financed through the District their respective contributions to the \$36 million expansion and renovation of the Upton campus. The final payment was part of nearly \$2 million in rebates of stabilization fund balances returned to District towns during FY06, FY07, and

FY08. The project was completed in January 2006.

Looking toward the future, Valley Tech is working on the partial development of nearly 30 acres of donated land located in Upton just a few miles from the main campus. The aim is to provide additional athletic field space, a walking/cross country trail, and an outdoor conservation learning laboratory.

VALLEY TECH STUDENTS DISPLAY TALENTS

Students from Valley Tech continued to shine on the national stage as for the fifth time in six years they returned from the prestigious SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, Mo., with podium finishes. Valley Tech's three-person Community Service team of juniors Justina D'Amato (Uxbridge), Lindsay Melanson (Milford) and Nicole Onanian (Uxbridge) brought home a silver medal, while junior Christina Estrada (Bellingham) won a bronze medal in Preschool Teaching Assistant. Four other BVT students competed at the 44th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference and impressively they all finished in the top 10 in their respective contests. Junior Jonathan Holland (Grafton) finished sixth in CNC Turning. Junior Victoria Gemme (Millbury) took eighth in Technical Drafting, while two graduated seniors, Kaitlin Henault (Millbury) and Timothy Lapan (Douglas), each rounded out the top 10 in Job Skills Demonstration Open and Automotive Service Technology, respectively. Henault, who also received a special recognition for mastering all of her contest competencies, was assisted by junior Katelyn Christiansen (Millville).

The theme of the Community Service

team project related to Renewable Energy and Conservation. As a Massachusetts Green School, Valley Tech incorporates conservation and renewable energy into its everyday operations. Green has also become a school-wide integration learning initiative with the formation of a Green Team committee of staff and students, an annual Renewable Energy Expo featuring more than 30 businesses, and students experimenting with producing bio-diesel fuels.

The Class of 2008 became the fifth straight from Valley Tech to have 100 percent of its membership achieve competency determination on the state-mandated Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests. In addition, 94 percent of the Class of 2009 reached the required benchmark on the tests' first administration. With 74 percent reaching Advanced or Proficient on the Mathematics exam and 73 percent on the English Language Arts test, Valley Tech complied with all regulations for reaching Adequate Yearly Progress.

Valley Tech students and staff completed more than 820 value added projects in-house and throughout the District during the 2007-08 school year. These diversified field-based learning experiences translated into a savings of \$220,793.

NUMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS

The FY08 total operating budget for the District was \$16,994,267. Chapter 70 Aid contributed \$6,607,116 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the 13 member towns totaled \$6,650,789.

In the operation portion of the budget but outside DOE Net School Spending

areas, the District budgeted \$304,674 for transportation costs, \$217,120 for acquisition of fixed assets, and \$665,506 for retiree medical coverage. This was offset by \$719,780 in regional student transportation funds received from the Commonwealth. In addition to their state-required Minimum Contributions, the member towns unanimously supported the school's operating budget with shared assessments for operations, student transportation, asset acquisition, and retiree medical. This investment provided the fiscal support to respond to the diverse learning needs of a student population that grew by 8 percent over FY07.

Giving consideration to the overall municipal fiscal constraints and the Commonwealth's economic status, the District continues to search out greater efficiency in its staffing patterns, supply purchases, technology, and other contractual service requirements. Bolstered by prudent budget management practices, the District utilized unreserved fund balance in the amount of \$250,000 to offset the towns' actual assessments. Additionally, the District secured funds to purchase vocational equipment and other fixed assets through private donations totaling \$19,950.

CLASS OF 2008

The following students from Uxbridge (listed alphabetically with shop) were members of the Class of 2008: David Paul Limanek, *Auto Body*; David Edward Hopkins, II, *Automotive Technology*; Dustin Phillip Howley, *Automotive Technology (National Honor Society)*; Amber May Aubin, *Business Technology*; Leah Ann Aubin, *Business*

Technology; Katie Louise Demers, *Business Technology*; Katherine Ruth Lajoie, *Business Technology*; Kelsey Ann Trabing, *Business Technology (NHS)*; Nathan Michael Cote, *Carpentry*; Joseph Jay Iadarola, *Carpentry*; Jessica Lynne Saxton, *Carpentry*; Lauren Chaela Gray, *Cosmetology*; Corrina Penelope Owens, *Cosmetology*; Kylie Rose Plante, *Cosmetology*; Crystal Aiste Tardie, *Cosmetology*; Amber Marie Kent, *Culinary Arts*; Kaila Marie Borghesi, *Dental Assisting*; Ethan Andrew Connors, *Drafting (NHS)*; Alexander Francis Cormier, *Drafting*; Anthony Andimo DeQuattro, *Drafting*; Richard Stuart Leach, *Drafting*; Anthony Joseph Terlizzi, *Drafting*; Eric Robert Castonguay, *Electronics*; Jeremy Edward Pandolfo, *Electronics (NHS)*; Kayla Lynn Hewett, *Health Services*; Melissa Ann Villemaire, *Health Services*; Erica Jean Webster, *Health Services*; Adam David Arrighi, *HVAC/R (NHS)*; Andrew Thomas Bagley, *HVAC/R*; Corey Peter Bouchard, *HVAC/R*; Sarah Marie Doiron, *HVAC/R*; Nickommo Peawe Morse, *HVAC/R*; Nicholas Mark Sannicandro, *HVAC/R*; Alexander Abraham Krouner, *Information Technology*; Ryan Wayne Adams, *Maintenance Repair Service*; Michael Christopher Kupstas, *Manufacturing Technologies*; James Michael Lyness, *Manufacturing Technologies*; James Robert Rodriguez, *Manufacturing Technologies*; Samantha Ann Taylor, *Painting & Design Technologies*; Michael James Dean, *Plumbing*; Brandon Mark Stacy, *Plumbing*.

VALUABLE LEADERSHIP

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee comprises 13 individuals, one from each member town, who seek to provide leadership and expertise in guiding the District's operations. Twelve of the members were elected in 2006 to four-year terms. Jeff T. Koopman of Northbridge continues to serve out the two-year term for which he was appointed and was seeking re-election to the committee during the November 2008 elections.

Respectfully submitted,
Blackstone Valley Vocational
Regional District School Committee,
Superintendent-Director,
and District Treasurer

Michael D. Peterson, *Mendon, Chairman*
Gerald M. Finn, *Millville, Vice Chairman*
Daniel L. Baker, *Uxbridge, Secretary*
Arthur E. Morin, *Millford,*
Assistant Treasurer
Joseph M. Hall, *Bellingham*
William J. Pontes, *Blackstone*
John C. Lavin, III, *Douglas*
Anthony M. Yitts, *Grafton*
Paul M. Yanovitch, *Hopedale*
Chester P. Hanratty, Jr., *Millbury*
Jeff T. Koopman, *Northbridge*
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, *Sutton*
Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr., *Upton*
Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick,
Superintendent-Director
Barbara Auger, *District Treasurer*

Please Note: This condensed report is provided at the request of municipal authorities. A more detailed report is available from the Office of the Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, 65 Pleasant St., Upton, MA 01568-1499. For other district information please go to: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.

TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS



July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Special Town Meeting – Tuesday, November 20, 2007

Moderator Harold Klei called the Special Town Meeting to order after the opening and temporary adjournment of the annual fall town meeting.

ARTICLE 1: ACCEPTANCE OF MGL CHAPTER 40, SECTIONS 39A-39J - ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 39A through 39J relative to the establishment and operation of a public water supply system, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SPONSOR: Water and Sewer Commissioners (Town Manager)¹

Commentary: The acceptance of these provisions of MA General Law will vest, in the Board of Selectmen, the specific powers and authority referenced in said statutes relative to the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a public water supply system. These provisions would supplement the Town's authority under other previously accepted provisions of MA General Law.

Summary from Town Counsel: The Town's water supply management and operation powers are derived from the creation and acquisition of the Uxbridge Water Company prior to 1895. The Town has the right to acquire land for water supply/protection purposes and the right to determine, fix and collect rates for use of Town water from the authority vested by Special Acts that were enacted between 1881 and 1934. However, most municipal

water supply systems today operate under the provisions of General Law initially adopted from 1938 -1943 and codified as C. 40, ss.39A-39J. These provisions, if adopted at Town Meeting, would supplement the Town's rights and powers to operate a water supply system and allow the Town to exercise the full array of rights and powers granted, generally, to every other town, city, and water district which operates a public water supply system under these sections of law. The subject local option statutes address system maintenance and operation, the acquisition of land, construction of water supply and protection facilities, provide penalties for pollution of Town water supplies, the right to aid other water supply districts, and the broad right to adopt a "pricing system" to cover the Town's water supply costs and expenses. These statutory provisions will bring the Town's water supply rights, powers and privileges up to date, and will assure that the Town can exercise any supplementary authority needed, notwithstanding the specific enabling language of the above-referenced Acts. There are no inconsistencies between the provisions of General Law and the Town's Special Acts; they will merely 'modernize' or update the Town's rights as a public water supply entity.

MOTION: I move to approve Article 1 as printed, with the exclusion of the phrase, "or take any action relative thereto."

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-0-0).

This is a "housekeeping" article concerning the powers and duties of the town relative to its water supply. In reviewing town meeting votes there is no record showing that these provisions were accepted by the Town. The provisions empower the Town to: a) establish, maintain and operate water the public water supply, b) acquire land and water, c) construct and maintain dams, wells, reservoirs and other buildings, d) conduct surveys, e) management of water system, f) pay damages, g) collect damages, h) aid other governmental units, i) maintain water meters; testing, and j) establish pricing systems; costs. The Finance Committee has asked for an executive summary from Town Counsel – prior to Town Meeting – outlining the changes due to this modification.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires simple majority.

The moderator declares that the vote passes.

A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the special town meeting.

The motion to dissolve the special town meeting passes unanimously.

A True Attest,
Joseph H. Kaplan, Town Clerk

¹ The Board of Selectmen also serve as the Water and Sewer Commissioners per the Town Charter.

Annual Town Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, November 20, 2007

High School Auditorium – 62 Capron Street, Uxbridge

Moderator Harold Klei gavelled the town meeting to order at 7:00pm and declared that a motion was present. He read an announcement from Department of Public Works Commissioner Larry Bombara regarding municipal recycling center being open for raked leaves. The moderator intro-

duced the new Town Counsel Patrick Costello and the Town's new Director of Planning and Economic Development, Megan DiPrete.

Motion: That annual town meeting was adjourned for the special town meeting, and will be resumed after the special town meeting is

adjourned. Moderator declared that the motion passes. He then recognized the Boy Scout troop in attendance and announced the rules for both the special and annual town meetings. The moderator then called the special town meeting to order.

After the special town meeting

adjourned, the annual town meeting was called back to order.

ARTICLE 1: REPORTS

To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

(Town Manager)

FY2009 Budget Planning/Summits -

Town Manager Jill Myers

Capital Committee -

Chairman Jack McCarthy

Blanchard Building Reuse Opinion

Survey - Selectman Kevin Kuros

School Town Building Maintenance

Fund - Chairman Larry Bombara

MOTION: No motion.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: N/A

VOTE NEEDED: N/A

ARTICLE 2: PRIOR YEAR BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds such sums as required to pay prior fiscal year's bill(s), or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

(Town Manager)

Commentary: FY07 invoice(s) that had inadvertently not been processed or paid.

MOTION: Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the amounts as stated in the following chart for any purpose for which funds may be expended from the latter accounts, each item being considered a separate appropriation for FY08:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0).

This is a standard article and required to pay any outstanding bills from the prior fiscal year.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 4/5th vote.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 2: PRIOR YEAR BILLS

AMOUNT	FROM	TO ACCOUNT AND FOR
\$239.00	Ambulance Enterprise Expenses Account #602-231-5502	Ambulance Enterprise Expense Prior Year Account #602-231-5788 Prior year bill for Ambulance oxygen expense not paid due to billing error created when the firm providing the service was sold.
\$171.10	Town Hall Expenses #001-192-5120-0000-000	Blanchard Expenses (Electricity Expenses) Account #001-198-5788 Prior year bill that was not paid due to an error in posting payments to a billing account which serves multiple municipal and school locations.

ARTICLE 3: FY08 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

AMOUNT	FROM	TO ACCOUNT AND FOR
\$115,576.00	Free Cash	General Budget: This transfer is required to balance the FY 2008 budget as a result of adjustments to the estimated Cherry Sheets that were released on July 25, 2007 and created a budget deficit of \$170,576. The two primary adjustments were \$58,782 for the Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project, as approved via Article 14 of the Spring Annual Town Meeting, and a net increase of \$117,025 in other assessments. Small adjustments between Cherry Sheet accounts resulted in additional receipts of \$5,231.00. The Town recently obtained a DOE Pothole grant to offset a portion of the deficit.

ARTICLE 3: FY08 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, including so called "free cash" and appropriate, or to raise and appropriate a sum of money to balance certain line item accounts within the FY08 budget approved under Article 5 of the May 8, 2007, Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

(Town Manager)

Commentary: The purpose of the article is to make adjustments to balance the FY08 budget as voted at the Spring Annual Town Meeting; new appropriations or budget reductions. The FY08 budget as voted at the Spring Annual Town Meeting is currently out of balance with a deficit of \$170,576. The Town received a \$55,000 pothole grant, which is accounted as a miscellaneous non-recurring general receipt, thereby reducing the deficit to \$115,576. The tax rate cannot be set until the budget is balanced.

MOTION: Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the amounts as stated in the following chart for any purpose for which funds may be expended from the latter accounts, each item being considered a separate appropriation for FY08.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0).

As noted, this article is needed to balance the FY08 Budget. It is also required to set the tax rate. Adjustments to

the Cherry Sheet -- income from the Commonwealth to Uxbridge -- resulted in a loss of \$170,576 to the town. A "pot hole" grant obtained with the assistance of the Blackstone Valley Tech offset this loss by \$55,000. The amount needed to balance the FY08 Budget is \$115,576.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires simple majority provided none of the funds are transferred from Stabilization or borrowed.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4: FY08 INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds, including funds previously appropriated to other uses or so called "free cash", or to raise a sum or sums of money to appropriate to accounts and for purposes to be specified at the Fall Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

(Town Manager)

Commentary: The purpose of this article is to transfer funds within department budgets or from one department budget to another.

MOTION: Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the amounts as stated in the following chart for any purpose for which funds may be expended from the latter accounts, each item being considered a separate appropriation for FY08 under Part A.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Part A - Favorable action (7-0-0).

Part B - Favorable action (5-2-0).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Part A - Favorable Action (3-0-0)

Part B - Favorable Action (2-1-0)

ARTICLE 4: FY08 INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

PART A		
AMOUNT	FROM	TO ACCOUNT AND FOR
\$1,105.94	FY1990 Overlay Account #001-000-1230-1990	Prior Years Overlay #001-000-1230-0000 The Overlay Reserve for abatements for each fiscal year should match the amount of outstanding taxes for any given fiscal year after the bulk of the tax levy has been retired or placed into tax title. The outstanding taxes, if not deemed to be collectable, and will eventually be written off through the Overlay account for that same year. There are outstanding tax balances between FY 1982 and 1987 and for FY 2000 that do not have sufficient overlay balances to write off those taxes. Favorable Town Meeting action will provide them and allow the levy for those years to be retired.
\$182.53	FY1990 Overlay Account #001-000-1230-1990	FY 2000 Overlay #001-000-1230-2000 See above explanation
\$19,800.00	Highway Salaries Account #001-422-5100	Highway Expense Account #001-422-5200. There are surplus funds in the Highway salaries account as the result of the elimination of one highway position and movements within the budget between the May and June Town Meetings. It is anticipated that this transfer, if approved will used to offset the increased cost of oil and fuel
\$1,600.00	Town Hall Expenses #001-192-5120	Blanchard Building Account #001-198-5260. The Blanchard Building was mothballed last year, with a zero line budget for FY 2008. The building still incurs minimal heat and security costs, which was to be paid for out of the Blanchard maintenance fund, an account that was first appropriated at Town Meeting as a feasibility study. The fund was changed to a maintenance account when the Town was successful in obtaining a grant for the feasibility study. We have since determined through discussions with the Massachusetts Historical Commission that the terms of the grant do not allow the maintenance account to be used for utility or security expenses.
	PART A SUBTOTAL	\$23,288.47 (Dept Transfers: No Additional Appropriation)
PART B		
AMOUNT	FROM	TO ACCOUNT AND FOR
\$45,977.74	Free Cash	Childcare Special Revenue Fund #250-303-3500-0000-232. The School Department budget turn-back was \$116,958. The Childcare Special Revenue fund was inadvertently charged \$45,977.74 for janitorial services that should have been paid for out of the School Department budget, resulting in a School Department turn-back that was higher than anticipated by the same amount. Favorable action by Town Meeting corrects the error
\$7,000.00	Free Cash	Assessors Revaluation Account #002-141-5300-0001. The Assessors Department inadvertently released \$7,000 in departmental turn-backs due to a processing error. The Assessors budget \$15,000 annually towards revaluation. Failure to fund this transfer will require additional appropriation in FY 2009.
\$750.00	Free Cash	Celebrations Account #001-692-5300. This purpose of this account is for the annual purchase of flags for veteran's graves. In FY 2007, the account also paid for the expense of providing a marching band for the Veteran's Day Parade. The cost of the flags uses virtually all of the appropriation, so a transfer of \$637.00 was sought and approved at the June 13 th Special Town Meeting in order to provide an appropriation which could pay for both items. The FY 2008 Celebrations budget, when crafted, did not anticipate the cost of the marching band, so the appropriation is currently insufficient
	SUBTOTAL	\$53,727.74 (Additional Appropriations from Free Cash)
	USE OF FREE CASH	
	GRAND TOTAL	\$77,016.21
	ARTICLE 4	

The Finance Committee makes a favorable recommendation on the above inter/intra transfers. Two members preferred that the School Department absorb the \$45,977.74 transfer for the Childcare Special Revenue Fund. Because these funds were mistakenly transferred into Free Cash, the majority of the committee feels these funds should be given back to the Childcare Fund.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires simple majority provided none of the funds are transferred from Stabilization.

PART A PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
PART B PASSES

ARTICLE 5: APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT(S)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from free cash or from funds available in the treasury, including funds previously appropriated to other purposes, a sum or sums to fund the cost items of one or more collective bargaining agreements between the Town and its employees, or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen
(Town Manager)

Commentary: The Police Union collective bargaining agreement is still pending. If agreement is reached, this article will appropriate the funds for any cost items.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: No recommendation at this time. The bargaining agreement has not been completed.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires simple majority provided none of the funds are transferred from Stabilization.

NO MOTION
NO ACTION

ARTICLE 6: EMERGENCY BORROWING AUTHORIZATION – BERNAT MILL FIRE RECOVERY

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$175,000 for the purpose of emergency appropriation for costs associated with the Bernat Mill fire of July 21, 2007, as approved by the State Emergency Board, and to meet this obli-

gation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow up to \$175,000 under Chapter 44, Section 8, Clause 9 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen
(Town Manager)

Commentary: Passage of this article authorizes the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue debt for up to \$175,000 to pay for the costs incurred by the Town in fighting the Bernat Mill Fire of July 21, 2007. These costs include \$125,000 in direct wage, supplies and safety equipment expense, and \$50,000 in lost School supplies and equipment for the programs that were housed in the mill at the time of the fire. State statute mandates that the sum borrowed would have to be repaid within two years. Passage of this article provides an option for the BOS to borrow in the event that there are insufficient available funds to cover the Town's expenses from the Bernat Mill fire response. However, the Town received a State Supplemental Budget Appropriation, but the release of those funds is pending. Should that be received before Town Meeting, this article will be passed-over.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: No recommendation at this time. Additional State aid, which will cover the cost of the fire, has been voted by the legislature and not yet approved by the Governor. Uxbridge expended \$116,383 on the Bernat fire.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3rd vote.

NO MOTION

NO ACTION

ARTICLE 7: ACCEPTANCE OF MGL CHAPTER 32 B, SECTION 18 – MEDICARE HEALTH BENEFITS FOR TOWN RETIREES

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 32B, Section 18, requiring that all eligible retirees of the Town utilize the federal Medicare program for health insurance, by voting that the Town shall require all retirees, their spouses and dependents who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost

to a retiree, his/her spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage thereunder at no cost to a retiree, his/her spouse or dependents, to enroll in a Medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the Town.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen
(Town Manager)

Commentary: This is part of a strategy to identify health benefits cost savings to the Town, and to mitigate future increases to both the Town and subscribers. Acceptance of Section 18 will require all Medicare eligible Town & School retirees to migrate from the Town's active health benefit plans to the Town's Medicare supplement plans. While many retirees are on the Medicare supplement plans, a small number of Medicare eligible retirees are commingled within the Town's active plans. This adversely affects the Town's claims experience on the active plans which is a component of the rate setting process of the premiums paid by the Town and employees. The Medicare supplement plans offer comparable benefits, depending on the retiree's choice of plan, and offer nationwide access. Retirees will not lose the ability to be insured and the Town currently contributes 80% of retiree's health insurance premium. The Town must contribute to Medicare, which includes all employees hired after 1986. Enrollment for these plans occur in January 2008. For further description of MGL, please see: www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/32b-18.htm.

