

TOWN OF BOYLSTON

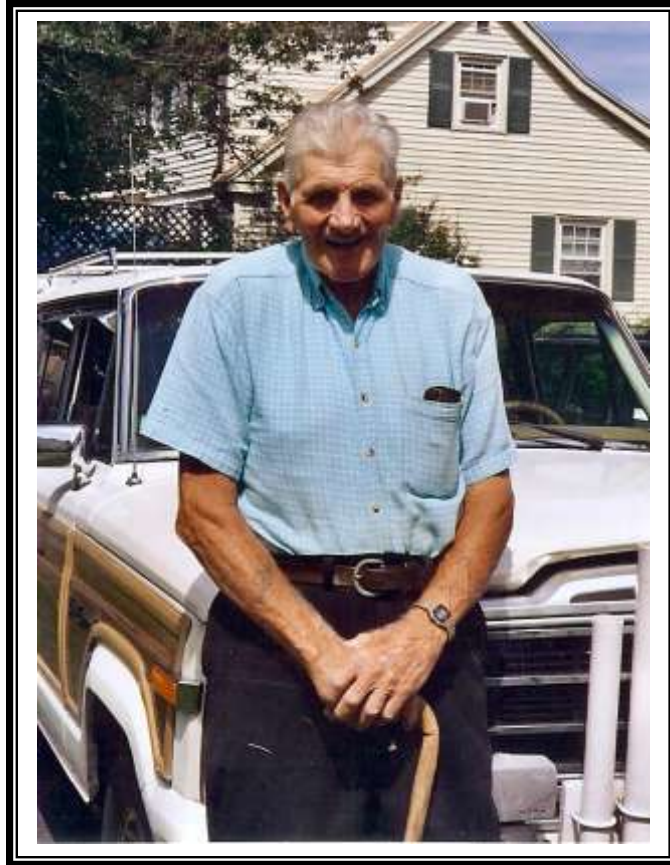


2009 ANNUAL REPORT

*Boylston's 2009 Annual Town Report
is dedicated to*

Andrew Bunikis

June 22, 1922- February 21, 2009



Andrew Bunikis spent most of his life in Boylston. Andy served in the merchant marines during World War II and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Coast Guard. His war years took him to many ports. From 1949 to 1954 he served under the Army of Transportation Corp.

After his discharge to Boylston, he married and had two children. Andy worked for Thompson-Liston as a land surveyor. He walked and surveyed almost every inch of land in Town. He knew whether an area would “perk” or not even before the test was done. His wealth of knowledge in this area was invaluable.

Andy is best known for his service to the Town of Boylston. He was a Selectman and also served as an Assessor for more than 25 years. He loved the Cape and spent many summers on the beaches at Truro in his old beach buggy. Andy loved to fish and he loved to go to the local American League baseball games there.

The Board of Assessors respected Andy for his work and his outstanding contribution on the Board.

In Memorium 2009

<i>Marsha Anne Gilbert</i>	<i>January 15th</i>
<i>Arpenik Azizian</i>	<i>January 17th</i>
<i>Robert S. DeMarco</i>	<i>February 13th</i>
<i>Andrew R. Buníkis</i>	<i>February 21st</i>
<i>Delena Elizabeth Fahey</i>	<i>February 28th</i>
<i>Robert John Osper</i>	<i>March 7th</i>
<i>Sharon A. Harris</i>	<i>March 17th</i>
<i>Mildred Garrett</i>	<i>March 18th</i>
<i>Virginia M. Turcotte</i>	<i>March 23rd</i>
<i>Robert A. Bedard</i>	<i>April 1st</i>
<i>Marilyn Jean Dalton</i>	<i>April 7th</i>
<i>Pauline E. Lavallee</i>	<i>April 11th</i>
<i>Sally Ann Richards</i>	<i>April 24th</i>
<i>Paul H. Larson</i>	<i>May 10th</i>
<i>Joseph Gerard Donnelly</i>	<i>May 11th</i>
<i>Vera M. Nichols</i>	<i>May 11th</i>
<i>George Joseph Sonntag</i>	<i>May 13th</i>
<i>Doris Octive Nason</i>	<i>June 15th</i>
<i>Evelyn E. Harrington</i>	<i>June 18th</i>
<i>Robert H. Cantillon</i>	<i>July 3rd</i>
<i>John E. Dunn</i>	<i>July 14th</i>
<i>Linda Mary Balvin</i>	<i>July 24th</i>
<i>Beatrice G. Rogers</i>	<i>August 11th</i>
<i>Merton W. Billington</i>	<i>September 9th</i>
<i>Robert F. Doyle</i>	<i>October 5th</i>
<i>John Woodbury Kidder</i>	<i>October 13th</i>
<i>Jon Miles</i>	<i>November 9th</i>
<i>Joseph Nicholas Lane, Jr.</i>	<i>December 14th</i>