MOTION: I move to approve Article 7 as printed.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-1-1).

The action will move all Medicare eligible retirees off the Town's health insurance plan to Medicare Part B. To save the town money the town has moved eligible retirees to Medicare. However, this was a practice, not an adopted policy. Acceptance of MGL Chapter 32 B, Section 18 is required to make this cost savings measure an authorized policy.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (2-1-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority.

MOTION FAILS

ARTICLE 8: ROOF AND HVAC REPLACEMENT – WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$310,000 for the purpose of replacing existing roofs and HVAC equipment and associated appurtenances at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and to meet this obligation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow up to \$310,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, and further that while this borrowing shall be a general obligation of the Town, it is the intent of the Town that the principal of and interest on this borrowing including costs associated with this borrowing will be paid from the Wastewater enterprise fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Water and Sewer Commissioners¹ (DPW Superintendent)

Commentary: The Wastewater Facility was constructed in 1978-79 and the roofing system consists of ~18,000 square feet of roofs. A survey was conducted by Tremco Inc which included through visual inspections, Infrared moisture testing, core-sampling and thermograms. 83% of the roofs were found to be in need of replacement. Along with roof replacement, the HVAC unit on the Administration has been repaired numerous times and is non-functional at this time. That unit will also be replaced during the re-construction.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$310,000 for the purpose of replacing existing roofs and HVAC equipment and associated appurtenances at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and to meet this obligation, the that Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow up to \$310,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE

¹ The Board of Selectmen also serve as the Water and Sewer Commissioners per the Town Charter.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

The report from Larry Bombara, Director of Public Works, indicates that the roof and HVAC system at the waste water plant are in bad shape. The building was completed in 1979. A survey of the facility indicated \$288,000 was needed for the repair of the building. The remaining \$22,000 is for contingency (~8%). The plan is for the work to be financed through a 20 year debt vehicle. The cost to the user will be \$22 a year.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3rds vote.

MOTION PASSES**ARTICLE 9: IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of improving the Municipal Water Supply System, including the construction of a well and process building at the "Rosenfeld" well field, design and construction of water lines from said well field to existing lines on Quaker Highway and or Millville Road and acquiring any and all easements necessary for the project; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow up to \$3,500,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to apply for, accept and expend any available federal or state funds or grants and/or gifts of any kind for the purpose of this project; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and further that while this borrowing shall be a general obligation of the Town, it is the intent of the Town that the principle and interest on this borrowing will be paid for from the Water Enterprise Fund and/or the Water System Development Account; or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Water and Sewer Commissioners (DPW Superintendent)
Commentary: In 2002, The Town's water engineers, Tata and Howard, evalu-

ated the Town's supply using DEP's 2001 guidelines and it was determined that there would be a supply deficit beginning in year 2007 and increasing to 1.40 million gallons per day by year 2023. Although seeking DEP approval to maximize the potential yield at the Bernat well field may be an option to increase supply, it would not eliminate the need for additional sources to be put on line in the very near future. Running wells to the maximum not only reduces water quality, but increases maintenance costs as in the case of the Blackstone Street well field. It is also the consensus that it is more prudent to add an additional well field on-line at this time to diversify aquifer withdrawals throughout the Town for increased contamination protection. This project has been ongoing since 1998 when negotiations began for the acquisition of the land, the subsequent purchase approved in 2004 and the design of the well field being approved in 2006. The construction of this well should reduce our deficit by ~50%.

MOTION: I move that the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of improving the Municipal Water Supply System, including the construction of a well and process building at the "Rosenfeld" well field, design and construction of water lines from said well field to existing lines on Quaker Highway and or Millville Road and acquiring any and all easements necessary for the project; and to meet this appropriation, that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow up to \$3,500,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for, accept and expend any available federal or state funds or grants and/or gifts of any kind for the purpose of this project; and that the Board of Selectmen take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (4-3-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (2-1-0)

The Town's water system is seen as one of the town's major assets. The article moves to open up a new water source with the construction of a new well pump station (Rosenfeld property) and a new transmission main. The costs of these two projects are \$1,500,000 and \$1,800,000, respectively. The Town recently lost one of its Bernat wells. A majority of the Finance Committee feels this article is needed to insure the town has an adequate water supply. The minority feels this project is not the Town's highest capital (infrastructure) need at this time. The cost to the user is estimated at \$113 a year.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3rd vote.

MOTION PASSES BY STANDING

VOTE: Yes: 82, No: 39

ARTICLE 10: RENUMBERING/ REVISION OF TOWN GENERAL BYLAWS – CODIFICATION

To see if the Town will vote to accept the numbering and revision of the various General Bylaws of the Town from their original numbering to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the General Bylaws as set forth in the New Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Uxbridge dated September, 2006, said codification having been done under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Bylaw Review Committee, and said Code being a compilation and comprehensive revisions to the present bylaws of the Town of Uxbridge. All bylaws of a general and permanent nature, as amended, heretofore in force and not included in this Code shall be repealed, except for those adopted and or amended after the effective date of this re-codification contract, and except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law, and such repeal shall not apply to or affect any personnel bylaw or any bylaw, order or article heretofore adopted accepting or adopting the provisions or any statute of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These bylaws shall be referred to as

"Division I, General Bylaws". A copy of the proposed New Final Draft is available for view in the Offices of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Manager.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

SPONSOR: Bylaw Review Committee

Commentary: *The Town of Uxbridge needs to modernize its body of law, including the Charter and General & Zoning Bylaws, making it more readily and easily available, understandable, and up-to-date for the citizens, employees and officials of the Town of Uxbridge. To do so, in September 2005, the Board of Selectmen appointed citizens to the Bylaw Review Committee in accordance with Article 7, Section 6(b) of the Town of Uxbridge Charter. The Bylaw Review Committee has prepared renumbered/revised General Bylaws in an easy-to-read, up-to-date document that will be a valuable tool for decades to come. In addition to organizing and reformatting, the bylaws have been updated to bring them into conformance with the Charter and Massachusetts General Laws. The adoption of the Charter established a new form of government in the Town of Uxbridge, thereby eliminating various components of the old government and leaving the current bylaws with outdated and incorrect references.*

These changes, along with changes due to amendments in Massachusetts General Laws are reflected in the New Final Draft.

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to accept the numbering and revision of the General Bylaws of the Town of Uxbridge from their original numbering to the codified numbering, arrangement, sequence and captions; and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the General Bylaws as set forth in the document entitled "New Final Draft of the Code of the Town of Uxbridge" dated November, 2007, with the following amendments:

NOTE: Strike thru italicized words are to be deleted: **Bold underlined words are to be added.**

(1) § 16-1. Capital Planning Committee.
A. As authorized under Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2002, the Town of

Uxbridge hereby changes the composition of the Capital Planning Committee created thereunder, as follows: The Committee shall consist of an odd number of voting members citizens of Uxbridge, not fewer less than five (5), who shall be voting members, appointed by the Town Manager. The Town Manager and the Town Treasurer shall be participating, but non-voting members. The Town Manager shall establish the terms of all appointments and qualifications of appointees, not to exceed three (3) years. As further authorized under Chapter 81 of the Acts of 2002, the Town may change the composition of this Committee by majority vote at any Annual or Special Town Meeting.

(2) § 16-2. Capital Improvement Plan.

A. The Capital Planning Committee shall make timely reports, at least annually, to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen. The annual report to the Town Manager shall be at such time as ~~he or she~~ the Town Manager directs, consistent with other reporting requirements established by the Town Charter, and shall include at least:

- (1) A clear and concise general summary of its contents;
- (2) A list of all capital improvements and/or purchases proposed to be undertaken during the next ensuing five (5) fiscal years, with supporting information as to the need for each capital improvement and/or capital purchase;
- (3) Cost estimates, methods of financing and recommended time schedules for each improvement and/or capital purchase;
- (4) The estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining each facility and piece of major equipment involved in the improvement and/or capital purchase; and
- (5) Such other information as shall be required by the Town Manager and/or policies set by the Board of Selectmen.

(3) § 59-4. Appointment of Town Counsel. [Amended with November 2007 codification]

The Selectmen shall annually, within 30 days after the final adjournment of the spring session of the Annual Town Meeting, appoint a member of the Bar who is in good standing to serve as Town Counsel for not less than one ~~nor more than three years and~~ year until a successor is appointed and enters upon the performance of its duties. The Selectmen shall likewise fill any vacancy in said office for the unexpired term and may employ special counsel to assist the said Town Counsel whenever, in their judgment, necessity thereof arises.

(4) § 125-11. Motions in writing. [Amended with November 2007 codification]

All main motions and ~~amendments thereto~~ all motions having to do with the expenditure of money shall be presented to the Moderator in writing; All other motions shall be in writing if so directed by the Moderator.

(5) § 125-13. Priority of motions. [Amended with November 2007 codification]

When a question is before the meeting, the following motions, namely: 1) To adjourn; 2) To lay on the table; 3) The previous question; 4) To postpone to a time certain; to commit; recommit or to refer; 5) To amend; 6) To postpone indefinitely; shall be received, and shall have precedence in the foregoing order, and the first three motions shall be decided without debate. On proposed amendments involving sums of money, the larger or largest amounts shall be put to question first and an affirmative vote thereon shall be a negative vote on any smaller amount.

(6) § 146-3. Dog fees. [Amended with November 2007 codification]

F. All kennel owners will show proof of rabies vaccination at the time of the license issuance for all dogs that currently reside on that property, and all certificates are to be made available at time of any inspection.

(7) § 327-3. Obstruction of public ways. [Amended with November 2007 codification]

No person shall place snow, ice or any other materials, including leaves, gravel, sand, etc., or similar debris from private property onto the traveled portion of a public way or sidewalk so as to impede or obstruct the use of such public way or sidewalk or so as to create a hazard or unsafe condition on such a public way or sidewalk.

All bylaws of a general and permanent nature, as amended, heretofore in force and not included in this Code shall be repealed, except for Section XXXI - Historic Mill Adaptive Reuse Overlay District, which is improperly placed in the General Bylaws; and except for those adopted and or amended after the effective date of this re-codification contract; and except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law, and such repeal shall not apply to or affect any personnel bylaw or any bylaw, order or article heretofore adopted accepting or adopting the provisions or any statute of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-0-2)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (4-0-0)

The Bylaw Review Committee has worked long and hard on this project. The article serves to 1) update the Town's bylaws to be in compliance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL), 2) reconcile the bylaws with the Charter, and 3) clean up any format or numbering issues with the bylaws. Part of the recommendation is to increase the penalties defined in the bylaws to the maximum allowed by MGL. The increases are nominal. The article only changes the town's general bylaws; the zoning bylaws will be reviewed at a later time. The Finance Committee recommends that any remaining problems with the General Bylaws be cleaned up at the Spring Annual Town Meeting.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a two-thirds vote

MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 11: ZONING BY-LAWS AMENDMENT FOR EXPEDITED PERMITTING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Uxbridge Zoning By-laws by making the following changes regarding expedited permitting pursuant to MGL c. 43D:

ITEM 1

Delete Section VIII, Subsection A "Special Uses Controlled" in its entirety and substitute the following therefor:

SUB- SECTION A: SPECIAL PERMIT FOR MAJOR NONRESIDENTIAL PROJECT

1. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to protect the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town by providing for a review of plans for uses and structures which may have significant impacts on traffic, municipal and public services and utilities, environmental quality, community economics, and community values in the Town.

2. Applicability. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in Section VII or elsewhere in this By-law to the contrary, a special permit from the Planning Board for a Major Nonresidential Project shall be required for all developments which meet any of the following thresholds:

- A. Total gross floor area of 20,000 square feet or more;
- B. 50 or more required parking spaces.
- C. Total daily trip generation of 400 or more trips as estimated by the Institute of Traffic Engineers Trip Generation Manual, latest edition;
- D. Inclusion of a drive-in or drive-through facility. A drive-in or drive-through facility shall mean an establishment that by design, physical facilities, service, or by packaging procedures encourages or permits customers to receive services, obtain goods, or be entertained while remaining in their motor vehicles.

3. Application and Review Procedure.

- A. Prior to the formal filing of an application and the required exhibits under this section, the applicant shall submit seven copies of a plan showing the existing and proposed buildings and structures, parking spaces, access way, landscaping, and uses with the Planning Board, and shall request a meeting with the Board for a scoping session to define the scope of the project, the specific information that may be needed, and any waivers from the procedural and technical requirements of this Section, or shall request that a scoping session be waived because the scale and scope of the project do not warrant it or because the project is a modification of a previously approved site plan.
- B. After the scoping session, or after the scoping session was waived by the Planning Board, the applicant shall submit the number of copies required by the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board of the items specified herein, except for those waived by the Board. The Board shall forthwith distribute copies thereof to the Building Commissioner, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Police and Fire Departments, Department of Planning and Economic Development, Department of Public Works, Water Department, Board of Selectmen, and such other departments and boards as the Planning Board may deem appropriate.
- C. Such agencies shall, within 35 days of receiving said copy, report to the Planning Board on (1) the adequacy of the data and the methodology used by the applicant to determine impacts of the proposed development and (2) the effects of the projected impacts of the proposed development. Said agencies may recommend conditions or remedial measures to accommodate or mitigate the expected impacts of the proposed development. Failure by any such agency to report within the allotted time shall constitute lack of opposition by that

agency as to the adequacy of the submittal and to the project itself.

- D. The Planning Board shall not render a decision on said application until it has received and considered all reports requested from Town departments and boards, or until the 35 day period has expired, whichever is earlier. Where circumstances are such that the 35 day period is insufficient to conduct an adequate review, the Planning Board may, at the written request of the applicant or any board, department or official named in paragraph B above, extend such period to 60 days.
- E. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing on any properly completed application within 65 days after filing, shall properly serve notice of such hearing, and shall render its decision within 90 days of the close of said hearing. The hearing and notice requirements set forth herein shall comply with the requirements of G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11. All costs of the notice requirements shall be at the expense of the applicant.
- F. If the Major Nonresidential Project also requires a special permit from the Board of Appeals, the petition to the Board of Appeal shall be filed not earlier than 14 days after receipt of the fees, plans, and the complete application for a Major Nonresidential Project Special Permit.

4. Contents and Scope of the

Application. An application under this section shall comprise the following drawings, exhibits, and statement prepared by and bearing the seals and signatures of qualified professionals, such as a registered professional engineer, architect, land surveyor, landscape architect and others, as necessary, and shall include a completed application form signed by the owner of the site, and the required back up information or exhibits, processing and review fees. The Planning Board shall require substantive compliance with these requirements and with the following requirements for impact

statements, and may, by regulation or vote, impose additional requirements, interpret and apply these requirements, and grant waivers therefrom when warranted by the scope of the project or other special circumstances, and the ability to review the project is not affected adversely by the waiver.

- A. A site plan at a scale of 1" = 40', unless a different scale has been approved by the Planning Board, showing existing and proposed (including changes of grade):
1. the recorded boundaries and area of the parcel of land;
 2. the location, size and material of all buildings and structures;
 3. public utilities or services;
 4. parking areas, paved walks, drives, and other spaces;
 5. landscaped areas;
 6. wooded areas and major freestanding trees;
 7. outdoor lights;
 8. streams, water bodies, wetlands and flood plains,
 9. topography of the site and of abutting areas for at least 300 adjacent feet;
 10. zoning district boundaries;
 11. names of abutting owner according to assessors records;
 12. names and widths of streets;
 13. purposes and dimensions of easements and rights of ways on or within 300 feet of the site.
- B. Landscaping and planting, including plant species and size, outdoor lighting and illuminated signs, fences and screening, shall be shown on a separate sheet or sheets in sufficient detail to permit evaluation.
- C. A perspective view or isometric drawing of the proposed development shall be provided, unless this requirement is waived by the Planning Board, or unless the site plan review is required due to a change in use and no structural changes are planned.
- D. Building elevations and floor plans, showing the proposed uses, outside material and color of all buildings, unless no exterior or floor plan

change is planned. A tabulation of proposed employees, occupants, and floor areas to be devoted to various uses, and of the existing, required and proposed parking spaces for such uses shall be provided on the floor plan drawing (show all floors and basement).

- E. A locus plan at a scale of 1" = 100' showing streets, lots, buildings, and topography at 5 or 10 ft. contour interval, respectively, for at least 500 feet from the site, shall be included on the cover sheet or separately.

5. Statements. The following impact assessment statements shall be submitted with the application:

- A. Traffic impact assessment: Its purpose shall be to document the existing traffic volumes, capacities, controls, road condition, hazards, and level of service on the site and the streets adjacent to the site; to project changes due to the site development and to the background traffic growth or decline; to assess the projected impact of such changes; and to propose and discuss management and structural improvements and mitigation measures, both on and off the site.
- B. Environmental impact assessment: It shall include a substantiated assessment of the existing and expected post-development environmental conditions, including air and water quality, pollution of ground, water, and air, noise levels, harmful or noxious emissions, damage or threat to wetlands and flood plain, plants and animals, and the visual environment. The potential for erosion or sedimentation and the proposed or existing control measures shall be discussed. Glare, smoke, odors, vibration, electromagnetic radiation, effects on groundwater supply, streams, water bodies, unique or valuable vistas, symbiotic ecological relationships of animal and plant communities, and compatibility of the project with the existing and future natural and man-made environment shall be considered, and any expected changes and

preventive or corrective actions shall be discussed. Waste disposal, snow removal, maintenance of landscaped and paved areas, off-site environmental impacts, and drainage shall be discussed, and pre- and post-development drainage calculations for 10 and 100 year storm shall be included.

C. Community and fiscal impact assessment: The assessment shall consider the existing and projected demand for public or municipal services (such as schools and cultural institutions, fire and police, medical and social services, water and sewer, waste disposal, administrative and inspection services), historical and visual compatibility, revenues to the town, voluntary contributions and services, and the effects of the project failing, not living up to the projections, or having to modify structures and uses for economic reasons. The assessment shall also consider fiscal or economic impacts, and compatibility with the town Master Plan and other plans and development policies, and shall explain and evaluate any zoning changes or variances sought or obtained.

6. **Development Impact Standards and Recommendations.** The following standards and recommendations shall be used by the applicants in preparing plans and by the Planning Board in reviewing them. The required standards must be substantially met in order for a special permit to be granted, the recommended standards are intended as a flexible guide and not meant to discourage creativity and innovation.

A. Required Traffic and Parking Standards.

1. The net effect of the project and the mitigating measures or improvements (the execution of which must be guaranteed) shall be no worsening of the level of service (LOS) by more than one level or level D or E on the streets providing access to or egress from the site and within the nearest public street intersections in either direction.

2. Traffic signs and signals, storage and turning lanes and movements, curbs and curbcuts, pavement widths and grades, separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, sight distances, directional signs and markings shall all conform to the professional norms and design standards of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, and to the accepted professional standards.
3. Binding provisions shall be made to compensate for errors in projecting the potential traffic volumes and travel routes.
4. The traffic study shall be based on actual counts on any street or intersection likely to be affected by the development taken within 12 months prior to the filing of the application.
5. The required parking for a Major Nonresidential Project shall be calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

Retail use

- 1 space per 250 sq. ft. gross floor area

Office use

- 1 space per 200 sq. ft. gross floor area.

Other nonresidential use

- 1 space per 200 sq. ft. gross floor area

The Planning Board may reduce the amount of required parking where the applicant demonstrates that shared parking or other available parking is sufficient to serve the premises.

B. Recommended Traffic Standards:

1. Make legally binding arrangements to reduce traffic by single occupancy cars and to promote public transportation, carpools, off-site parking for employees, and other traffic-reducing measures.
2. Minimize traffic conflict points between vehicles and pedestrians by adhering to the subdivision street design standards of the Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision of Land in Uxbridge.
3. Locate access and exit points so as to route site-generated traffic so far as practicable away from residential streets.

C. Required Environmental Standards:

1. The proposed development shall not cause significant environmental harm or hazard through emissions of noise, dust, fumes, toxic or noxious gases, electromagnetic radiation, water pollution, soil contamination, excessive smoke, vibration, or other toxic, harmful, or hazardous agents.
2. The proposed development shall not increase the potential for sedimentation, erosion, or flooding, raise the water table, either on site or on adjacent properties and streets, to an appreciable extent, and shall not increase the rate of runoff from the site, unless such increase is deemed by the Planning Board to be beneficial.
3. Exterior lighting shall be arranged to minimize glare and objectionable spillover onto adjacent properties.
4. No unique environmental features, habitats, or vistas shall be endangered or destroyed.
5. Proper mitigation measures shall be taken to minimize any unavoidable harmful impacts, and replication or relocation shall be used, where appropriate, to preserve valuable environmental features, parts of which may be adversely affected or damaged by the proposed development.

D. Recommended Environmental Standards:

1. Locate proposed structures so as to minimize obstruction of sunlight during daylight hours and to allow the use of solar energy panels.
2. Use planting and landscaping to create a visually pleasing setting and to screen parking and service areas, especially from residential neighborhoods.
3. Where possible, recharge uncontaminated water to the ground and minimize discharges to public storm and sanitary sewers.

E. Required Community & Fiscal Standards:

1. The revenue and service fees from the projected development shall equal or exceed the projected cost of public services attributable to it as its share of the total municipal cost of such services.

2. In the event that the projected development does not materialize as envisioned, provisions shall be made to minimize adverse financial, social, and visual impacts and to prevent deterioration and blight.
3. If the proposed development will require or accelerate off-site capital expenditures to provide the needed facilities and services or to mitigate adverse impacts, the applicant (owner) shall be responsible for the payment of impact fees at least equal to the share of the total cost attributable to the project, but excluding any part of such capital expenditures coming from federal or state grants and any part of the operating costs.

F. Recommended Community and Fiscal Standards:

1. Make the development conform, so far as feasible, to any adopted plans for the town or the neighborhood, including plans for land use and zoning, open space and conservation, circulation and the expansion of water, sewer, and other services and facilities.
2. Make the development consistent or compatible with the neighborhood as regards the size, materials, style, and treatment of elements of structures. This shall not be interpreted to mandate uniformity or discourage creativity.
3. Minimize grading and destruction of the natural ground cover by adapting development to the environment, rather than changing the environment more than necessary.
4. Design to keep low the cost of operation and maintenance of public services and facilities.

7. Planning Board Findings and Action. Prior to approving, approving with modifications and conditions, or disapproving a special permit, the Planning Board shall make written findings whether the application meets each of the required traffic, environmental, community and fiscal standards, and to what extent the various recommended standards are

applicable and are met by the proposal. The Planning Board shall also make a written finding whether the application as a whole substantially conforms to the intent of this by-law and proposes an appropriate and beneficial development of the site. The findings shall be included in the certificate of action which the Planning Board shall transmit to the applicant, the Town Clerk, the public agencies which submitted written comments on the site plan, and to any person attending the public hearing who has requested a copy of the decision. If the Board approves the special permit, the certificate of action shall also list any waivers granted by the Planning Board and any modifications, conditions, and safeguards imposed at the time of approval.

- A. Except where the required standards are clearly inapplicable or have no effect, or where the impact would be as severe if the site were developed in a way requiring no special permit review and permissible as of right, the Planning Board shall not grant waivers from the required standards or grant a special permit not meeting some of the required standards. A special permit application not meeting two or more recommended standards may be disapproved, or the Planning Board may find that the standards do not apply, are of no significance, or their intent is adequately met by other means.
- B. Approval may be conditioned on the applicant modifying the plan or meeting other requirements before the special permit is granted by the Planning Board.
- C. Approval may be conditioned on the applicant meeting certain requirements after the appeal period has expired either before construction work begins or by the time a specified stage is reached. Such conditions may be enforced by refusal by the Building Commissioner to issue an occupancy permit, or by realizing on any surety posted by the applicant to ensure satisfactory performance.

8. Conditions, Limitations and Safeguards. In granting a special permit, the Planning Board may impose conditions, limitations and safeguards which shall be in writing and shall be a part of such special permit. Such conditions may include, among other matters and subjects:

- A. Controls on the location and type of access to the site;
- B. Controls on the number of vehicles that arrive or depart during the morning and/or evening peak hours (including controls on the maximum number of vehicles which may use the off-street parking areas during said periods);
- C. Requirements for off-site improvements to improve the capacity and safety of roads, intersections, pedestrian ways, water, sewer, drainage, and other public facilities which are likely to be affected by the proposed development;
- D. Requirements for donation and/or dedication of land for right-of-way to provide for future roadway and/or intersection widenings or improvements;
- E. Requirements for securing the performance of all proposed work, including proposed off-site improvements, by either or both of the following methods: (1) a performance bond, a deposit of money, negotiable securities, letter of credit, or bank passbook in an amount determined by the Planning Board to be sufficient to cover the cost of all or any part of the improvements required as conditions of approval; (2) a covenant running with the land, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, whereby the required improvements shall be completed before the property may be conveyed by other than a mortgage deed;
- F. Conditions to minimize off-site impacts on traffic and environmental quality during construction.

9. Administration. The Planning Board shall establish and may periodically amend rules and regulations relating

to the administration of this section, including additional regulations relating to the scope and format of reports required hereunder. The Planning Board shall establish and may periodically amend a schedule of fees for all applications under this section. No application shall be considered complete unless accompanied by the required fees.

- A. The Planning Board shall be responsible for deciding the meaning or intent of any provision of this section which may be unclear or in dispute.

ITEM 2

Add the following to the Zoning By-law as new Section XXVIII:

SECTION XXVIII SPECIAL PERMITS.

A. Special Permit Granting Authority.

Unless specifically designated otherwise, the Board of Appeals shall act as the Special Permit Granting Authority. Where designated, the Planning Board or the Board of Selectmen shall serve as Special Permit Granting Authority.

- B. Criteria. Special permits shall be granted by the Special Permit Granting Authority, unless otherwise specified herein, only upon its written determination that the adverse effects of the proposed use will not outweigh its beneficial impacts to the town or the neighborhood, in view of the particular characteristics of the site, and of the proposal in relation to that site. In addition to any specific factors that may be set forth in this By-Law, the determination shall include consideration of each of the following:

1. Social, economic, or community needs which are served by the proposal;
2. Traffic flow and safety, including parking and loading;
3. Adequacy of utilities and other public services;
4. Neighborhood character and social structures;
5. Impacts on the natural environment; and
6. Potential fiscal impact, including

impact on town services, tax base, and employment.

- C. Procedures. An application for a special permit shall be filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Special Permit Granting Authority.

- D. Conditions. Special permits may be granted with such reasonable conditions, safeguards, or limitations on time or use, including performance guarantees, as the Special Permit Granting Authority may deem necessary to serve the purposes of this By-Law.

- E. Plans. An applicant for a special permit shall submit a plan in substantial conformance with the rules and regulations of the Special Permit Granting Authority or as set forth in this By-law.

- F. Regulations. The special permit granting authority may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this section.

- G. Fees. The special permit granting authority may adopt reasonable administrative fees and technical review fees for applications for special permits.

- H. Lapse. Special permits shall lapse if a substantial use thereof or construction thereunder has not begun, except for good cause, within 24 months following the filing of the special permit approval (plus such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal referred to in G.L. c. 40A, s. 17, from the grant thereof) with the Town Clerk.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

Commentary: *This is one of the critical components to the Expedited Permitting process. It establishes the process by which an application for development of a "Priority Development Site" (PDS) and other larger non-residential project applications will be reviewed. The process is quite standard, and is very similar to that outlined by recent ZBL changes, although it*

is far more thorough in describing both the submittal requirements and the review criteria.

MOTION: I move that Article 11 be voted as printed in the warrant, with the exclusion of the phrase, "or take any action relative thereto."

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD: Unanimously recommend adoption as printed.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (4-1-0)

To quote from Megan DiPrete, Director of Planning and Economic Development:

- In November 2006, Town Meeting voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 43D of Mass General Law, Expedited Permitting, relative to our Priority Development Site (PDS) on Douglas Street.
- "Expedited permitting" projects are entitled to decisions on permit applications within 180 days.
- The Zoning Bylaw establishes the process by which large scale development projects will be evaluated, so that applicants will know what the expectations are, and the town's board's will have a solid context for decision making.
- The Town was awarded an \$116,000 grant through the 43D program to be used to review our zoning and general bylaws, develop a marketing plan (including a fiscal/economic analysis) for our Priority Development Site, acquire and implement a permit tracking software, and perform a variety of other specific tasks.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3rd vote and a Planning Board report.

MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 12: GENERAL BY-LAW AMENDMENT FOR EXPEDITED PERMITTING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Uxbridge General By-laws by making the following changes regarding

expedited permitting pursuant to MGL c. 43D:

ITEM 1

A. Section X: Earth Removal. Add the following paragraph to the end of Subsection B:

"Any application for a permit required hereunder in connection with the development of the Priority Development Site (PDS), as designated by Town Meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 43D and identified in the Assessor's records as Map(s) ___, Lot(s) ___, shall be filed at the time of application for a special permit for a Major Nonresidential Project."

Add the following paragraph to the end of Subsection C:

"A decision on any application for a license in connection with the development of the Priority Development Site (PDS), as designated by Town Meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 43D and identified in the Assessor's records as Map(s) ___, Lot(s) ___, shall normally be rendered no later than twenty-one (21) days following the filing of a special permit decision for a Major Nonresidential Project with the Town Clerk, whichever is later."

Add the following clause to the end of the first sentence of Subsection E:

"provided, however, that any license issued in connection with the development of the Priority Development Site (PDS), as designated by Town Meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 43D and identified in the Assessor's records as Map(s) ___, Lot(s) ___, shall be valid for one (1) year from the issuance thereof or the issuance of a special permit for a Major Nonresidential Project, whichever is later."

B. Section XXI: Sewer Privilege Charge. Add the following new sentence to the end of Subsection C, Article II, Section 1:

"Any permit or approval required hereunder in connection with the development of the Priority Development Site (PDS), as designated by Town Meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 43D and identified in the Assessor's records as Map(s) ___, Lot(s) ___, shall be applied for at the

time of application for a special permit for a Major Nonresidential Project, and a decision thereon shall normally be rendered no later than twenty-one (21) days following the filing of the special permit decision with the Town Clerk, whichever is later."

ITEM 2

A. Chapter 181: Excavations. Add the following subsection to Section 181-2:

"C. Any application for a permit required hereunder in connection with the development of the Priority Development Site (PDS), as designated by Town Meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 43D and identified in the Assessor's records as Map(s) ___, Lot(s) ___, shall be filed at the time of application for a special permit for a Major Nonresidential Project."

Add the following new subsection to Section 181-3:

"D. A decision on any application for a license in connection with the development of the Priority Development Site (PDS), as designated by Town Meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 43D and identified in the Assessor's records as Map(s) ___, Lot(s) ___, shall normally be rendered no later than twenty-one (21) days following the filing of a special permit decision for a Major Nonresidential Project with the Town Clerk, whichever is later."

Add the following clause to the end of the first sentence of Section 181-5:

"provided, however, that any license issued in connection with the development of the Priority Development Site (PDS), as designated by Town Meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 43D and identified in the Assessor's records as Map(s) ___, Lot(s) ___, shall be valid for one (1) year from the issuance thereof or the issuance of a special permit for a Major Nonresidential Project, whichever is later."

B. Chapter 289: Sewers. Add the following new sentence to the end of Section 289-11(A):

"Any permit or approval required hereunder in connection with the development of the Priority Development Site (PDS), as designated by Town Meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 43D and identified in the Assessor's records as Map(s) ___, Lot(s) ___, shall be applied for at the time of application for a special permit for a Major Nonresidential Project, and a decision thereon shall normally be rendered no later than twenty-one (21) days following the filing of the special permit decision with the Town Clerk, whichever is later."

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

Commentary: Item 1 represents the language that would apply to the EXISTING general bylaws. Item 2 represents the language that would apply if the general bylaws are re-codified at the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

Overall, the "expedited permitting" requirements are that ALL land use permits are sought and reviewed expeditiously. In addition to the review provisions of the "major non-residential development" bylaw (which would presumably be adopted before any other bylaw changes), an applicant for a "Priority Development Site" (PDS) is required to submit ALL of the land use applications at the same time. The items in this article amend our bylaws to make that clear.

Section X/Chapter 181 governs earth removal, and requires a permit/license from the Board of Selectmen for the removal of soil, loam, sand and/or gravel. The recommended modifications provide, for the PDS, deadlines for submittal of an earth removal application and action thereon. Additionally, they provide that the one (1) year expiration of said license runs from the date of issuance thereof or the date of issuance of a special permit or site plan approval, whichever is later.

Section XXI/Chapter 289 governs sewer privileges, use and charges therefor. The recommended modification provides, for the PDS, deadlines for submittal of an application for any permit/approval required for connection to the public sewer and for action thereon.

MOTION: I move that Article 12 be voted as printed in the warrant with the exception that "Map 22, Lot 3283 and Map 23, Lot 3545" be inserted for all references to "Map(s) _____, Lot(s) _____", as well as exclude the phrase, "or take any action relative thereto."

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD: Unanimously recommend support and Town Meeting adoption (with Map/Lot numbers inserted as appropriate).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommendation at Town Meeting - awaiting recommendation of Planning Board.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3rd vote and a Planning Board report. Item 1 does not apply because codification passed in Article 10

MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 13: GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT – DATE OF THE TOWN ELECTIONS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-laws, Section II Town Meetings, Subsection A (Section 125-1 of re-codified bylaws): Date of Annual Town Meetings for election of officers, by replacing the text with the following:

DATE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual Town election for the election of Town officers and for the determination of all other matters to be referred to the voters shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in May, except in those years when the immediately preceding Monday is a holiday, in which years the subsequent election shall be held on the third Tuesday in May.

Or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen
(Town Manager)

Commentary: The changed text is underlined and italicized. Per the current by-law, the 2008 annual election is scheduled for May 27, 2008, the day following the Memorial Day holiday. Due to set-up and staffing constraints of the holiday, the

Town Clerk requested to change the date of election when it falls on a Tuesday after a Monday holiday. As such, this change will provide for the 2008 annual election to be held on May 20, 2008. This by-law section was previously amended on March 15, 1975; June 26, 1978; November 16, 2004. The Town Charter, Article 3 notes, "(d) Town Election – The annual election of town officers and for the determination of all questions to be referred to the voters, shall be held on such date as may from time to time be provided by by-law."

MOTION: I move that Article 13 be voted as printed in the warrant, with the exclusion of the phrase, "or take any action relative thereto."

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0).

The Town Clerk has requested this change to eliminate problems with the Memorial Day holiday. The Finance Committee concurs with this change.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3rd vote.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 14: RECALL OF ELECTED OFFICERS PROVISION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation amending the Town Charter to provide for recall of elected officials as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Uxbridge to Provide for Recall of Elected Officials

Section 1. The charter of the Town of Uxbridge is hereby amended by inserting in Article 7 a new section, Section 11: Recall of Elected Officers, which shall

provide as follows:

A. Recall Provision. Anyone holding an elected Town office, as enumerated in Article 3, Section 1, Paragraphs A and B of this Charter or otherwise, may be recalled and removed from office by the voters as herein provided.

B. Affidavit and Petition. Any ten registered voters may file, with the Town Clerk, an affidavit containing the name and title of the elected officer whose removal is sought, and a statement of the grounds upon which the removal is based. Upon certification of the required signatures on the affidavit, the Clerk shall forthwith deliver to the first named voter on the affidavit copies of the petition blanks addressed to the Board of Selectmen demanding the recall, copies of which printed forms the Clerk shall keep available. The blanks shall be issued by the Clerk with the signature and official seal of the Clerk attached thereto. They shall be dated, contain the names of the first 10 registered voters whose names appear on the recall affidavit, the name and position of the person whose recall is sought, and the grounds of recall as stated in the affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to the office. The recall petition shall be signed by the qualified voters of the Town equal in number to at least ten percent (10%) of those registered at the last regular Town election. Such recall petition must be filed within fourteen (14) days following its initial date of issuance. To every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number, if any. The Clerk shall, within 72 hours of receipt thereof, submit the petition to the Registrars of Voters in the Town, and the Registrars shall forthwith certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of registered voters of the Town.

C. Recall Election. If the petition shall be found and certified by the Town Clerk to be sufficient, the Clerk shall submit the same with his certificate

to the Board of Selectmen without delay. The Board of Selectmen shall forthwith give written notice of the receipt of the certificate, either by hand or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the officer sought to be recalled. If the officer does not resign within 5 days after receipt of the notice, the Board of Selectmen shall forthwith order an election to be held on a date fixed by them not less than sixty-four (64) nor more than ninety (90) days after the date the election is called; but if any other Town election is scheduled to occur within 100 days after the date of the certificate, the Board shall postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of the other election and the question of recall shall appear on the ballot of the other election. If a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall, nevertheless, proceed as provided in this section, provided that under such circumstances only the ballots for candidates shall be counted.

D. Nomination of Candidates. Any elected officer sought to be removed may be a candidate to succeed to the same office, and unless the elected officer requests otherwise in writing, the town clerk shall place the name of the elected officer on the ballot without nomination. Except as otherwise provided herein, the nomination of other candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of the general law relating to elections.

E. Propositions on the Ballot. Ballots used at the recall election shall state the propositions in the order indicated:

- For the recall of (name of elected officer)
- Against the recall of (name of elected officer)

Adjacent to each proposition shall be a place to vote for either of said propositions. After the propositions shall appear

the word "Candidates" and the names of the candidates arranged in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections.

If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of recall is in the affirmative, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be declared elected. If the majority of the votes cast is in the negative, the ballots for candidates shall not be counted.

F. Officeholder. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of the office until the recall election. If then not recalled, the incumbent shall remain in office for the remainder of the unexpired term, subject to recall as provided in section G below.

If recalled, the incumbent shall be considered removed. If the successor fails to qualify within 10 days after receiving notification of his election, the office shall be considered vacant.

G. Filing of Recall Petition. No recall petition shall be filed against an elected officer within six (6) months after the officer takes office, nor in the last six (6) months of the term, nor in the case of an elected officer subjected to recall election and not recalled thereby, until at least six (6) months after the election at which the recall was submitted to the voters of the town has elapsed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: *The Town Charter adopted in 2002 does not include a provision for recall of elected officials.*

MOTION: I move that Article 14 be voted as printed in the warrant, with the exclusion of the phrase, "or take any action relative thereto."

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Unfavorable action (5-2-0).

This is the third time in recent memory that a 'recall' was put before the town. Similar to the previous two attempts to establish a 'recall' measure, the Finance Committee feels this motion should be defeated. The regular election of officials

provides voters with ample choices as to who should represent them. Once elected the official should be allowed to perform his or her duties without fear of a recall. If the official has failed to represent the voters, s/he can be voted out of office at the next election.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority.

MOTION FAILS

ARTICLE 15: SPECIAL LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE TO SEND CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to allow the Town of Uxbridge to send certain information to the voters of the Town, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, pass any vote or take any action relative thereto:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE TO SEND CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN

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 Section 22A of Chapter 55 or Section 21C of Chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Uxbridge shall, at least ten (10) days before any election at which a binding or nonbinding question shall be submitted solely to the voters of the Town, cause to be printed and sent to each residence of one (1) or more voters whose name appears on the latest voting

list for the Town and make available at each polling place: (1) the full text of the question; (2) a fair and concise summary of the question, including a 1-sentence statement describing the effect of a yes or no vote, prepared by the Town Counsel of the Town; and (3) arguments for and against the questions as provided in Section 2.

Section 2. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Uxbridge shall cause to be printed and sent, in the manner provided in Section 1, arguments for and against each question submitted solely to the voters of the Town under any General Law including, but not limited to, Section 21C of Chapter 59 of the General Laws. No argument shall contain more than two hundred and fifty (250) words. The Board of Selectmen or, at its request, the Town Counsel, shall seek written arguments from the principal proponents or opponents of each question. The Board of Selectmen shall designate a date by which written arguments must be received in a written notice to the principal proponents or opponents. This notice shall be issued at least fourteen (14) days before the date by which the written arguments must be received.

For the purpose of this act, the principal proponents and opponents of any question shall be those persons determined by the Board of Selectmen to be best able to present the arguments for and against the question. The principal proponents or opponents of a question may include a Town officer or committee, and the principal proponents may include the first ten (10) signers or a majority of the first ten (10) signers of any petition initiating the placement of the question on the ballot. In determining the principal proponents and opponents of a question, the Board of Selectmen shall contact each ballot question committee, if any, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 55 of the General Laws, organized specifically to influence the outcome of the vote on each question. If no argument is received by the Board of Selectmen within the time allowed by this act, the Town Counsel

shall prepare the argument.