TOWN OF BOYLSTON

POPULATION: 4,300

Government:

Open Town Meeting, Three-Member Board of Selectmen

Annual Town Meeting: First Monday in May

Annual Town Election: Second Monday in May

Boylston was first settled in 1722, initially as part of Shrewsbury and Lancaster. It became the North Precinct of Shrewsbury in 1742 and was incorporated as the Town of Boylston on March 1, 1786.

For the first 100 years, agriculture was the base of the economy. Mills were attracted to the area in the early 1800s as the Nashua River was a good source of water supply. With the arrival of the railroad in 1870, the village of Sawyer's Mills became a prosperous industrial community. Half of Boylston's tax base and population depended on it by 1895.

The construction of the Wachusett Reservoir brought a halt to the mills and the thriving industrial community. Many families left to find work and homes elsewhere. The Metropolitan District Commission currently owns over 4,000 acres of land, which comprises one third of Boylston's land area.

After World War II and the return of servicemen, building grew in the Morningdale area to meet the new housing demands. Completion of Routes I-290 and 495 again spurred a surge in building, allowing easy access from Boylston to all major cities.

Ward Nicholas Boylston of Princeton gave 40 pounds in 1799 and Thomas Boylston of London willed 1500 pounds in 1816 to be used to finance the building of a school. We are part of the Tahanto Regional School system that includes the Town of Berlin. Our kindergarten through grade six is housed in a non-regional building on Sewall Street. Grades seven through twelve are housed at Tahanto Regional School on Main Street in Boylston.

The Town Offices and Police Station are located at Hillside, 221 Main Street. The Fire and Highway Departments are located in the center of town next to the Town House at 599 Main Street. The Boylston Public Library is in the center of town. The Historical Society and Museum are located in the Old Town Hall, at the northeast end of the Common in the center of Town.

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS **2009**

(Terms expire in May of specified year.)

MODERATOR

Dennis Pojani 2010

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

John McQuade 2012
Edward Kimball 2011
Alden Gates 2010

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger Deal 2012
James Stanton 2011
Kenneth Sydow 2010

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

VACANT 2012
VACANT 2011
Richard Reardon 2011
Brad Barker 2010
Kenneth Linnell 2010

TOWN CLERK

Sandra Bourassa 2011

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

James Holyoak 2012
Paul O'Connor 2011
Carl Cravedi 2010

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Robert Doyle 2012
Kenneth Franz 2011
Mary Jasper 2010

BOARD OF HEALTH

Gerald Gleich, Chair 2012
Lorie Martiska 2011
Matthew Mecum 2010

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Joseph DeCelie 2014
Rudy Lambracht* 2013
Alan Cosimini 2012
Penny Rickel 2011
Sue Tolles 2010

* resigning as of May 2010

PLANNING BOARD

Richard Baker 2014
Kim Ames 2013
Jennifer McGrath (resigned) 2012
William Manter 2012
Julia Hucknall 2011
Raymond Duffy 2010

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Brad Wyatt 2012
Lawrence Brenner 2011
Rebecca Dono Healy 2010

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

2009

(Terms expire in June of specified year.)