All arguments filed with or prepared by the board of selectmen under this act, and the summary prepared under Section 1, shall be open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town.

Section 3. The official ballot shall include the summary and statements describing the effect of a yes or no vote if provided in clause (2) of Section 1.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen

Commentary: *This Home Rule Petition will make possible for voter information to be mailed to voters by the BOS prior to any ballot question in the same manner as State ballot questions, with arguments presented both for and against each question.*

MOTION: I move that Article 15 be voted as printed in the warrant, with the exclusion of the phrase, "or take any action relative thereto."

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Unfavorable action (4-3-0).

The Finance Committee feels that there has always been - and therefore will always be - adequate news coverage of any major issue requiring a vote of the Town.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Unfavorable action (2-1-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority.

MOTION FAILS

ARTICLE 16: STREET ACCEPTANCE - ACORN DRIVE (citizen petition)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the street known as Acorn Drive in its entirety as referenced in the plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan, Acorn Drive, Autumn Woods, in the Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, for Quarry Hill Development Co., Inc.," dated December 7, 2006, stamped by Holland E. Shaw, PLS No. 30314, on December 7, 2006; the plan is available for viewing in the Board of Selectmen meeting room Monday thru Friday, 8:00

AM - 4:00 PM, pursuant to GLc.41 §81Y, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements, or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Citizen Petition

MOTION: Move that Acorn Drive is to be accepted in its entirety as referenced in the plan entitled "Road Acceptance Plan, Acorn Drive, Autumn Woods, in the Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, for Quarry Hill Development Co., Inc.," dated December 7, 2006, stamped by Holland E. Shaw, PLS No. 30314, on December 7, 2006, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD: The Planning Board previously recommended, unanimously, that the Board of Selectmen lay out, make public, and the Town accept Acorn Drive.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0)

The Planning Board signed off on the acceptance of Acorn Drive.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17: STREET ACCEPTANCE - CONSTITUTION WAY (non-citizen petition)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the street known as Constitution Way as referenced on a plan entitled "Constitution Way Street Acceptance Plan in Uxbridge, Massachusetts," dated January 15, 2007, stamped by Larry S. Sabcan, No. 34625, on January 15, 2007, plans available for viewing in the Board of Selectmen meeting room Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, pursuant to GLc.41 §81Y, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and

easements in the road and any other necessary easements, or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

Commentary: Each street acceptance will require a separate recommendation and motion.

MOTION: Move that Constitution Way is to be accepted in its entirety referencing a plan entitled "Constitution Way Street Acceptance Plan in Uxbridge, Massachusetts," dated January 15, 2007, stamped by Larry S. Sabean, No. 34625, on January 15, 2007, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept utilities and easements in the road and any other necessary easements.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD: The Planning Board previously issued a non-binding recommendation to Board of Selectmen not to lay out Constitution Way due to outstanding items noted by the DPW and outstanding items on the as-built plans and easements. On 11/14, the Planning Board voted to recommend acceptance if the items noted by the DPW have been completed by Town Meeting. Favorable Action.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0). The Board of Selectmen signed off on the acceptance of Constitution Way (3-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority.

MOTION PASSES

ARTICLE 18: PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK TO REPLACE ENGINE #2 (via a Capital Debt Exclusion vote)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$330,000 for the purpose of purchasing a pumper to replace Engine #2, and to meet this obligation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow up to \$330,000, such borrowing to be contingent upon a Proposition 21/2 debt service exemption vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Fire Chief)

Commentary: There are two articles proposed to provide different funding options/mechanisms for the recommended purchase by the Capital Committee of one (1) fire truck pumper apparatus that would replace Engine #2, a 1975 Maxim, in North Uxbridge. This article provides for funding via a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion special election ballot vote. Update - funding is expected through the State supplemental budget.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: No recommendation.

NO MOTION

NO ACTION

ARTICLE 19: PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK TO REPLACE ENGINE #2 (via funding within the levy limit)

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$330,000 for the purpose of purchasing a pumper to replace Engine #2, and to meet this obligation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow up to \$330,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Fire Chief)

Commentary: There are two articles proposed to provide different funding options/mechanisms for the recommended purchase by the Capital Committee one (1) fire truck pumper apparatus that would replace Engine #2, a 1975 Maxim, in North Uxbridge. This article provides for funding of the purchase within the levy limit. It may be funded as a transfer from available funds (free cash or stabilization if available) or as a borrowing with repayment as part of the FY09 budget process and debt repayment schedule. Update - funding is expected through the State supplemental budget.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommendation at Town Meeting. Additional State aid, which includes the purchase of a new fire truck to replace Engine #2, has been voted by the leg-

islature and not yet approved by the Governor.

NO MOTION

NO ACTION

ARTICLE 20: REZONING (petition article)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Uxbridge Zoning Map for Assessor's Map 33 Parcel 342 from the Agricultural District to the Industrial District. This parcel is located off High Street and Route 146 and is shown and described on the attached documents.

SPONSOR: Citizen Petition

MOTION: Motion, if any, to be provided at Town Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD: Voted unanimously to recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3rd vote.

MOTION CARRIES

ARTICLE 21: REZONING (Citizen Petition article)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Uxbridge Zoning Map and Zoning By-laws to allow the Historic Mill Adaptive Reuse Overlay District to be extended to include the following parcels, all on assessor's Map 19: Parcels 2393, 2413, 2449, 2454, 2475 and 3211.

SPONSOR: Citizen Petition

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD: The Planning Board voted on 11/14 to recommend that Town Meeting not approve the rezoning as proposed; however, the Planning Board would support a proposal to rezone a smaller area (parcels 2413, 2449 and 2484 and the area shown as the paper street shown as Nicholas Way on an approved, but not built subdivision plan - but not parcels 2393, 2475 and 3211). It was also noted that a scrivener's error exists in the petition article; where the printed warrant lists lot 2454 it should actually

read 2484. **RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Recommendation at Town Meeting – awaiting recommendation of Planning Board.

NO MOTION

NO ACTION

**ARTICLE 22: NEW BYLAW;
TOWN MEETING – PROCEDURE
(Citizen petition article)**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt, as a bylaw, the following: When a motion to move the question is made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative, the moderator shall terminate debate on the question and entertain no further motion related to the subject question, or any other question, until he has both put the subject question to a vote of the assembled voters, and declared the results of the vote thereon.

SPONSOR: Citizen Petition

MOTION: I move that the town adopt, as an addition to the bylaws governing the conduct of town meeting, the following provision: "When a motion to move the question is made, seconded, and voted in the affirmative, the moderator shall terminate debate on the question and entertain no further motion related to the subject question, or any other question, until he has both put the subject question to a vote of

the assembled voters, and declared the results of the vote thereon".

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Unfavorable action (6-1-0).

The Finance Committee feels this bylaw is unnecessary. Town Meeting Time governs the procedures followed by the Moderator at town meeting. Once a question has been moved to a vote, and voted in the affirmative, the question must be put to a vote. The only actions which can interfere with this process are: 1) requests or points of information and 2) privilege motions related to adjournment (to dissolve a meeting, to recess and adjourn to a fixed date and time, to fix a time at which to adjourn).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Unfavorable action (2-1-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3rd vote.

MOTION FAILS

**ARTICLE 23: TRANSFER TO
STABILIZATION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum or sums, including so called Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund Account, or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen
(Town Manager)

Commentary: This article serves to transfer any balances remaining from FY 2007 Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund. Stabilization Fund monies may appropriated for any lawful purpose via 2/3rd's vote at any town meeting. The balance in the Stabilization Fund prior to this transfer is \$498,552.24.

MOTION: I move that the sum of \$904,556.26 in Free Cash be transferred to the Stabilization Fund.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0).

\$904,556 will be transferred if all the articles above involving Free Cash are voted in the affirmative. This will bring the Stabilization account to \$1.4 million (or ~ 4% of the FY08 operating budget).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3rd vote to transfer to Stabilization per c.40 §5B.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION TO DISOLVE THE 2007
ANNUAL FALL TOWN MEETING
WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Attest,
Joseph H. Kaplan
Uxbridge Town Clerk

Spring Annual Town Meeting – May 13, 2008

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in the Town elections and in Town affairs, met the High School Gymnasium, in Precinct 2, in said Uxbridge, and transacted the following business on May 13, 2008:

Quorum Required: 50

Voters Present: 391

Town Moderator Harold Klei called the Annual Spring Town Meeting to order at 7:09pm declaring the presence of a quorum and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moderator Klei announced the appointment of the following tellers for the evening: Phillip Wheelock, Barbara Hill, Hurley Silbor, Nancy Hanson, Sarah Douglas, Dan Devcau, Gial Benedict, and Ray Miller. Bob Pennell was appointed head teller. Sarah Douglas was appointed time keeper.

The Moderator acknowledged the presence of Larry Bombara who is retiring as the Superintendent of Public Works. He also thanked outgoing Finance Committee members: Mary Pat Wickstrom for her service as an appointed member, and C. Edward Maharay for his service as an elected member of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 1: REPORTS

To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen
The Capital Planning Committee presented a report.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

No recommendation

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No recommendation

VOTE NEEDED: N/A

A motion was made and seconded to consider Article 32 out of order for immediate consideration. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 32: UNDERRIDE BALLOT QUESTION BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, by a majority vote of the Selectmen, to place an underride ballot question before the voters of Uxbridge? The question follows (MGL Ch 59 Section 21C(h)): "Shall the Town of Uxbridge be required to reduce the amount of real estate and personal property taxes to be assessed for fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and eight by an amount equal to \$1,200,000?

YES _____ **NO** _____

SPONSOR: Citizen Petition

MOTION: Move that the Town of Uxbridge authorize the Board of Selectmen to place an underride ballot question before the voters of Uxbridge which reads: "Shall the Town of Uxbridge be required to reduce the amount of real estate and personal property taxes to be assessed for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and eight by an amount equal to \$1,200,200.00, yes or no".

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Unfavorable action (2-1-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Unfavorable action (7-0-0)

Uxbridge's tax burden is on par with the communities around us. At last fall's Budget Summit, the Finance Director provided the following information from the Department of Revenue, below.

The Finance Committee believes that a cut in taxes will hurt the town.

VOTE NEEDED: Simple Majority vote.

ARTICLE 32: UNDERRIDE BALLOT QUESTION BY PETITION

Town	Average Household Assessed Value	2007 Tax Bill	Town Expenditures	Per Capita Cost
Uxbridge	\$333,698	\$3,427	\$37,795,464	\$2,997
Sutton	\$365,460	\$3,560	\$29,019,329	\$3,211
Mendon	\$424,856	\$4,040	\$11,311,545	\$1,961
Northbridge	\$322,221	\$2,752	\$48,551,389	\$3,366
Douglas	\$317,409	\$3,263	\$26,442,108	\$3,323
Upton	\$415,243	\$4,522	\$15,480,395	\$2,387
Average	\$363,148	\$3,594	\$28,100,038	\$2,874

Motion seconded.

Moderator declares motion fails.

ARTICLE 2: FY08 INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE RETAINED EARNINGS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$60,000.00 from Ambulance Fund retained earnings in the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account to operating account # 602-231-5900-0000-000 for the purpose of purchasing equipment to outfit Town ambulances for advanced life support (ALS) service. Said funds to be made available for expenditure in FY08 and upon approval of this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: This action will fund purchase of cardiac monitoring equipment for the two ambulances from the Ambulance Capital Reserves in the current fiscal year. These units are required as part of the Ambulance Service upgrade to Advanced Life Support (ALS), paramedic level due to the discontinuation of services provided by Milford Regional Hospital.

MOTION: Move to transfer \$60,000.00 from FY08 Ambulance Fund retained earnings in the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account to operating account # 602-231-5900-0000-000 for the purpose of purchasing equipment to outfit Town ambulances for advanced life support (ALS) service. Said funds to be made available for expenditure in FY08 and upon approval of this article.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
Favorable action (3-0-0)
RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-0-1)

The transfers are to fund life saving equipment for two ambulances. In a communication from the Milford Hospital they plan on eliminating their Advanced Life Care ambulance service. These two units are needed as part of a plan to address the change in service. **VOTE NEEDED:** Requires a simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion received second.

Motion carried in the affirmative by (majority or unanimous) vote.

A motion was made and seconded to consider Article 27 out of order for immediate consideration. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 27: AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN ZONING BYLAWS BY PETITION

To See if the Town will vote to:

ITEM 1

Amend the Zoning By-Laws by AMENDING Section VIII B 6 by adding the following language "with production capacity greater than 500 Megawatts." at the end of the existing sentence; and

By adding a NEW provision "E" to Section VIII A 2. "E. Electric Generation Facilities with a capacity of less than 500 Megawatts"; and

By adding a NEW provision "5" to Section VII E. "5. Any of the following uses authorized by special permit by The Planning Board in accordance with Section VIIIA: Electric Generation Facilities with capacity of less than 500 megawatts on a minimum site area of 15 acres."

ITEM 2

AMEND the Zoning by-laws \$400, by: AMENDING Subsection 10 D 6 add-

ing the following language "with a production capacity of greater than 500 Megawatts" at the end of the existing sentence; AND

By ADDING a NEW Subsection 5 to Section -20 B "5. Electrical Generation Facilities with capacity less than 500 Megawatts" AND

By AMENDING Subsection E of the Use Regulation Table (Attachment A) by adding the following: "Electrical Generation Facilities with capacity less than 500 Megawatts on a minimum site area of 15 acres."

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Citizen Petition

MOTION: I move for the town to accept either Item 1 or Item 2 as follows:

ITEM 1

Amend the Zoning By-Laws by AMENDING Section VIII B 6 by adding the following language "with production capacity greater than 500 Megawatts." at the end of the existing sentence; and

By adding a NEW provision "E" to Section VIII A 2. "E. Electric Generation Facilities with a capacity of less than 500 Megawatts and only those using natural gas, renewable and ultra low sulfur fuels, wind and solar energy"; and

By adding a NEW provision "5" to Section VII E. "5. Any of the following uses authorized by special permit by The Planning Board in accordance with Section VIIIA: Electric Generation Facilities with capacity of less than 500 megawatts on a minimum site area of 15 acres, and only those using natural gas, renewable and ultra low sulfur fuels, wind and solar energy."

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AMENDING Subsection 10 D 6 adding the following language "with a production capacity of greater than 500 Megawatts" at the end of the existing sentence; AND

By ADDING a NEW Subsection 5 to Section -20 B "5. Electrical Generation Facilities with capacity less than 500 Megawatts and only those using natural gas, renewable and ultra low sulfur fuels, wind and solar energy" AND

By AMENDING Subsection E of the Use Regulation Table (Attachment A) by adding the following:

"Electrical Generation Facilities with capacity less than 500 Megawatts on a minimum site area of 15 acres and only those using natural gas, renewable and ultra low sulfur fuels, wind and solar energy."

PLANNING BOARD REPORT:

Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (2-1-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-1-0)

The change in the bylaw will allow the construction of power plants 500 megawatts or less in the industrial zone. As stated in our narrative on the budget, the Finance Committee believes the town needs to find ways of bringing new revenues to the town.

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote
Motion seconded.

The Moderator declared that the vote did not receive the necessary 2/3 vote for passage so the motion failed.

A standing vote was requested by at seven voters at the assembly.

The standing vote: Yes - 277, No - 219
The motion did not receive the 2/3 necessary for passage - motion fails.

ARTICLE 3: FY08 INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to balance certain line items within the FY08 budget approved under Article 5 of the May 8, 2007 Annual Town Meeting or its continued date of June 13, 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: Transfers from miscellaneous Town department line items to others which are needed to fund FY08 anticipated budget deficiencies; additional appropriation from Stabilization as noted. Intra- and interdepartmental transfers without Stabilization transfers total: \$100,207.31. Stabilization Fund transfer total: \$818,590.89 Grand total transfers: \$918,798.20.

***Update (05/13/08):** Transfer #13 was added to transfer \$63,478.63 from the Town's insurance recovery account (over \$20,000). If approved, Intra- and interdepartmental transfers without Stabilization transfers total: \$163,685.94. Stabilization Fund transfer total: \$676,076.89 Grand total transfers: \$839,762.83.

MOTION:

Motion 1: (Non Stabilization Transfer): Move that the Town vote to transfer an appropriate the sum of \$163,685.94 as stated in the following chart, transfers numbered 1 – 8, and transfer number 13, for any purpose for which funds may be expended from the latter accounts, each being considered a separate appropriation for FY08.

1.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Police Salaries (001-210-5100-0000-000)	12,000.00	Police Expense (001-210-5200-0000-000)	12,000.00

Commentary: Intradepartmental transfer to fund shortfalls in heat, electricity and cruiser maintenance accounts.

2.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Debt Service (001-710-5900-0000-000)	5,000.00	DPW Expense (001-421-5200-0000-000)	5,000.00

Commentary: To fund shortfall in town-wide fuel account, due to significant price increases. This account serves all municipal and school vehicles.

3.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Tax Title Expense (001-158-5789-0000-000)	11,000.00	Sick Leave Buyback Expense (001-911-5190-0000-000)	11,000.00

Commentary: Funds are needed to cover sick leave buyback on unanticipated retirements. Tax title funds are from an unspent FY 2007 encumbrance.

4.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Treasurer/Collector Expense (001-145-5789-0000-000)	1,261.92	Town Hall Expense (001-192-5200-0000-000)	15,369.31
	Tax Title Expense (001-158-5789-0000-000)	722.36		
	Computer Expense (001-155-5789-0000-000)	5,181.05		
	Election Registration Expense (001-162-5789-0000-000)	2,491.43		
	Conservation Expense (001-171-5789-0000-000)	225.00		
	Planning Ec Dev Expense (001-175-5789-0000-000)	1,853.44		
	Zoning Expense (001-176-5789-0000-000)	300.91		
	Town Hall (001-192-5789-0000-000)	2,239.53		
	Fire Expense (001-220-5789-0000-000)	366.62		
	Board of Health Expense (001-510-5789-0000-000)	569.89		
	Library Expense (001-610-5789-0000-000)	130.91		
	Historical Commission (001-691-5789-0000-000)	26.25		
	Total	15,369.31	Total,	15,369.31

Commentary: Funds are needed to cover anticipated shortfalls in the Town Hall utility accounts. These funds are from unexpended FY 2007 encumbrance accounts.

Motion 2: (Stabilization Transfer): as stated in the following chart, transfers numbered 9 -12, for any purpose the latter accounts, each being considered a separate appropriation for FY08.
Move that the Town vote to transfer an appropriate the sum of \$676,076.89 for which funds may be expended from

5.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Debt Service (001-710-5900-0000-000)	3,510.00	Town Hall Expense (001-192-5200-0000-000)	3,510.00

Commentary: Funds are needed to cover anticipated shortfalls in the Town Hall utility accounts. The source of funding for this transfer is surplus in the Debt account.

6.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Conservation Salaries (001-171-5100-0000-000)	500.00	Planning Salaries (001-175-5100-0000-000)	500.00

Commentary: Unanticipated shortfall in account due to staff turnover. The Conservation Administrator position is currently vacant.

7.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Property/Liability Insurance (001-945-5200-0000-000)	20,000.00	Medicare Expenses (001-916-5100-0000-000)	26,828.00
	Worker's Comp Insurance (001-912-5100-0000-000)	3,000.00		
	Town Counsel (001-151-5200-0000-000)	3,828.00		
	Total	26,828.00	Total	26,828.00

Commentary: This account was formerly commingled within the health insurance budget and it represents the employer's share of Medicare deductions, which is 1.45% of employee's gross pay. Changes instituted in accounting for the teachers' summer deductions have put this account into deficit.

8.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Library Salaries (001-610-5110-0000-000)	26,000.00	Health Insurance Expenses (001-914-5100-0000-000)	26,000.00

Commentary: Unanticipated new enrollments as well as changes instituted in accounting for the teachers' summer deductions have put this account into deficit. Budgetary constraints have not allowed the adequate funding of this account for a number of years, resulting in an annual shortfall.

9.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Stabilization (704-000-5960-0000-000)	252,753.00	Health Insurance Expenses (001-914-5100-0000-000)	252,753.00

Commentary: Unanticipated new enrollments as well as changes instituted in accounting for the teachers' summer deductions have put this account into deficit. Budgetary constraints have not allowed the adequate funding of this account for a number of years, resulting in an annual shortfall. This request requires a 2/3 majority vote.

10.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Stabilization (704-000-5960-0000-000)	56,450	School Lunch 250-303-3560-0000-220	56,450.00

Commentary: The School Lunch account has had a historical deficit that has been addressed. However, mounting employee health/retirement benefit charges have not allowed for the account to fully eliminate the deficit. Any special revenue fund that closes in deficit has a negative effect on that fiscal year's free cash. Passage of this transfer is anticipated to bring the account into balance. This request requires a 2/3 majority vote. Updated 5/12/08

11.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Stabilization (704-000-5960-0000-000)	26,345	Childcare 250-303-3560-0000-232	26,345.00

Commentary: The Childcare account has been operating in deficit for a number of years, due to a historical account deficiency that has not been funded. It has been further impacted in recent years by the proper charges of employee health/retirement benefits (similar to the enterprise funds). Any special revenue fund that closes in deficit has a negative effect on that fiscal year's free cash. Corrective action is being reviewed to ensure that the account does not operate in a deficit in FY 2009. This request requires a 2/3 majority vote. Updated 5/12/08

12.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Stabilization (704-000-5960-0000-000)	340,528.89	Snow/Ice (001-423-5100-0000-000)	340,528.89

Commentary: The Town budgeted \$250,000 for snow and ice removal in FY 2008. M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 31D allows the Town to incur liability and make expenditures in excess of available appropriations for snow and ice removal, upon the approval by the Town Manager and the Finance Committee. The excess liability has been traditionally raised on the Recapitulation Sheet when the tax rate is set, but we believe that it will not be possible to raise this amount and still stay under the levy limit. The Town raised \$57,882 on the FY 2008 Recap Sheet. This request requires a 2/3 majority vote.

13.	FROM:	Amount	TO:	Amount
	Insurance Reimbursements over 20K RRA (260-000-3300-0000-210)	63,478.63	Bernat Loss Insurance Reimbursement (270-300-3580-2008-210)	63,478.63

Commentary: This transfer will allow the School Department to access insurance reimbursement funds that were received to replace books, supplies, equipment and furniture lost in the Bernat Mill fire. Any funds in excess of twenty thousand dollars must be appropriated by Town Meeting per M.G.L Chapter 44, Section 53.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action on items one through thirteen (3-0-0) on 5/12/08.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action on items one through thirteen (6-0-0). These transfers are a combination of three types of transfers: (1) year-end transfers to get departments through the end of the fiscal year, (2) clean up of deficits in two school revolving accounts and (3) snow and ice.

1. Year-end Transfers

The Finance Committee has reviewed with the Finance Director the reasons for each transfer and is satisfied that the transfers are appropriate. The biggest concern is the transfer from Stabilization of \$252,753 to cover the cost for health insurance. A large part of this shortfall was due to choices employees

made during the open enrollment period when ten employees dropped single coverage and nineteen families were added to the health insurance plans.

2. Deficits in School Department Revolving Accounts

The Finance Director is recommending the deficits in the School Lunch and Childcare revolving accounts, \$39,254 and \$186,055 respectively, be eliminated. The town's auditor has advised these accounts need to be funded. The Finance Committee concurs. Both of these transfers will be funded from Stabilization.

3. Snow and Ice

The snow and ice account is over spent by \$340,528.89. This deficit will be covered by a transfer from Stabilization. The total expenditure for snow and ice this year was \$590,528.89. Going forward, the budget for snow and ice needs to be increased from its current amount of \$250,000.

Stabilization

It needs to be noted that transfers totaling \$1,789,782 were needed from the Stabilizations to balance the FY08 Budget:

Meeting	Action	Amount
2007 Spring ATM	Balance FY08 Budget	\$1,196,500
2008 Spring ATM	Health Insurance	252,753
2008 Spring ATM	Snow & Ice	340,529
	Total	\$1,789,782

VOTE NEEDED: Requires simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion 1 carried with a majority vote. Motion 2 carried with the 2/3 affirmative vote required as it requires a transfer from the Stabilization Fund (standing vote: 225 – yes, 75 – no)

A motion was made and seconded to consider Article 13 out of order for immediate consideration. The motion carried.

ARTICLE 13: APPROPRIATION TO FUND TAFT PLAYGROUND RESURFACING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds and/or transfer from the School/Town Building Maintenance Account #001-940-5200-0000-000 a sum of money to effect playground surface material replacement at Taft Elementary School under the direction of the School Department, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: School Committee

COMMENTARY: Funding for the resurfacing of the Taft Elementary School Playground, replacing the current bark mulch surface with a fifty-year life recycled rubberized mulch product. Currently, the playground remains closed for safety reasons until adequate surface materials are installed. In the past, the Taft PTO has replaced the current bark mulch, with a two-year life, through various fund raising events but can no longer continue this type of costly replacement.

MOTION: Move that the Town vote to transfer and to appropriate the sum of \$18,793.31 from the Town Hall Modular Office account #300-122-3580-0001-000, the sum of \$8,466.70 from the High School Vertical Reinforcement Rods account #300-300-3580-0001-000, the sum of \$7,672.64 from Highway Garage account #300-422-3580-0001-000, said transfers totaling \$34,932.65 to the Taft School Playground Resurfacing Account #270-300-3590-2008-320 to pay for playground

surface material replacement and any costs associated with said materials replacement at the Taft Elementary School.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (2-1-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-0-2)

This article is for the resurfacing of the Taft Elementary School playground. The project addresses a maintenance problem and safety concerns with the use of the playground. Funding will come from a variety of accounts.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion seconded. No transfer from the Stabilization Fund required.

Motion carries.

ARTICLE 4: APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT(S)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund salary increases and other cost-items resulting from contract settlements with union personnel, or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: There are currently three municipal collective bargaining units having expired contracts or contracts expiring on June 30, 2008 that may require a funding appropriation to accompany ratification by the BOS. Negotiations are currently in progress. Funding for the "potential" settlements is not included in the FY09 proposed budget under Article 5.

MOTION: Move that the town vote to transfer and to appropriate the sum of \$8,710.00 from Stabilization and \$6,470.00 from the Ambulance Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the miscellaneous FY09 salary and expense accounts; the allocation of amounts to be transferred to each such account to be determined by the Town

Accountant, for the purpose of funding the cost items and implementing the terms of a collective bargaining agreement with a term beginning July 1, 2008 and expiring June 30, 2011, between the Town and the Uxbridge Professional Fire Fighters/EMTs Association ("UPFFA"), as exclusive bargaining representative of the bargaining unit.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable (6-0-0)

VOTE NEEDED: Requires simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion seconded. Requires a transfer from the Stabilization Fund.

Motion carries

A motion was made and seconded to consider Article 15 out of order for immediate consideration. The motion failed.

ARTICLE 5: TOWN BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to fix compensation of all officials of the Town, provide for a reserve fund, determine sums to be raised and appropriated, including those from available funds, in order to defray expenses including debt and interest for fiscal year 2009 (FY09) – approve the budget, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: Please see the revenue and expenditure details in the FY2009 Budget document.

MOTION: Move that \$34,381,784 be appropriated, as set forth in line items under the column ("FY09 Budget Town Manager/FinComm Recommendation"), in the budget prepared by the Town Manager for recommendation at the Annual Town Meeting on May 13, 2008, as most recently revised; and as funding therefor, to transfer from revenue funds,

and raise and appropriate the total sum of \$34,381,784 as set forth in the column "FY09 projected revenues final" on the sheet titled, "Revenue Projections For Town Meeting 5/13/08", each item considered a separate appropriation. (Note - Action on the motion is a sum of the whole by Government divisions/departments.)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (4-2-0)

Starting with the passage of the FY08 Budget, the town has faced the serious challenge of making expenses match revenues. Beginning with the Budget Summit last fall, the town's administration and boards worked hard to achieve this goal. Input from the voters was sought throughout the process in setting priorities. Many very hard decisions were made. The result is a balanced FY09 Budget, and a program of expenditures which reflects the input provided.

Rewards:

- A budget that is balanced without the use of Stabilization
- No proposal for a Property 2 ½ override
- No cuts to public safety
- The retention of important community services:
- Council on Aging
- Library
- Recreation
- Real estate taxes that are on par with the communities around us

Risks:

- Cuts to various programs and offices, including the Conservation, Building Inspector, Library and Assessor
- Cuts to the school program and the temporary union of the Superintendent's and High School Principal's positions
- The elimination for FY09 of the \$200,000 for building maintenance
- The failure to fund vehicle replacement and infrastructure costs
- Health insurance
- Utility costs

In planning for FY10, the town will have to take all of these issues into consideration. As with FY09, every effort should be made to reduce costs in ways that don't decrease services to the community. In addition, the town also needs to look at ways of bringing new revenues – or in the case of school choice out, bringing back revenues – to the town. The town clearly needs to rebuild the Stabilization fund.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

A motion was made and seconded to consider each department individually for general government.

The motion passed and each department by category will be voted on individually. Documents that were distributed to Town Meeting members detailing the budget, and referred to below, are appended to these minutes (please see Appendix A: Revenue Projections and Appendix B: Departmental Expenses).

General Government

A motion was made and seconded for amendments to the omnibus budget:

- 1) Reduce Account 135100, Town Accountant Salary, by \$6798.00 reducing the salary of the Town Accountant from at 14.198% increase to a 2% increase.
- 2) Reduce Account 145100, Treasurer Collector Salary, by \$333.00 reducing the salary of the Town Collector from 2.39% increase to a 2% increase.
- 3) Reduce Account 175100, Planning and Economic Development salary, by \$3503.00 reducing the salary increase of the Town Planner from 8.08% to 2%.
- 4) Add to Account 171100, the Conservation Commission Salary, the sum of the reductions of proposals 1, 2, and 3.
- 5) Reduce Account 135100, Town Accountant Salary, by \$32253.00 and provide a budget surplus by not having an additional clerical person at this time.

The motion to amend was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to pass the General Government budget as presented. No transfer from the Stabilization Fund required. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to pass the Public Safety budget as presented. No transfer from the Stabilization Fund required.

The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to reduce the Manager's Budget FY2009 by \$75,000 (from \$17,712,677 to \$16,962,677).

The motion was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to pass the Education budget as presented. No transfer from the Stabilization Fund required.

The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to pass the Department of Public Works budget as presented. No transfer from the Stabilization Fund required. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to pass the Human Services budget as presented. No transfer from the Stabilization Fund required. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to pass the Library budget as presented. No transfer from the Stabilization Fund required. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to pass the unclassified budget as presented. No transfer from the Stabilization Fund required. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and to continue the following night. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:18pm to 7:00pm on May 14, 2008.

A true attest;
Joseph H. Kaplan
Uxbridge Town Clerk

Adjourned Session

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

(continued from May 13, 2008)

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of the Town of Uxbridge, qualified to vote in the Town Elections and Town affairs, met at the High School Gymnasium, in Precinct 2, in said Uxbridge, and transacted the following business:

Quorum Required: 50

Voters Present: 98

At the adjourned session of the Annual town Moderator Harold Klei re-opened the Town Meeting of May 13, 2008 at 7:03pm on May 14, 2008. Having acted on first five articles the previous night, Article 6 was the first to be considered.

ARTICLE 6: REVOLVING FUND ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize GLc.44, \$53E ½ revolving funds for the continuation of: Library book repairs, not to exceed \$12,000, derived from late fines and fees, under the Library Trustees; recreation program costs, not to exceed \$10,000, to be derived from program fees, under the Recreation Committee; compost bin costs, not to exceed \$2,000, derived from compost bin sales, under the Board of Health; or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: Annual re-establishment of revolving funds as required by MA General Laws. No appropriation is required; funded by fees charged.

MOTION: Move to establish and authorize the following 53e ½ revolving funds for the continuation of: Library book repairs, not to exceed \$12,000, derived from late fines and fees, under the Library Trustees; recreation program costs, not to exceed \$10,000, to be derived from program fees, under the Recreation Committee; compost bin costs, not to exceed \$2,000, derived from compost bin sales, under the Board of Health.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-0-1)

This is a standard article required to authorize the use of revolving fund accounts.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7: SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses and debt service of the Sewer Department (Wastewater) Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Sewer Department Enterprise Fund received during fiscal year 2009, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: The Sewer Enterprise Fund is based upon the collection of sewer charges to over 2,350 users and is entirely self-supporting. The services budgeted in the FY 2009 budget request essentially differ from the FY 2008 approved budget only in projected new debt increases for Lime Silo (Article 6, STM; 06/20/2006) and Sewer Roof replacement projects (Article 8, FATM; 11/20/07) and for expanded assessments of employee benefits that are transferred back into the General Fund.

MOTION: Move that the sums set forth in the last column below ("FY09 Budget FinComm Recommendation"), up to and including the line entitled "Total" be appropriated to the FY09 Sewer (Waste Water) Department Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth in the third column, each item being considered a separate appropriation.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-0-1)

The Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed budget and recommends favorable action.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

Sewer (Waste Water) Department Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth in the third column, each item being considered a separate appropriation.

				FY09 Budget	FY09 Budget
				Town Manager	FinComm
Sewer (Waste Water) Dept. Enterprise Fund				Recommendation	Recommendation
FY08 Budget					
651-440-5100	Wastewater	Salaries	\$ 322,973.00	\$ 316,320.00	\$ 316,320.00
651-440-5200	Wastewater	Expenses	\$ 540,794.00	\$ 581,132.00	\$ 581,132.00
651-440-5800	Wastewater	Debt	\$ 87,938.00	\$ 143,596.00	\$ 143,596.00
651-440-5900	Wastewater	Equipment Replacement	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
		Subtotal Expenses	\$ 633,732.00	\$ 724,728.00	\$ 724,728.00
		Total	\$ 956,705.00	\$1,041,048.00	\$1,041,048.00

\$141,048.00 to come from enterprise revenues.

Water Department Enterprise Fund			FY 08 Budget	FY09 Budget Town Manager Recommendation	FY09 Budget FinComm Recommendation
650-450-5100	Water	Salaries	\$ 332,304.00	\$ 320,663.00	\$ 320,663.00
650-450-5200	Water	Expenses	\$ 390,226.00	\$ 445,852.00	\$ 445,852.00
650-450-5800	Water	Debt	\$ 259,822.00	\$ 428,472.00	\$ 428,472.00
650-450-5900	Water	Equipment Replace.	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
		Subtotal Expenses	\$ 730,048.00	\$ 874,324.00	\$ 874,324.00
		Total	\$ 1,062,352.00	\$1,194,987.00	\$1,194,987.00

\$1,194,987.00 to come from enterprise revenues.

ARTICLE 8: WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries, expenses and debt service of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Water Department Enterprise Fund received during fiscal year 2009, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: The Water Enterprise Fund is based upon the collection of water charges to over 3,300 customers and is entirely self-supporting. The FY 2009 budget request essentially differs from the FY 2008 approved budget only in projected new debt increases for Water Tank replacement project (Article 18, SATM; 06/13/07) and for expanded assessments of employee benefits that are transferred back into the General Fund.

MOTION: Move that the sums set forth in the last column below ("FY09 Budget FinComm Recommendation"), up to and including the line entitled "Total", be appropriated to the FY09 Water Department Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respec-

tive purposes set forth in the third column, each item being considered a separate appropriation.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-0-1)

The Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed budget and recommends favorable action.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 9: AMBULANCE DIVISION BUDGET (ENTERPRISE FUND)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the salaries and expenses of the Ambulance Division Enterprise Fund for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by revenues of the Ambulance Division received during fiscal year 2009, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: The Ambulance Enterprise fund is based upon the collection of ambulance service fees and is self-supporting. The services budgeted in the FY 2009 Ambulance budget request essentially differ from the FY 2008 approved budget only by a new charge for FY 2009 for 9.8% of dispatcher salaries and benefits which is now being transferred back to the General Fund.

MOTION: Move that the sums set forth in the last column below ("FY09 Budget FinComm Recommendation") up to and including the line entitled "Total", be appropriated to the FY09 Ambulance Division Enterprise Fund Account to be expended for the respective purposes set forth in the third column, each item being considered a separate appropriation.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-0-1)

The Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed budget and recommends favorable action.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority provided none of the money

Ambulance Division Enterprise Fund			FY 08 Budget	FY09 Budget Town Manager Recommendation	FY09 Budget FinComm Recommendation
602-231-5100	Ambulance	Salaries	\$ 347,449.00	\$ 361,564.00	\$ 361,564.00
602-231-5200	Ambulance	Expenses	\$ 125,787.00	\$ 171,545.00	\$ 171,545.00
602-231-5900	Ambulance	Special Outlay	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
		Subtotal Expenses	\$ 145,787.00	\$ 171,545.00	\$ 171,545.00
		Total	\$ 493,236.00	\$ 533,109.00	\$ 533,109.00

\$533,109.00 to come from enterprise revenues.

is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10: CABLE ACCESS BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum or sums of money for the salaries and expenses of the Cable PEG Access for the ensuing fiscal year, such sums of money to be offset by Cable PEG Access "Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account," or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: The Cable Access budget is based upon the collection of cable franchise/license fees, per the License Agreement, and is placed in a special receipts-reserved-for-appropriation account. The FY 2009 cable access budget is similar to the budget approved for FY 2008, with the exception of reduced equipment purchases and a new transfer from the account to the General Fund for space rental at the High School. The Cable TV License Agreement with Charter Communications expires on October 6, 2010.

MOTION: Move that the sums set forth in the fourth column below ("FY09 Budget Town Manager Recommendation"), up to and including the line titled "Total" be appropriated to the FY09 Cable PEG Access budget to be expended for the respective purposes set forth in the second column, each item being considered a separate appropriation.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Amendment offered by the Finance Committee as displayed in the third column: (4-0-0).

Favorable action (4-0-0): The Finance Committee will make a motion to increase the Cable Access Budget \$30,096 above the recommendation of the Town Manager. The Finance Committee recommends the funds be spent on additional programming and technical upgrades to the service. The expenses will be covered from the fee received from Charter. These fees have annually exceeded the cable budget by \$50,000.

Finance Committee amendment is seconded.

The amendment carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

The main motion is seconded. No transfer from the Stabilization Fund required. The motion passes as amended.

ARTICLE 11: JOINT RECYCLING PROGRAM WITH TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$3,500.00 to fund a joint FY09 recycling program with the Town of Blackstone, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Health

COMMENTARY: This is the fourth year of a program established at a previous Town Meeting.

MOTION: No Motion offered
RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: No recommendation

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: No recommendation

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

No Motion. No Action taken on Article 11.

ARTICLE 12: APPROPRIATION TO FUND GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL BUILDING RENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay FY09 annual rent and associated costs for utilities in the Good Shepherd School Building, or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: School Committee

COMMENTARY: Funding for annual lease of the Good Shepherd Church facility for Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms servicing approximately 200 students.

MOTION: Move that the town vote to transfer and to appropriate the sum of \$120,000 from Stabilization to the Good Shepherd Lease account # 001-395-5271-0000-000-2-0000-0-0 to pay FY09 annual rent and associated costs for utilities in the Good Shepherd School Building which currently houses Pre-K through Kindergarten classes.

Cable PEG Access		FY 08 Budget	FY09 Budget Town Manager Recommendation	FY09 Budget FinComm Recommendation
240-645-5100	Salaries	\$ 50,958.00	\$51,777.00	\$76,873.00
240-645-5200	Expenses	\$ 24,082.00	\$ 25,233.00	\$ 30,233.00
240-645-5900	Capital Outlay	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
	Subtotal Expenses	\$ 74,082.00	\$ 60,233.00	\$ 65,233.00
	Total	\$ 125,040.00	\$112,010.00	\$142,103.00

\$142,103.00 to come from the Cable PEG Access Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (2-1-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-1-0)

This article funds the rental of the Good Shepherd Church for the Pre-K and Kindergarten programs. This has been a regular article for the past several years.
VOTE NEEDED: Requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion seconded.

Moderator declares motion carried by the required 2/3rd vote.

Article 13 was acted on at the May 13, 2008 session.

ARTICLE 14: APPROPRIATION TO FUND FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee to initiate a feasibility study for the construction of a new high school facility to be constructed on land located on the Quaker Highway, land previously acquired by the Town of Uxbridge for the specific purpose of constructing a new school facility, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: School Committee

Commentary: Funding for the School Building Committee to initiate the Feasibility Study process to determine the costs for the construction of a new high school facility. Because the Town has previously completed design plans for this project, the School Building Committee, working with the MSBA,

must determine what extent of the prior work can be used in the new construction project. This appropriation will allow the School Building Committee to begin this process, report their findings, and take any applicable action at the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

SUGGESTED MOTION: *Move that the Town vote to transfer and to appropriate the sum of \$4,532.00 from School Roof account #300-300-3580-0002-000, the sum of \$10,533.00 from the School Space Solutions account #300-300-3580-0004-000, and the sum of \$20,245.24 from the Whitin School Gym account #300-300-3580-0005-000, said transfers totaling \$35,310.24 to the High School Feasibility Study account #270-300-3590-0000-000 to be spent under the direction of the School Building Committee to initiate the Feasibility Study process to determine the costs of a new high school facility.*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-1)

The School Building Committee, as required by MSBA, needs to determine the cost of a new high school. Funding for the project comes from a variety of accounts.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15: PURCHASE OF COA VAN

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purchase of a new fourteen passenger transportation van that is handicap accessible to replace the current 1998 Ford Econoline transportation Senior Center van; said sum of money to be

expended by the Council on Aging, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen; and, further, to authorize the Council on Aging to accept gifts and/or grants to offset the cost of said van, or take any other action in relation thereto.