LEGISLATIVE LIASON

Nancy Colbert Puff 2010

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

TREE WARDEN

GYPSY BROWN-TAIL MOTH INSPECTOR

RIGHT-TO-KNOW COORDINATOR

Donald Parker 2010

INDIGENT SERVICEMEN'S BURIAL

AGENT and OVERSEER OF

SERVICEMEN'S GRAVES

Vincent Perrone 2010

PARKING CLERK

Sandra Bourassa 2010

COUNCIL ON AGING COORDINATOR/

OUTREACH WORKER

Jane Meegan 2010

SOCIAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

NUTRITION SITE FOR ELDERLY

MEALS-ON-WHEELS COORDINATOR

Janice Ressiguie 2010

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Vacancy 2010

FENCE VIEWER and SURVEYOR OF

HOOPS AND STAVES

Oswald Sauer 2010

CENTRAL MASS REGIONAL PLANNING

COMMISSION and TRANSPORTATION

IMPROVEMENT

VACANCY, Representative for
Town of Boylston 2010

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Daniel Haynes (through 10/2009)
Nancy Nykiel 2010

TOWN COUNSEL

Steven Madaus 2010

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Alyce Johns 2010

ASSISTANT TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Joseph Daigneault 2010

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO

BOARD OF SELECTMAN and

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Lori Esposito 2010

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Donald Parker 2010

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mark Bertonassi 2010

Tom Dillon – Alternate 2010

Larry Brandt – Alternate 2010

GAS/PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Eric Johnson and 2010

Richard Lapan, Assistant 2010

WIRING INSPECTOR

James Morrill and 2010

Thomas O'Connor, Assistant 2010

SANITATION AGENT

Dennis Costello 2010

TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN

Nancy Colbert Puff 2010

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

2009

Terms expire in May of specified year.)

ADA COMMITTEE

VACANCY	2010
VACANCY	2010

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Michael Borsuk	2010
VACANCY, Appeals Board	2010
VACANCY, At Large	2010
VACANCY, At Large	2010
VACANCY, At Large	2010

APPEALS BOARD

VACANCY	2009
VACANCY	2010
Janet Lombardi	2011
William Filsinger	2012
Robert Cotter	2013
Arlene Murphy, Associate Member	2010
Larry Campo, Associate Member	2010

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Phyllis Gaucher	2012
Mary Jasper	2010
Mary Morrill	2011

BUSINESS MARKETING COMMITTEE

Herb Cronin	2010
Ed DeCastro	2010
Ronald Wagner	2010

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Michael Ridinger	2010
Thomas Martiska	2010
VACANCY	2010
VACANCY	2010

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Herbert Cronin, By Finance Cte	2010
VACANCY, Planning Board	2010
VACANCY, Finance Committee	2010
VACANCY, BOS	2010
VACANCY, At Large	2010

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mark Coakley	2011
Joe McGrath	2011
Charlene Franz	2011
Chip Burkhardt	2012
VACANCY	2010
Wendy Lonstein	2010
Jeffrey Walsh	2010
Theresa Prunier, Assoc Member	2010

COUNCIL ON AGING

Eugene Dodd	2010
John Faucher	2010
Jean Gates	2010
Dennis Goguen	2010
Gertrude Peterson	2010
Oswald Sauer	2010
Mary Seed	2010
Karen Tremblay	2010
David Wheeler	2010
Jane Meegan	2010

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Susan Boucher	2010
Carolyn Crane	2010
Carolyn Zagame	2010
VACANCY	2010
VACANCY	2010

EARTH REMOVAL BOARD

Arthur Gibree, Board of Selectmen	2010
Dennis Costello, BOH	2010
Kim Ames, Planning Board	2010
Charlene Franz, Conserv Commission	2010
Janet Lombardi, Appeals Board	2010

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Karen McGahie	2011
Steven Dorval	2011
Eric Brose	2012
Herbert Cronin	2010
Tim Houlihan	2010
VACANCY	2012

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, CONTINUED

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Marjorie O'Connell	2011
Karen Perry	2011
VACANCY (Peter Haynes)	2012
Catherine Richard	2012
Bruce Symonds	2010
Gerald Jones	2010

HISTORIC COMMISSION

David Bottom	2011
Judith Bottom	2011
Judith Haynes	2012
Ken Linell	2012
Bruce Symonds	2010
Paul Kalinowski	2010

HOMELAND SECURITY

Dennis Costello, BOH Agent	2010
Don Parker, DPW Superintendent	2010
Anthony Sahagian, Police Chief	2010
Joseph Flanagan, Fire Chief	2010
Mary Jasper, At Large	2010