SPONSOR: Council on Aging

Commentary: The COA van has over 85,000 running miles, and has required additional engine repairs to keep it operational this winter. The exhaust system and battery box for the lift have been reinforced due to rust and corrosion. The body is showing visible signs of rust around the lift. While the Director has submitted a grant with the Executive Office of Transportation, funding for round 32 has been diverted to another service area, which places a hold on all potential awards for another year. The COA Board believes another winter will require increased costly repairs and put our transportation services at risk.

MOTION: *Move that the town transfer and appropriate \$65,000.00 from the Stabilization account, account number 704-000-5960-0000-000 to a new account to be called the Council on Aging new van account for replacing the current 1998 Ford Econoline transportation van that is handicap accessible. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Council on Aging with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, and, further to allow the Council on Aging to accept gifts and/or grants to offset the total cost of the new van, said action to take effect immediately.*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-1)

The Counsel on Aging van needs to be replaced. The COA is asking for full funding of the van with hopes that it will be able to raise funds to offset part of the cost.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 16: ACCEPTANCE OF MGL SECTION 110 OF THE ACTS OF 1993; VETERANS EXEMPTION

To see if the town will vote to accept the provision of Mass. General Laws Section 110 of Chapter 110 of the Acts of 1993 which allows the veteran or surviving spouse to meet the domiciliary requirement for a veterans exemption if he or she has lived in the state at least one year prior to applying for the exemption.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Assessor)

Commentary: This vote reduces the domiciliary requirement of veterans from five years to one year when applying for a veteran exemption. Currently veterans must have lived in Massachusetts at least six months prior to entering the service or have been domiciled in the state at least five years.

MOTION: Move to accept MGL, Section 110 of the Chapter 110 of the Acts of 1993.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-1)

Article 16 permits veterans with one year residence to apply for an abatement of Real Estate Taxes rather than the current five year requirement.

VOTE NEEDED: Simple Majority vote.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 17: PURCHASE OF WELLHEAD PROTECTION LAND KNOWN AS CNOSSEN WELL LAND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of funds for the purpose of purchasing certain parcels of land known as the "Cnossen Well Land" off of Commerce Drive, and incidental expenses related thereto, for the benefit of the Water Division of the

Department of Public Works for a future well field site. Said parcels are more specifically described as Map 40, Parcels 3085 and 3086, and further to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to \$550,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state funds or grants and/or gifts of any kind for the purpose of this acquisition; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary for this acquisition; and further that while this borrowing shall be the general obligation of the Town, it is the intent of the Town that the principal and interest on this borrowing will be paid for from the Water Enterprise Fund and or the Water system development account or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (DPW Superintendent)

COMMENTARY: This authorization would allow the Water Division to purchase or accept grants and gifts to purchase 17+/- acres abutting the Town's "Rosenfeld" well field land. Previous test wells, pumping and engineering studies have indicated a substantial source available. The Town's water engineers have recommended that the Town acquire this property not only to increase available sources but to protect interference and influence on the Town's existing "Rosenfeld" well field by owners other than the Town.

MOTION: Move to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of funds for the purpose of purchasing certain parcels of land known as the "Cnossen Well Land" off of Commerce Drive, and incidental expenses related thereto, for the benefit of the Water Division of the Department of Public Works for a future well field site. Said parcels are more specifically described as Map 40, Parcels 3085 and 3086, and further to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to \$550,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other

enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state funds or grants and/or gifts of any kind for the purpose of this acquisition; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary for this acquisition; and further that while this borrowing shall be the general obligation of the Town, it is the intent of the Town that the principal and interest on this borrowing will be paid for from the Water Enterprise Fund and or the Water system development account.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0)

The purchase of the Cnossen well land (17 +/- acres) will provide the town with water resource of an addition million gallons a day. The purchase also provides protection for our present Rosenfeld well field property and water supply.

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 18: WELL CLEANING FY08 FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$17,000 from the FY08 Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Water Division Expense Account # 650-450-5300.2 to take effect immediately upon passage for the purpose of cleaning and repairing Blackstone Well # 3 or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (DPW Superintendent)

COMMENTARY: This transfer from Water retained earnings would allow for the repair and cleaning of Blackstone well #3 prior to the spring high demand season. Well #3's output to meet demand has been reduced dramatically due to over pumping and well screen corrosion.

MOTION: Move to transfer the sum of \$17,000 from the FY08 Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the Water Division Expense Account # 650-450-5300.2 to take effect imme-

diately upon passage for the purpose of cleaning and repairing Blackstone Well # 3.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-1)

The funds are needed to clean Blackstone well #3. The well has been experiencing problems with iron and magnesium which has caused problems with the quality of the water.

VOTE NEEDED: Requires a simple majority provided none of the money is coming from Stabilization. A transfer from Stabilization requires a 2/3 majority vote.

Motion seconded.

Motion carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 19: WATER PROJECT; POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TANK REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to increase the amount appropriated and authorized to borrow under Article 18 of the May 8, 2007 Spring Annual Town meeting for the purpose of funding increased construction costs for improvements to the Municipal Water Supply System, including the replacement of the 1907 High Street water tank, construction and replacement of water lines from said tank to North Main Street, from the sum of \$4,600,000.00 to [a certain amount] or take any other action related thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (DPW Superintendent)

COMMENTARY: *This authorization would only be used in the event that the low bidder submits a price for the replacement water tank construction that is higher than the remaining available funds due to higher and fluctuating concrete and steel prices at the time of bid. The bid opening will occur on March 20, 2008.*

MOTION: [No motion; no action needed as successful bidder was within the approved appropriation]

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: No recommendation

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: No recommendation

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

No motion.

No Action on Article 19.

ARTICLE 20: GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS - NEW STORM-WATER MANAGEMENT BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaw of the Town of Uxbridge, by inserting a new § 178 Stormwater Management bylaw to read as follows:

§178 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

178-1. Purpose

Regulation of activities that result in the disturbance of land and the creation of stormwater runoff is necessary for the protection of the Town of Uxbridge to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the general public and protect the natural resources of the Town. The purpose of this Bylaw is to prevent or diminish these impacts by controlling runoff and preventing soil erosion and sedimentation resulting from site construction and development.

This Bylaw is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and pursuant to the Bylaws of the federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34.

Nothing in this Bylaw is intended to replace the requirements of any other Bylaw that has been or may be adopted by the Town of Uxbridge. Any activity subject to the provisions of this Bylaw must comply with the specifications of each applicable bylaw.

The objectives of this Bylaw are to:

- (1) Establish decision-making processes surrounding land development activities that protect the integrity of the watershed and preserve the health of wetland and water resources;
- (2) Require that new development, redevelopment and all land conversion activities maintain the after-development runoff characteristics as equal to or less than the pre-

development runoff characteristics to provide recharge and to reduce flooding, stream bank erosion, siltation, nonpoint source pollution, property damage, and to maintain the integrity of stream channels and aquatic habitats;

- (3) Establish minimum construction/alteration and post-development storm water management standards and design criteria for the regulation and control of storm water runoff quantity and quality and for the protection of properties and aquatic resources downstream from land development and land conversion activities from damages due to increases in volume, velocity, frequency, duration, and peak flow rate of storm water runoff;
- (4) Establish design criteria for measures to minimize nonpoint source pollution from storm water runoff which would otherwise degrade water quality;
- (5) Establish design and application criteria for the construction and use of structural storm water control facilities that can be used to meet the minimum construction/alteration and post-development storm water management standards and to encourage the use of nonstructural storm water management, storm water site design practices or "low-impact development practices", such as reducing impervious cover and the preservation of open space and other natural areas, to the maximum extent practicable;
- (6) Establish provisions for the long-term responsibility for and maintenance of structural storm water control facilities and nonstructural storm water management practices to ensure that they continue to function as designed, are maintained, and pose no threat to public safety;
- (7) Establish provisions to ensure there is an adequate funding mechanism, including surety, for the proper review, inspection and long-term maintenance of storm water facilities implemented as part of this Bylaw;

and

- (8) Establish administrative procedures and fees for the submission, review, approval, or disapproval of storm water management plans, and for the inspection of approved active projects, and long-term follow up.

178-2. Definitions. As used in this bylaw, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

AGRICULTURE - The normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or aquacultural use, as defined by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131 § 40) and its implementing regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

APPLICANT - Any "person" as defined below requesting a Stormwater Management Permit for proposed land-disturbance activity.

AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT

AGENCY - The Conservation Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") and its agents or other designated employees of the Town of Uxbridge shall be charged with enforcing the requirements of this bylaw.

ALTER - Any activity that changes the water quality, or the force, quantity, direction, timing or location of runoff flowing from the subject area and will measurably change the ability of a ground surface area to absorb water. Such changes include: change from distributed runoff to confined, discrete discharge; change in the volume of runoff from the area; change in the peak rate of runoff from the area; and change in the recharge to groundwater on the area. Alter may be similarly represented as "alteration of drainage characteristics," and "conducting land disturbance activities."

BETTER SITE DESIGN - Site design approaches and techniques that can reduce a site's impact on the watershed through the use of nonstructural storm water management practices. Better site design includes conserving and protecting natural areas and green space, reducing impervious cover, and using natural features for storm water management.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

(BMP) - Structural, non-structural, vegetative and managerial techniques that are recognized to be the most effective and practical means to reduce erosion and sediment, prevent or reduce increases in storm water volumes and flows, reduce point source and nonpoint source pollution, and promote storm water quality and protection of the environment. "Structural" BMPs are devices that are engineered and constructed to provide temporary storage and treatment of storm water runoff. "Nonstructural" BMPs use natural measures to reduce pollution levels, do not require extensive construction efforts, and/or promote pollutant reduction by eliminating the pollutant source.

CONSTRUCTION AND WASTE

MATERIALS - Excess or discarded building or construction site materials that may adversely impact water quality, including but not limited to concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste.

DISTURBED AREA - an area, man-made or natural, where the existing pre-development condition has been or is proposed to be altered.

ENVIRONMENTAL SITE

MONITOR - A Professional Engineer, or other trained professional selected by the Commission and retained by the holder of a Stormwater Management Permit to periodically inspect the work and report to the Commission.

EROSION - A condition in which the earth's surface, including soil or rock fragment, is detached and moved away by the action of water, wind, ice, gravity or other natural means.

HOTSPOT - Land uses or activities with higher potential pollutant loadings, such as auto salvage yards, auto fueling facilities, fleet storage yards, commercial parking lots with high intensity use, road salt storage areas, commercial nurseries and landscaping, outdoor storage and loading areas of hazardous substances, or marinas.

MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY

- The Policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, and as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act G.L. c. 131 § 40 and Massachusetts Clean Waters Act G.L. c. 21, §. 23-56. The Policy addresses stormwater impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

NEW DEVELOPMENT - Any construction or disturbance of a parcel of land that is currently in a natural vegetated state and has not been altered by man-made activities.

PERSON - Any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to Town Bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, the Town of Uxbridge, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns.

PRE-DEVELOPMENT - The conditions that exist at the time that plans for the development of a tract of land are submitted to the Conservation Commission. Where phased development or plan approval occurs (preliminary grading, roads and utilities, etc.), the existing conditions at the time prior to the first plan submission shall establish pre-development conditions.

POST-DEVELOPMENT - The conditions that reasonably may be expected or anticipated to exist after completion of the development activity on a specific site or tract of land. Post-development refers to the phase of a new development or redevelopment project after completion, and does not refer to the construction phase of a project.

RECHARGE - The replenishment of underground water reserves.

REDEVELOPMENT - Any construction, alteration, or improvement exceeding land disturbance of 5,000 square feet, where the existing land use is commercial, industrial, institutional, or multi-family residential.

RUNOFF - Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

SEDIMENT - Solid material, whether mineral or organic, that is in suspension, is transported or has been moved from its site of origin by erosion.

SEDIMENTATION - A process of depositing material that has been suspended and transported in water.

SLOPE - The vertical rise divided by the horizontal distance and expressed as a fraction or percentage,

STABILIZED - The elimination of any erosion.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK - Stormwater Management Handbook, Volume One and Volume Two, prepared by the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection and the Mass. Office of Coastal Zone Management dated March 1997 as the same may be from time to time revised.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT (SMP) - A permit issued by the Conservation Commission, after review of an application, plans, calculations, and other supporting documents, which is designed to protect the environment of the Town from the deleterious affects of uncontrolled and untreated stormwater runoff.

178-3. Applicability

This bylaw shall be applicable to all new development and redevelopment, including, but not limited to, site plan applications, subdivision applications, grading applications, land use conversion applications, any activity that will result in an increased amount of stormwater runoff or pollutants flowing from a parcel of land, or any activity that will alter the drainage characteristics of a parcel of land, unless exempt pursuant to Section

D of this Bylaw. A development shall not be segmented or phased in a manner to avoid compliance with this By-Law. After the date of adoption of this bylaw, the Commission shall not approve any application for development or re-development if the subject land or parcels of land were held in common ownership (including ownership by related or jointly-controlled persons or entities) and the Commission determines that said land or parcels of land were subdivided or otherwise modified to avoid compliance herewith. A Stormwater Management Permit shall be required from the Commission for any activity that will result in soil disturbance of more than 5,000 square feet.

178-4. Exemptions

The following activities are exempt from the requirements of this Bylaw:

- A. Normal maintenance of Town owned public land, ways and appurtenances;
- B. Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act regulation 310 CMR 10.04 and MGL Chapter 40A Section 3;
- C. Repair or replacement of septic systems when approved by the Board of Health for the protection of public health;
- D. Normal maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas provided such maintenance does not include the alteration of drainage patterns or expansion of the disturbed area;
- E. The construction of fencing that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns;
- F. The maintenance, reconstruction or resurfacing of any public way; and the installation of drainage structures or utilities within or associated with public ways that have been approved by the appropriate authorities provided that written notice be filed with the Conservation Commission fourteen days (14) prior to commencement of activity;
- G. The removal of earth products undertaken in connection with an agricultural use if the removal is necessary

for or directly related to planting, cultivating or harvesting or the raising or care of animals, or

- H. Activity in accordance with the terms of an Order of Conditions or Determination of Applicability issued by the Commission pursuant to M.G.L Ch. 131, Section 40 prior to the effective date of this Bylaw.

178-5. Administration

- A. The Conservation Commission shall be the permit granting authority for the issuance of a Stormwater Management Permit and shall administer, implement and enforce this Bylaw. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Commission may be delegated in writing by the Commission to its agents or other municipal employees as the Commission deems appropriate. Such permit applications shall be submitted, considered, and issued in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw and the regulations adopted pursuant to this Bylaw.
- B. Stormwater Regulations. The Commission shall adopt, and periodically amend, rules and regulations relating to the terms, conditions, definitions, enforcement, fees, procedures and administration of this Stormwater Management Bylaw. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a declaration of the invalidity of all or any of such regulations by a court shall not be deemed to suspend or invalidate the effect of this Bylaw.
- C. Right of Entry. The filing of an application for a Stormwater Management Permit shall be deemed to be authorization by the owner(s) of any land subject to said application for the Commission or its agent, to enter the site and conduct reasonable inspections thereof to verify the information in the application and to assure compliance with permit conditions.
- D. Stormwater Management Manual. The Commission will utilize the policy, criteria and information including specifications and standards of the latest edition of the Massachusetts

Stormwater Management Policy, for execution of the provisions of this Bylaw. This Policy includes a list of acceptable storm water treatment practices, including the specific design criteria for each storm water practice. The Policy may be updated and expanded periodically, based on improvements in engineering, science, monitoring, and local maintenance experience. Unless specifically altered in the Stormwater Regulations, stormwater management practices that are designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with these design and sizing criteria will be presumed to be protective of Massachusetts's water quality standards.

E. Application. To obtain approval for a project subject to the provisions of this Bylaw, the applicant shall submit a Stormwater Management Plan and an Operation and Maintenance Plan prepared, stamped and signed by a professional engineer registered in Massachusetts, a Registered Land Surveyor, or a Massachusetts Licensed Soil Evaluator, as appropriate, that complies with the requirements set forth herein and in the regulations adopted pursuant to this Bylaw. The Operation and Maintenance plan (O&M Plan) shall be designed to ensure compliance with the Permit, this Bylaw, and that the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314, CMR 4.00 in all seasons and throughout the life of the stormwater management system. The final, approved O&M Plan shall remain on file with the Commission, the Planning Board, and the Department of Public Works and shall be an ongoing requirement. The O&M Plan shall meet the criteria set forth in the regulations adopted pursuant to this Bylaw. The Plans shall fully describe the project in drawings, narrative, and calculations.

a. At the time of application, the applicant shall provide in writing the name and the 24 hours

a day and 7 days a week contact information of the person who is responsible for erosion and sediment control for the site disturbing activity which is the subject of the application. Said person shall ensure that the approved activity takes place in accordance with the application, plan and permit requirements.

178-6. Fees

The Commission shall establish fees to cover the costs and expenses incurred by the town in reviewing the application and monitoring permit compliance. The Commission is hereby authorized to retain, and assess the applicant fees to cover the cost of hiring, a Registered Professional Engineer or other professional consultant to advise the Commission on any or all aspects of the project. The applicant for a Stormwater Management Permit may be required to establish and maintain an escrow account to cover the costs of said consultants. Applicants shall pay any such review fees to the Commission before the review process may begin.

178-7. Surety

The Commission may require a cash performance guarantee, in a form satisfactory to the Commission, to ensure compliance with these requirements and for the long term operation and maintenance of all permanent erosion control and stormwater management measures.

178-8. Waivers

A. The Commission may waive strict compliance with any of the requirements of this Bylaw or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder if it determines that the application of any such requirements is unnecessary because of the size or character of the development project or because of the natural conditions at the site, and where such action:

- (a) is allowed by federal, state and local statutes and/or regulations,
- (b) is in the public interest, and
- (c) is not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this bylaw.

B. Any request from an Applicant for a

waiver of these rules shall be submitted, in writing, to the Commission at the time of submission of the application. Such requests shall clearly identify the provision/s of the rule from which relief is sought and be accompanied by a statement setting forth the reasons why, in the applicant's opinion, the granting of such a waiver would be in the public interest or the specific information required to show strict compliance is irrelevant to the project, and why a waiver would be consistent with the intent and purpose of this Bylaw and the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder.

178-9. Findings and Conditions of Approval

A. The Commission shall not approve any application for a Stormwater Management Permit unless it finds that BMPs will be employed to meet the following requirements:

- (a) Compliance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to the Stormwater Management Handbook as it may be amended, has been demonstrated;
- (b) Measures shall be employed to minimize adverse impacts on wildlife habitats and corridors, natural or historic landscape features, and scenic vistas and views;
- (c) The duration of exposure of disturbed areas due to removal of vegetation, soil removal, and/or re-grading shall be set forth in a written time table and approved by the Commission;
- (d) There shall be no net increase in the rate of stormwater runoff from the site;
- (e) There shall be no adverse impacts to abutting properties from any increase in volume of stormwater runoff including erosion, silting, flooding, sedimentation or impacts to wetlands, ground water levels or wells;
- (f) Where the site is not proposed to

be covered with gravel, hardscape, or a building or structure, a planting plan to ensure permanent re-vegetation of the site has been approved;

- (g) Areas to be planted shall be loamed with not less than six inches (6") compacted depth of good quality loam and seeded with turf grass seed or other appropriate ground cover in accordance with good planting practice;
 - (h) Dust control shall be used during grading operations if the grading is to occur within five hundred feet (500') of an occupied residence or place of business, school, playground, park, cemetery, or place of worship;
 - (i) During construction, temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures will be employed in accordance with the approved plan;
 - (j) During construction, any site access from a paved public way shall be improved with a gravel apron of fifteen feet (15') wide and at least twenty-four feet (24') long to prevent unstable material from being transported onto the street by vehicle tires or by runoff;
 - (k) Until a disturbed area is permanently stabilized, sediment in runoff water shall be trapped by using a siltation barrier, siltation fences, and/or sedimentation traps;
 - (l) Permanent erosion control and vegetative measures shall be in accordance with the approved plan, and
 - (m) Where applicable, homeowner's, facility or condominium documents shall provide for the long term operation and maintenance of all permanent erosion control and stormwater management measures, including surety.
- B. Based upon the nature of the application, the Commission may impose reasonable requirements or limitations to minimize the impacts, if any, on abutting properties or uses.
- C. Prior to commencement of any land disturbing activity, the applicant shall record the permit with the Registry of Deeds or Registry District of the Land Court, and shall submit to the Commission written proof of such recording.
 - D. At completion of the project, the owner shall submit as-built record drawings of all structural stormwater controls and treatment best management practices required for the site. The as-built drawing shall show deviations from the approved plans, if any, and shall be certified by a professional engineer registered in Massachusetts.
- 178-10. Actions by the Commission**
- A. The Commission shall act on each application for a permit within ninety (90) days of the date of filing with the Commission and the Town Clerk, unless an extension of time is mutually agreed upon or unless such application has been withdrawn from consideration.
 - B. The Commission may take any of the following actions upon submission of a completed application for a Stormwater Management Permit, as more specifically defined as part of Stormwater Regulations promulgated as a result of this Bylaw: Approval, Approval with Conditions, Disapproval, or Disapproval without Prejudice.
 - C. A Stormwater Management Permit may be disapproved if the Commission determines:
 - (a) The requirements of this Bylaw are not met, or
 - (b) The intent of the application is to circumvent other provisions of the Town's Bylaws.
 - D. Appeals of Action by the Commission. A decision of the Commission shall be final. Relief from a decision made by the Commission under this Bylaw shall be reviewable by the Zoning Board of Appeals provided that a written appeal is filed within ten (10) business days of the date the decision with the Town Clerk. The remedies

specified in this Bylaw are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

178-11. Enforcement & Penalties

- A. Enforcement. The Commission, or its authorized agent/ designated employees of the Town of Uxbridge, shall have the power and duty to enforce this bylaw, its regulations, and any orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders issued pursuant thereto, and may pursue all applicable civil and criminal remedies for such violations.
- B. Penalties. Any person who violates any provision of this Bylaw, regulation, or permit issued hereunder, shall be subject to fines, civil action, criminal prosecution, and liens, authorized hereunder or by any other enabling statute, law or regulation.

178-12. Severability

Any determination that a particular provision or set of provisions in this Bylaw are invalid or unenforceable shall not render ineffective, unenforceable, or inapplicable the remainder of this Bylaw.

Or take any action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (DPW Superintendent)

Commentary: *The EPA's Non-Point Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program was implemented several years ago. As part of our effort to comply with that program, the Town then developed a Stormwater Management Plan (in 2003) which called for adoption of a local stormwater management bylaw in advance of the 2008 EPA deadline. This bylaw initiative is only one of many "Best Management Practices" (BMP's) that we are implementing. The proposed bylaw is the product of work by the Stormwater Committee, which has reviewed existing provisions and experiences throughout the Commonwealth in order to establish a bylaw that has well-tested provisions. We are required to protect our water resources from the potentially damaging effects of stormwater runoff and in particular those effects of construction runoff and the changes to runoff that construction can cause. As written, this bylaw*

is probably the least intrusive document that meets the needs of our accepted plan and is drafted in a manner that will allow the Conservation Commission, as the administering agency, to adopt regulations which will meet the needs and expectations of our residents while implementing the objectives of the NPDES program.

MOTION: Move to accept Article 20 as printed, excluding the phrase, "Or take any action relative thereto" with the following amendment to correct a typographical error in Section 178-3: replace reference to "Section D" with "Section 4".

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (2-0-1)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (4-1-2)

This new bylaw is in response to the EPA's acts which govern protection of water resources. The bylaw defines the standards for storm water runoff, in particular for run off involving construction. The EPA deadline on setting these standards is 2008. It is important to note that this Bylaw does not contain specifics on fees, regulations and enforcement. These will be the responsibility of the Conservation Commission (or designates) to develop, hold public hearings and implement.

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

Motion seconded

Moderator declares motion did not receive required 2/3 vote.

Motion failed.

ARTICLE 21: GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by deleting Section (former XXII) "Sewer Extension Account," or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: As a result of the BOS adopting new Water and Sewer rate structures, and the repeal of the previously voted articles, this removes a reference to the sewer extension account, as the operat-

ing budget is an enterprise fund as voted under Article 7 of the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: [No action needed, included in codification of 11/07]

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: No recommendation

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: No recommendation

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

No motion.

No action on Article 21.

ARTICLE 22: GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by deleting Section (former XX) "Water Department Revolving Fund," or take any other action relative thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: As a result of the BOS adopting new Water and Sewer rate structures, and the repeal of the previously voted articles, this removes a reference to a Water revolving fund, as the operating budget is an enterprise fund as voted under Article 8 of the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: [No action needed; item was deleted via Article 8 of the June 2002 Town Meeting.]

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: No recommendation

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: No recommendation

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

No motion.

No action on Article 22.

ARTICLE 23: GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws Section (former XXI), "Sewer Privilege Charge" by amending the title of this section to read "Sewer Rules and Regulations," and by deleting Subsection A thereof and substituting the following language therefor:

SUBSECTION A: SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Pursuant to and in accordance with the authority vested in the Board of Selectmen, acting as Sewer Commissioners, by the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 83, sections 14, 16, 17-24, and any other enabling authority, said Board of Selectmen shall establish a rate/assessment structure and pricing system to offset the costs to sustain the operation, management and growth of The Town of Uxbridge storm water/wastewater disposal systems. The definition of "costs", as referenced herein, shall include the costs and expenses necessary to operate, maintain and repair existing sewer facilities, and the costs necessary to develop and increase wastewater resources and facilities to enable the Town to meet anticipated demands for wastewater treatment capacity created by future economic development and population growth in and around the Town's service area.

Section 2. All provisions of General Law relative to the assessment, apportionment, division, re-assessment, abatement and collection of sewer rates, charges, fees and assessments, to liens therefor, and to interest accruing thereon shall apply to any rates, fees, charges or assessments made under this Bylaw. Any rate, charge, fee or assessment made or to be made under this Bylaw, from time to time, which remains unpaid as of the date of any amendment hereto shall remain subject to any liens imposed and collection remedies available with respect thereto under applicable terms of General Law or these Bylaws until said sums are collected or abated.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Town Manager)

COMMENTARY: 4/14/08: The proposed amendment to Article 1 of Chapter 289 of the General Bylaws ("Sewers") involves the following revisions: The title of Article 1 of Chapter 289 shall be changed to read "Sewer Assessments". The Motion read under the Article will specify the pro-

posed change in the title from that appearing in the current Bylaw, "Sewer Privilege Charge." Sections 289-1 through 289-8, provisions related to the Sewer Privilege Charge previously adopted by Town Meeting, will be deleted in their entirety. In accordance with the authority vested in the Board of Selectmen by the Town's enabling Special Legislation enacted by the General Court from 1881 up through 1984 and pursuant to G. L. c. 40, §39J, G. L. c. 83, §§14, 16, 17-24, the Board of Selectmen at its meeting on March 24, 2008 adopted a revised Water & Sewer Rate Structure. This Water & Sewer Rate Structure establishes a new basis upon which the water and sewer operational expenses and capital improvement costs of the Public Works Department are to be recovered, by means of a definitive schedule of usage rates, capital improvement fees, and connection charges assessed to water and sewer system users. This revised schedule of fees and charges provides a specific and clearly identifiable basis upon which individual property owners/rate payers are to be assessed fees and charges for the use of water and sewer services and for the enhancement of their real property by the availability of these Town services. The Rate Structure enables the Board of Selectmen, acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners, to work in conjunction with the Public Works Department on an annual basis to anticipate annual operational and capital expenses and to equitably apportion said expenses among system users. The adoption of this new Water & Sewer Rate Structure provides an alternative basis upon which property owners and water/sewer system users are to be assessed for the privilege of Town water and sewer system use in the current and future fiscal years. Thus, the permanent Sewer Privilege Fee adopted by the Town in 2005, is no longer needed. The deletion of §289-5 eliminates the requirement that owners/occupants of any building upon land abutting a public or private way serviced by a common sewer connect to said sewer within two years. The proposed new Bylaw provisions provide as follows:

- Section 289-1 recites the statutory authorization of the Board of Selectmen,

acting as Sewer Commissioners, to adopt the Sewer Rate Structure, referenced above, it expresses the purpose of said rate structure, and defines the term "costs" to include the costs and expenses necessary to operate, maintain and repair existing sewer facilities, and the costs necessary to develop and increase waste water resources and facilities to enable the Town to meet anticipated demands for waste water treatment capacity created by future economic development and population growth in and around the Town's service area.

- Section 289-2 reserves the right of the Town to undertake whatever actions are required, under applicable provisions of General Law, to assert liens and undertake collection actions with respect to any rate, charge, fee or assessment made under the current Bylaw and the prior Water Sewer Privilege Charge Bylaw until any outstanding charges are collected or abated.

The remainder of Chapter 289 of the Town's General Bylaws relative to Sewers shall remain in full force and effect, as revised through the November 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

MOTION: Move to amend the General Bylaws, Chapter 289, Article I, "Sewer Privilege Charge" by amending the title of this Section to read "Sewer Assessments", and by deleting §§ 289-1 through 289-8 and substituting the following language therefor:

ARTICLE I: Sewer Assessments

§289-1. Legislative authority.

Pursuant to and in accordance with the authority vested in the Board of Selectmen, acting as Sewer Commissioners, by the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 83, sections 14, 16, 17-24, and any other enabling authority, said Board of Selectmen shall establish a rate/ assessment structure and pricing system to offset the costs to sustain the operation, management and growth of The Town of Uxbridge storm water/ wastewater disposal systems. The definition of "costs", as referenced herein, shall include the costs and expenses necessary to operate, maintain and repair existing sewer facilities, and the costs

necessary to develop and increase wastewater resources and facilities to enable the Town to meet anticipated demands for wastewater treatment capacity created by future economic development and population growth in and around the Town's service area.

§289-2. Collection remedies.

All provisions of General Law relative to the assessment, apportionment, division, re-assessment, abatement and collection of sewer rates, charges, fees and assessments, to liens therefor, and to interest accruing thereon shall apply to any rates, fees, sewer privilege charges or assessments made under this Bylaw. Any rate, charge, fee or assessment made or to be made under this Bylaw, from time to time, which remains unpaid as of the date of any amendment hereto shall remain subject to any liens imposed and collection remedies available with respect thereto under applicable terms of General Law or these Bylaws until said sums are collected or abated.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (4-2-1)

The bylaw allows the Board of Selectmen, acting as Water & Sewer Commissioners, to establish a new basis upon which the water and sewer operational expenses and capital improvement costs are to be recovered. As noted in the commentary the "revised schedule will provide a clearly identifiable basis upon which individual property owners/rate payers are to be assessed fees and charges for the use of water and sewer services and for the enhancement of their real property by the availability of these Town services".

At the public hearing, several residents asked for clarification on these charges. Town counsel has stated:

"If the Town decided to extend a sewer line into a portion of Town where service was not previously available, the cost of the sewer project, or a designated portion of the cost, could, upon vote of the Selectmen acting as Sewer Commissioners, be apportioned among

and assessed to each parcel of land within the "limited and determinable area" receiving a benefit or advantage from the improvements other than the general advantage inuring to the community as a whole. (G.L. c. 80, s.1)

Betterments would be assessed to all parcels within the benefited area, whether they tie in to the sewer or not. These betterment assessments would be separate and distinct from other sewer usage fees assessed by the Town to existing sewer users." Patrick Costello, April 08, 2008

The Finance Director indicated that the landowner would have to pay for any improvements their property (access to new or improved services) but would not have to hook up to the sewer if they meet the appropriate sewer code.

The Finance Committee believes this change will provide for an equitable apportionment of costs amongst system users.

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

Motion seconded.

Motion passes with 2/3 vote (Yes - 67, No - 29: Standing Vote)

ARTICLE 24: RENUMBERING/REVISION OF TOWN ZONING BYLAWS - CODIFICATION

To see if the Town will vote to accept the numbering and revision of the various Zoning Bylaws of the Town from their original numbering to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the Zoning Bylaws as set forth in the Final Draft Zoning Bylaw Re-codification of the Town of Uxbridge dated March 2008, said codification having been done under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Zoning Board of Appeals, and said Bylaws being a compilation and comprehensive revision to the present Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Uxbridge. All Zoning Bylaws, as amended, heretofore in force and not included in this Code shall be repealed, except for those adopted and or amended after the effective

date of this re-codification contract, and except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law, and such repeal shall not apply to or affect any personnel bylaw or any bylaw, order or article heretofore adopted accepting or adopting the provisions or any statute of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These bylaws shall be referred to as "Division 2, Zoning Bylaws". A copy of the proposed Final Draft Zoning Bylaw Re-codification is available for view in the Offices of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk, the Town Manager, the Department of Planning and Economic Development, and the Library. Or take any other action in relation thereto.

SPONSOR: Zoning Board of Appeals

COMMENTARY: *The Town of Uxbridge needs to continue to modernize its body of law, making it more readily and easily available, understandable, and up-to-date for the citizens, employees and officials of the Town of Uxbridge. To do so, in September 2005, the Board of Selectmen appointed citizens to the Bylaw Review Committee, which prepared renumbered/revised General Bylaws in an easy-to-read, up-to-date document that will be a valuable tool for decades to come. In addition to organizing and reformatting, the bylaws have been updated to bring them into conformance with the Charter and Massachusetts General Laws. The re-codified General Bylaws were adopted by Town Meeting last fall. At that time, the Board of Selectmen and Bylaw Review Committee indicated that a renumbered/revised Zoning Bylaw would be submitted to Town Meeting for consideration in 2008. The proposed Zoning Bylaws reflected in the "Final Draft Zoning Bylaw Re-codification" reconciles our zoning requirements with changes that have been made to the Massachusetts General Laws and their interpretation during the 51 years since the main body of the bylaws were adopted. Therefore, the outdated and incorrect references have been eliminated, and replaced. Although the expectation is that future "value-based" amendments will be suggested periodically over the next several Town*

Meetings, the present effort was to minimize any substantive amendments. However, there were some internal inconsistencies and conflicts, and provisions of state law, which required amendments that are proposed in the Final Draft Zoning Bylaw Re-codification. They are identified and described therein.

MOTION: *Move that the Town vote to accept the numbering and revision of the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Uxbridge from their original numbering to the codified numbering, arrangement, sequence and captions; and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the Zoning Bylaws as set forth in the document entitled "Final Draft Zoning Bylaw Re-codification of the Town of Uxbridge" dated March 2008, with the following amendments: Replace the introductory paragraph in proposed Section 400-9 (referencing "TOWN OF UXBRIDGE ZONING MAP, JUNE 1984") with the following text: "The location and boundaries of said zoning and overlay districts are shown on a map called 'TOWN OF UXBRIDGE ZONING MAP,' updated through 1999 and as amended thereafter, which map together with all the boundary lines and designations thereon, is hereby declared a part of these Bylaws."*

PLANNING BOARD REPORT:

Favorable action (5-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (2-0-1)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (6-0-1)

The zoning bylaw codification project was part of a larger codification project initiated by the Board of Selectmen. The purpose is to bring the town's bylaws up to date. The work was performed by special town counsel. The focus of the work was to better organize the bylaws and, where necessary, to bring them current with the law.

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

Motion seconded.

The Moderator declared that the motion carries with the required 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 25: CHARTER AMENDMENT; REFERRAL OF WARRANT ARTICLES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Uxbridge Home Rule Charter, Article 2, Section 7, (b) as written below:

(b) Referral - Forthwith following the receipt of any petition containing a proposed warrant article, the board of selectmen shall cause a copy of the proposal to be emailed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee if an email address is on file in the Board of Selectmen's office and sent by U.S. Mail to the Chairman if he/she does not have an email address. The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall notify the Board of Selectmen's office of receipt of the proposed article. In addition a copy of the proposed article shall be posted on the Town Bulletin Board, and shall cause such other distribution to be made of each such proposal as may be required by law or bylaw.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
Commentary: The present system of sending notification by registered mail is inefficient. The change in the Charter allows for quicker communications and saves money on mailings to members.

MOTION: *I move, and the Finance Committee recommends, to amend the Uxbridge Home Rule Charter, Article 2, Section 7, (b) as printed in the warrant and that the effective date be July 1, 2008.*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: (3-0-0)
RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0)

The town's Charter and Bylaws requires warrant articles be mailed to the Chair of the Finance Committee. In this day and age, it is more efficient to have the articles distributed by email.

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

Motion seconded.

The Moderator declared that the motion carries with the required 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 26: BORROWING RECISSIONS

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remainder of the \$2,700,000 borrowing authorization, in the amount of \$826,000, as authorized in Article 3 of the April 7, 2001 Special Town Meeting (Sewer and Water), or take an action in relation thereto.

SPONSOR: Board of Selectmen (Finance Director)

COMMENTARY: *This is a housekeeping measure as the balance of the authorization was not needed for the water/sewer project voted in 2001 and funded in 2003/2004. This authorization funded the design, construction, and extension of water mains, the conversion of the Fafard Booster tank, the construction of a water tank, and the Douglas Street Sewer project. The Town completed this project for \$1,874,000.00. The remaining authorization is not needed and should be rescinded.*

MOTION: *Move to rescind the remainder of the \$2,700,000 borrowing authorization, in the amount of \$826,000, as authorized in Article 3 of the April 7, 2001 Special Town Meeting (Sewer and Water).*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0)

This article rescinds \$826,000 previously voted for a 2001 water/sewer project. Of the \$2,700,000 authorized, only \$1,874,000 was needed to complete the project.

VOTE NEEDED: Simple Majority

Motion seconded.

Motion carried in the affirmative by unanimous vote.

Article 27 was acted on at the May 13, 2008 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 28: AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN ZONING BYLAWS BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Uxbridge Zoning By-laws by making the following changes:

ITEM 1:

Amend Article XX Historic Mill Adaptive Reuse Overlay District (adopted 11/16/04) Subsection "Location" by adding the following clause to the end of the first sentence:

"and the Stanley Woolen Mill and associated parcels, as shown on assessor's Map 19 Parcel 3621, and a portion of Map 19, Parcel 2739 being described as follows:

See attached Boundary Description dated March 12, 2008

ITEM 2:

Amend Section 400-40 Subsection B by adding the following clause to the end of the first paragraph:

"and the Stanley Woolen Mill and associated parcels, as shown on assessor's Map 19 Parcel 3621, as shown on assessor's Map 19 Parcel 3621, and a portion of Map 19, Parcel 2739 being described as follows:

See attached Boundary Description dated March 12, 2008

Or take any other action relating thereto

SPONSOR: Citizen Petition

MOTION: *I move that ARTICLE 28 be approved as printed in the warrant with the exclusion of the phrase "or take any action relative thereto"*

This article is being presented under both new and old language of the Zoning Bylaw so that it is sure to be in proper form when submitted to the Attorney General's Office. Item 1 and Item 2 are intended to simply reflect the organizational differences between our old zoning bylaws, and the recodification we voted on tonight.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: Favorable action (5-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (5-1-1)

The petition article moves to add the Stanley Woolen Mill into the Historic Mill Adaptive Reuse Overlay District. This as an inclusion to the bylaw for the

Wacantuck Mill. The developers of the Stanley Woolen Mill want to introduce a residential component to the project as an economic fall back position.

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

Motion seconded.

The Moderator declared that the motion carries with the required 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 29: AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN ZONING MAP/ BYLAWS BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Uxbridge Zoning Map and Zoning By-laws to allow the Historic Mill Adaptive Reuse Overlay District to be extended to include the following parcels, all on assessor's map 19: Parcels 2393, 2413, 2449, 2484, 2475, and 3211, and Nicholas Way.

SPONSOR: Citizen Petition

MOTION: *No Motion*

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

No recommendation

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: No recommendation

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

No motion.

No action on Article 29.

ARTICLE 30: AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN ZONING MAP/ BYLAWS BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map incorporated into its Zoning Bylaws by rezoning a parcel of land easterly of Carney Street and southerly of Douglas Street from the existing Residential A zone to the Business zone thereby extending the existing Business zone westerly of South Main Street. The parcel to be rezoned is more particularly bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of Douglas Street, easterly of Carney Street and westerly of South Main Street, at the line between the existing Business zone and the existing Residence A zone;

THENCE Southeasterly by the line between the Residential A zone and the Business zone to a point 350 feet from the center line of Douglas Street;

THENCE Westerly by an arc 350 feet southerly of and parallel to the center line of Douglas Street to a point 130 feet easterly of the center line of Carney Street;

THENCE Northerly by a line parallel to and 130 feet easterly of the center line of Carney Street to the center of Drabbletail Brook;

THENCE Westerly by Drabbletail Brook to the center line of Carney Street; Northerly by the center line of Carney Street to the center line of Douglas Street;

THENCE Easterly by the center line of Douglas Street to the point of beginning.

Or take any other action relating thereto.

SPONSOR: Citizen Petition

MOTION: *I move the town vote to amend the zoning map as written in the warrant.*

PLANNING BOARD REPORT:

Favorable action (5-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Favorable action (3-0-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Favorable action (7-0-0)

The petition seeks to rezone the land where Koopman's Lumber is located. The site is zoned as residential, even though the business has been in existence at this site for many years. The article would rezone the area to business.

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

Motion seconded.

The Moderator declared that the motion carries with the required 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 31: AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN GENERAL BYLAWS BY PETITION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Uxbridge by inserting a new _____

"Uxbridge Vehicle Management By-law" to read as follows:

SECTION ???

UXBRIDGE VEHICLE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW

The Town of Uxbridge hereby establishes a Vehicle Management By-law to be administered by a Fleet Administrator; the Uxbridge Town Manager is hereby designated the Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator.

???1 Purpose and Scope: The purpose of this By-law is to establish policies and procedures governing the use of all vehicles owned and/or leased and/or rented, and/or received as gifts or grants by the Town of Uxbridge, any and all Departments, Enterprise Fund activities, Boards, Committees, or Commissions for use in conducting official business of the Town and all of its Departments, Enterprise Fund activities, Boards, Committees, or Commissions. This By-law shall also extend to vehicles contracted for specific purposes that obtain fuel and/or parts from Town inventory or paid by the Town. Exceptions will be noted for certain vehicles utilized by the Police Department for confidential or undercover purposes.

???2 Definitions: as used in this By-law, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

a. Board, Committee, or Commission: any permanent or ad hoc official entity of the Town so identified.

b. Board, Committee, or Commission Chair: the individual nominated, elected, or appointed to preside over meetings of a board, committee, or commission.

c. Commute: a trip between an Employee's permanent or temporary personal residence and a work site (whether or not the ordinary work place) located in the Town of Uxbridge even if the individual makes previous or subsequent stops outside the Town.

d. Contract Vehicles: vehicles owned by a private person or entity used on Town business in exchange for a fee

paid from public funds.

- e. Decal: a sticker or other form of permanent marking affixed to a vehicle.
- f. Department: any subdivision of the Town so identified; for the purpose of this By-law, the Uxbridge Public School System is included in this definition.
- g. Department Head: the individual who, either by election or appointment is responsible for the administration of a department; for the purpose of this By-law, the Superintendent of the School Department is included in this definition.
- h. Domicile Travel: the use of a Town vehicle to travel between a permanent or temporary personal residence and a work site.
- i. Enterprise Fund Activity: an entity established with a separate accounting and financial reporting mechanism to provide a specific municipal service for which a fee is charged.
- j. Fleet Administrator: the Uxbridge Town Manager is designated as the Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator.
- k. Leased Vehicle: any passenger, cargo, or utility vehicle leased by the Town or any of its Departments, Boards, Committees, or Commissions from a dealer or leasing agent.
- l. Overnight Travel: the use between the hours of 4 PM and 8 AM of any passenger, cargo, or utility vehicle owned and/or leased and/or rented and/or received as gifts or grants by the Town of Uxbridge, any and all Departments, Boards, Committees, or Commissions.
- m. Rented Vehicle: any passenger, cargo, or utility vehicle rented by the Town or any of its Departments, Boards, Committees or Commissions from a dealer or rental agent.
- n. Vehicle: any Town owned, rented, leased, gifted, or granted self-propelled vehicle utilized for the purpose of transporting one or more employees, clients, and/or equipment and/or material to or between official business or work sites. The following categories of vehicles are included:
 - a. Any sub-compact, compact, mid-size, or full-size automobile;

- b. Any passenger-carrying or cargo-carrying mini-van regardless of Gross Vehicle Weight;
- c. Any passenger-carrying or cargo-carrying full-size van regardless of Gross Vehicle Weight;
- d. Any pick-up truck, regardless of Gross Vehicle Weight, including but not limited to crew-cab pick-up trucks, utility-body trucks, and pick-up trucks with dual rear wheels;
- e. Any other passenger or cargo carrying vehicle with a gross vehicle weight equal to or less than 10,000 pounds;
- f. Any Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV); and
- g. All motorized specific use vehicles including, but not limited to, street sweepers, bull-dozer, front-end loaders, plows, etc

???3 Responsibilities:

- a. The Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator is ultimately responsible for ensuring adherence to this By-law and for the safe, efficient, and economical use of all vehicles in the fleet. He/she shall meet this responsibility working with and through the heads of departments and chairs of boards, enterprise fund activities, committees, and commissions.
- b. The Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator shall prescribe the form of all records and logs utilized under this By-law in sufficient detail to accomplish the full scope purposes detailed in this By-law.
- c. The Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator shall maintain all utilization, maintenance, spare parts inventory, and repair logs submitted by heads of departments and enterprise fund activities, and chairs of boards, committees, and commissions. These records shall be subject to the public records law and shall be treated as such. An exception shall be made for any and all records and logs maintained on Police Department confidential and/or undercover vehicles.
- d. The Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator shall ensure that all

Town business is conducted utilizing Town vehicles and will authorize the use of privately owned vehicles only on rare and exceptional occasions. The Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator shall have available at Town Hall one or more vehicles for common use by Town Hall-based employees. All automobiles purchased after this By-law takes effect shall be sub-compact models unless the Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator justifies in writing that a larger vehicle is essential for the purposes for which it is acquired.

- e. The Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator shall ensure that motor vehicle violations and parking tickets, incurred by employees while operating Town vehicles, are promptly paid by the employee. The Administrator shall be responsible for monitoring the impact of any violations on driver or vehicle status.
- f. The Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator shall ensure that no Town vehicle is used for domicile travel or for overnight travel between a residence and a work site. The use of Town vehicles between the hours of 4PM and 8AM shall be restricted to being driven within the Town limits between Departmental headquarters or Town Hall and sites where overnight work is actively occurring. As exceptions, the Chiefs of the Police Department and the Fire Department may, at their discretion, use a Town Vehicle for domicile or overnight travel. Additionally, Police Department and Fire Department vehicles shall conduct Departmental business at any time without being hindered by this By-law.
- g. The Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet administrator shall ensure that the payroll office accomplishes the appropriate fringe benefit tax reporting for domicile travel by the Police Chief and Fire Chief.
- h. The Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator shall ensure that all Town vehicles have the appropriate up-to-date registration, safety inspection, and emissions inspection. He/she

may delegate this chore to the department or enterprise fund activity heads and chairs of boards, committees, or commissions and hold them responsible for compliance.

- i. Heads of departments and enterprise fund activities, and chairs of boards, committees, and commissions shall ensure that all owned vehicles prominently display a permanent decal identifying the Town of Uxbridge and the appropriate department, board, committee, or commission. Leased or rented vehicles shall display a magnetized marker identifying the Town of Uxbridge and the appropriate department, board, committee, or commission. Costs associated with obtaining and applying permanent decals or magnetized markers will be borne by the respective department, board, committee, or commission as an expense. An exception shall be made for Police Department confidential and/or undercover vehicles.
- j. Heads of departments and enterprise fund activities, and chairs of boards, committees, and commissions shall ensure that all owned vehicles prominently display, on the rear of the vehicle, a permanent decal reading "How am I driving? Call 508-278-8600.
- k. Heads of departments and enterprise fund activities, and chairs of boards, committees, and commissions shall ensure that all vehicle operators are appropriately licensed for the class of vehicle being operated.
- l. Heads of departments and enterprise fund activities, and chairs of boards, committees, and commissions shall immediately report to the Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator any and all accidents, motor vehicles violations, and parking tickets involving Town vehicles.
- m. Heads of departments and enterprise fund activities, and chairs of boards, committees, and commissions shall ensure that each vehicle has a repair and maintenance log that includes, but is not limited to: 1) lubrication, oil, and filter changes, 2) annual brake inspections, 3) annual tire rotation and balance, 4) annual emission service, 5) annual engine performance service, and 6) all repairs. These logs shall be forwarded to the Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator on an annual basis and shall at all times be subject to the public records law. An exception shall be made for Police Department confidential and/or undercover vehicles, the repair and maintenance logs for such vehicles being retained at the Police Department and not subject to the public records law.
- n. Heads of departments and enterprise fund activities, and chairs of boards, committees, and commissions shall ensure that each vehicle has an operations log that includes 1) start date and time, 2) odometer reading at start, 3) location at start, 4) end date and time, 5) odometer reading at end, 6) destination, 7) driver name, and 8) date, time, and quantity of fuel added to the vehicle. Logs shall also be maintained on any and all contract vehicles for which fuel and/or spare parts are provided from inventory or at public expense. These logs shall be certified as accurate by the operator on a daily basis and countersigned by the head of the department or enterprise fund activity or chairs of boards, committees or commissions.
- o. Heads of departments and enterprise fund activities, and chairs of boards, committees, and commissions shall submit their vehicle utilization logs, along with a monthly recapitulation for each vehicle of miles driven and gallons of fuel consumed with a miles-per-gallon computation to the Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator on a monthly basis and shall at all times be subject to the public records law. The Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator shall take particular note of any deviation from the manufacturers' expected miles-per-gallon rating and cause the vehicle to undergo an engine performance review. Operators of vehicles found to be within tolerance of manufacturers'

miles per gallon rating but that deviate from that rating on the monthly log submission shall be counseled on the proper use of the log for a first infraction. Subsequent infractions may cause the operator to be placed on leave-without-pay for a period of one week or subject to employment termination. An exception shall be made for Police Department confidential/undercover vehicles, the operations logs for such vehicles being retained at the Police Department and not subject to the public records law.

???4 VEHICLE USE:

- a. Town vehicles shall be operated only by Town employees or individuals explicitly designated to use Town vehicles in the conduct of official Town business..
- b. Vehicle operators shall be appropriately licensed for the class of vehicle being operated.
- c. Vehicle operators shall not use the vehicles for domicile travel or overnight travel except for those instances identified in ???3(c) above.
- d. Vehicle operators shall obey all state and local traffic and parking laws and regulations. Any legal action resulting from violation of such laws and regulations shall be the responsibility of the vehicle operator. Vehicle operators will be solely responsible for all fines and penalties.
- e. Liability for any and all accidents occurring during use of vehicles in violation of this By-law shall be the sole responsibility of the vehicle operator.
- f. Smoking is prohibited in all Town vehicles at all times.
- g. Vehicle operators shall never use a Town vehicle to carry any passenger not explicitly connected with the Town business for which the vehicle is being used.
- h. Vehicle operators shall use Town vehicles only to conduct official Town business; at no time shall a Town vehicle be used for personal reasons, including stopping at commercial or retail establishments for any reason

not explicitly connected with Town business.

- i. Vehicle operators shall ensure that they and their passengers utilize the seat belts or safety harnesses.
- j. Vehicle operators shall not operate under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Any employee arrested for operating a Town vehicle under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances shall lose all privileges to operate a Town vehicle pending the outcome of the charges. If an employee is convicted, or pleads guilty, or pleads to sufficient facts, he/she will be subject to employment termination procedures.
- k. Vehicle operators alleged to have operated a Town vehicle in violation of this By-law shall appear before an administrative hearing by a panel

comprised of the Uxbridge Vehicle Fleet Administrator, one member of the Board of Selectmen, the head of the administrative element involved, and a union representative if appropriate. If found culpable, the vehicle operator shall be subject to suspension without pay for a period of not less than 3 working days and not more than 30 working days depending on the severity of the violation.

SPONSOR: Citizen Petition

MOTION: *No Motion*

RECOMMENDATION OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Unfavorable action (2-1-0)

RECOMMENDATION OF

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Unfavorable action (6-1-0)

The Finance Committee believes this subject should be governed by a town

policy and not a town bylaw. Bylaws, which require the approval of town meeting, can be difficult to change. The Board of Selectmen and/or Town Manager are in a better position to set the policies on the use of town assets. The Finance Committee agrees with the petitioners on the need for a policy governing the use of town vehicles.

VOTE NEEDED: 2/3 majority vote

No motion.

No action on Article 31

All articles having been acted on, there was a motion to dissolve the 2008 Annual Spring Town Meeting.

The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32pm.

A true attest,
Joseph H. Kaplan
Uxbridge Town Clerk

Presidential Primary – February 5, 2008

Democratic Presidential Preference

Candidate	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	TOTAL
Blanks	1	1	0	3	5
Edwards	7	17	3	5	32
Clinton	307	419	308	332	1366
Biden	0	3	4	1	8
Dodd	0	2	1	0	3
Gravel	1	0	0	0	1
Obama	160	209	177	158	704
Kucinich	0	1	0	0	1
Richardson	1	0	2	0	3
No Preference	6	3	2	4	15
Write-Ins	2	1	0	0	3
TOTALS	485	656	497	503	2141

Republican Presidential Preference

Candidate	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	TOTAL
Blanks	0	1	2	0	3
McCain	134	155	121	103	513
Thompson	0	0	0	0	0
Tancredo	0	0	0	0	0
Hunter	0	0	1	0	1
Huckabee	19	18	27	10	74
Romney	171	150	222	193	736
Paul	15	5	10	11	41
Giuliani	2	1	5	1	9
No Preference	1	4	1	0	6
Write-Ins	0	1	2	0	3
TOTALS	342	335	391	318	1386

Green-Rainbow Presidential Preference

Candidate	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	1	0	1
Ball	0	0	0	0	0
Nader	0	1	0	0	1
Brown	0	0	0	0	0
Swift	0	0	0	0	0
McKinney	0	0	0	0	0
Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	1	0	0	1
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	1
TOTALS	0	2	1	1	4

There were no candidates on the Working Families Presidential Primary Ballot, though one (1) write-in ballot was cast.

TOTAL Ballots Cast: 3532

Attest,
Joseph H. Kaplan, Uxbridge Town Clerk

Presidential Primary – February 5, 2008

Uxbridge Republican Town Committee <i>Elected to 4-year term</i>		Uxbridge Democratic Town Committee <i>Elected to 4-year term</i>	
KEVIN J. KUROS	556	GREGG L. BERTONAZZI	1058
PETER QUINTILIANI, SR	499	MICHELLE K. TAPARAUSKY	898
JOHN J. MORAWSKI	474	ANNA M. CHINAPPI	922
MICHAEL RICHARD POTASKI	525	GEORGE V. SHEA, JR.	997
JEFFREY T. SHAW	468	ROBERT M. HALEY	900
STEVEN BERUBE	542	PAULINE M. HALEY	908
WILLIAM M. BROWN	459	MARIAN G. BAKER	998
ROBERT E. BURBANK	474	RONA A. NARDONE	863
CAROLEE W. BURBANK	474	ROLAND A. GERVAIS	913
MICHAEL E. CONNORS	469	JOHN H. KARAGOSIAN	895
GREGG A. CONSOLETTI	475	CECELIA BOATMAN	886
PETER DEMERS	521	PAUL D. DAIGLE	968
DENIS J. DORR	512	PATRICIA A. DAIGLE	950
HAROLD J. KLEI	486	MARGARET L. PAUL	961
JENNIFER B. MODICA	477	ROBERT G. PAUL	943
ROBERT NEALON, III	456	RICHARD A. MARQUIS	847
PAUL E. NEWMAN	495	MARY JO BAZARIAN MURRAY	873
LANNY E. REMILLARD	538	JOHN H. McQUADE	1040
HOWARD W. FORTNER, JR.	487	JAMES W. ZACOPOULAS	868
LINDA J. KUROS	502	ARTHUR O. DUBOIS, JR.	1068
PHILLIP J. MELENDY	458	SUSAN H. DUBOIS	1018
DAVID J. MORIARTY	545	PAULINE L. McCUE	1024
PHYLLIS A. SMYTH	493	MICHAEL F. ROBERTSON	908
JOHN T. TRAVALINE	485	JAMES MICHAEL DAVIS	904
KATHLEEN A. TRAVALINE	488	KARIN D. KNAPIK	1008
RACHEL B. WRIGHT	474	KAREN M. PASCUCCI	973
RAYMOND J. WRIGHT	474	ALMA E. DeMANCHE	871
		JOHN K. DeMANCHE	859
		LISA R. BERTONAZZI	984
		RICHARD T. MOORE	1284
		JOANNE MOORE	1074
		JOANNE JUDKINS	872
		JUDITH LANOUE	914

Vital Statistics - July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

BIRTHS – 132

MARRIAGES – 65

DEATHS – 104

Town Election – May 20, 2008

	PRECINCT 1			PRECINCT 2			PRECINCT 3			PRECINCT 4			Grand Total
	Machine	Hand Ct	Total	Machine	Hand Ct	Total	Machine	Hand Ct	Total	Machine	Hand Ct	Total	
Board of Selectmen (1) 3 yr													
Blanks	2		2	5		5	2		2	4		4	13
Peter Baghdasarian	159		159	224		224	130		130	130	1	131	644
Cari Kay Robertson	113		113	151		151	123		123	187		187	574
Write-In's Scattered	2		2	6		6	1		1	2		2	11
TOTALS			276			386			256			324	1242
School Committee (2) 3 yr. term													
Blanks	244		244	342		342	200		200	271	1	272	1058
Ernest F Esposito	153		153	224		224	159		159	187	1	188	724
Mary-Meg Walsh	153		153	196		196	150		150	173		173	672
Write-In's Scattered	2		2	10		10	3		3	15		15	30
TOTALS			552			772			512			648	2484
Finance Committee (1) 3 yr. term													
Blanks	253		253	343		343	242		242	287	1	288	1126
Write-In's Scattered	16		16	43		43	8		8	16		16	83
Charles E. Maharay	7		7	0		0	6		6	20		20	33
TOTALS			276			386			256			324	1242
Housing Authority (1) 5 yr. term													
Blanks	110		110	158		158	90		90	137		137	495
Alice M. Picard	165		165	228		228	165		165	184	1	185	743
Write-In's Scattered	1		1	0		0	1		1	2		2	4
TOTALS			276			386			256			324	1242
Board of Library Trustees (2) 3 yr													
Blanks	525		525	738		738	492		492	609	2	611	2366
Write-In's Scattered	17		17	20		20	14		14	24		24	75
Daniel Donovan	7		7	10		10	5		5	11		11	33
Daniel Baker	3		3	4		4	1		1	2		2	10
TOTALS			552			772			512			648	2484
Board of Library Trustees (1) 2 yr													
Blanks	108		108	156		156	85		85	135		135	484
Arthur A. Jackman III	166		166	229		229	169		169	185	1	186	750
Write-In's Scattered	2		2	1		1	2		2	3		3	8
TOTALS			276			386			256		324		1242
Board of Library Trustees (1) 1 yr													
Blanks	264		264	364		364	252		252	308	1	309	1189
Write-In's Scattered	11		11	19		19	4		4	13		13	47
Gail Shields	1		1	3		3	0		0	2		2	6
TOTALS			276			386			256			324	1242
Edward C.Thayer Fund Trustee (1) 3 yr.													
Blanks	109		109	153		153	88		88	118		118	468
Karin Knapik	165		165	232		232	165		165	202	1	203	765
Write-In	2		2	1		1	3		3	3		3	9
TOTALS			276			386			256			324	1242
Town Moderator (1) 3 yr. term													
Blanks	105		105	146		146	85		85	118		118	454
Harold J. Klei	168		168	234		234	167		167	200	1	201	770
Write-In's Scattered	3		3	6		6	4		4	5		5	18
TOTALS			276			386			256			324	1242



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT	278-2787
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	278-7755
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	278-8602
BOARD OF HEALTH	278-8604
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	278-8600
BUILDING INSPECTOR	278-8603
CABLE ACCESS COORDINATOR	278-0708
CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR	278-8610
COUNCIL ON AGING/SENIOR CTR.	278-8622
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	278-8616
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	278-8603
FIRE DEPARTMENT	278-2787
HIGH SCHOOL	278-8634/8633
HIGHWAY DIVISION	278-8626
HOUSING AUTHORITY	278-3232
LIBRARY	278-8624
PLANNING/ZONING DEPARTMENT	278-6487
PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR	278-8603
POLICE DEPARTMENT	278-7755
SEWER DIVISION	278-2887
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	278-8648
TAFT SCHOOL	278-8643
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	278-8696
TOWN CLERK	278-3156
TOWN MANAGER	278-8600
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	278-8606/8607
VETERANS SERVICES	234-9808
WATER DIVISION	278-8631
WHITIN SCHOOL	278-8640

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN	278-8605
COUNCIL ON AGING	278-5246
DPW	278-3179
FIRE DEPARTMENT	278-8623
LIBRARY	278-8618
POLICE DEPARTMENT	278-6629
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	278-8612
TOWN CLERK	278-3154