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Joseph Larkin	2010
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OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Vacancy, Parks and Recreation	Pending
Vacancy, Conservation Commission	Pending
Vacancy, At Large	2010
Janet Golas-Shah, At Large	2010
Vacancy, At Large	Pending

PERSONNEL BOARD

Richard Prince	2010
John Stowe	2010
VACANCY	2010
VACANCY	2010
VACANCY	2010

SENIOR TAX REBATE COMMITTEE

Jane Meegan	2010
Sandra Bourassa	2010
Mary Jasper	2010
Town Administrator, Ex Officio	2010
Town Treasurer, Ex Officio	2010

STORM WATER COMMITTEE

Don Parker, Highway Superintendent	2010
VACANCY, Conservation Comm	2010
VACANCY, Board of Health	2010
Joe McGrath, Advisory Capacity	2010

TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE

Donald Parker	2010
Janice Resseguie	2010

TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE

Lori Esposito	2010
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FIRE DEPARTMENT 2009 STAFF

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN:

Joseph Flanagan – EMT

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF:

Matthew Ronn – EMT

CAPTAIN:

Donald MacKenzie, - EMT

LIEUTENANTS:

**DEPUTY EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR:**

**FIREFIGHTERS/
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS:**

PHOTOGRAPHER:

William Richardson

CHAPLAIN:

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2009 ROSTER

Chief of Police

Anthony G. Sahagian

Detective Sergeant

Scott P. Szymkiewicz

Patrol Sergeant

Michael J. Donahue

Patrol Officers

Ronald R. Rajotte*

Philip E. Bazydlo

Russell N. Parker

Robert C. Thomas

Robert M. Barbato

Mark L. Shepard

Jared B. Piche

Full-time Dispatchers

Pamela D. Rudge**

Lynn F. Purcell

Daniel E. Spencer

Sonja J. Collins***

On-call Dispatchers

Bonnie E. White

Daniel T. Martin

Melissa S. Parker

Administrative Assistant

Christine Bissonnette

All Full-time Police Officers serve as Constables

*D.A.R.E and School/Town Safety Officer/Detective Patrolman

**Head Dispatcher

*** Resigned

As of Dec 31, 2009

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present to the residents of Boylston its Annual Report for the year 2009. The Board has issued all necessary permits and licenses as required by the Statutes. All state and federal certificates were filed as required and the necessary appointments were made. All business that came before the Board was handled in the best interest of the Town and its residents.

The composition of the Board remained unchanged in the year 2009. In May, Selectman Roger Deal ran for re-election against new candidate Matt Mecum. Both men ran a formidable campaign, with a very tight race to the end. Mr. Deal was ultimately re-elected after defeating Mr. Mecum by a margin of only 13 votes. After the election, the board was reorganized. Mr. Stanton was nominated and voted unanimously to serve as Chair of the Board. Also voted unanimously by the Board was Mr. Deal to serve as Vice Chairman, and Mr. Sydow to serve as Clerk.

Throughout 2009, the Board of Selectmen continued to work towards balancing the needs of residents and services provided with a budget that has been continually challenged with a difficult economy, reduced state revenues and a declining rate of new growth within the Town. The Board strongly believes that attracting new, controlled business to Boylston will help alleviate the burden of residential taxes that makes up the majority of our tax revenue. Working toward this end, several changes to Boylston's Zoning Bylaw affecting primarily the Route 140 Corridor were presented and accepted at the Annual Town meeting, as well as a Special Town meeting in November. These changes not only incorporated Chapter 43D changes to expedite our permitting processes, but also modernized them where necessary and made zoning changes that would assist in attracting new business to town while also allowing us greater control of business types and land usage.

At the start of 2009, the Revenue Study Committee released their findings in a report titled "Study of Revenues and Expenditures". After several meetings and compiling documentation, this report is a very informative, in-depth analysis of the Town's FY'03-FY'09 revenues and expenditures, as well as the committee's recommendations. Their report, which also includes a forecast for FY'10, is available in the Selectmen's Office as well as online on the front page of Boylston's website (www.boylston-ma.gov).

Subsequently, with the Board's support and at the Committee's recommendation, a Business Marketing Committee was formed to assist in developing a plan to attract business and commercial development to Boylston. This marketing committee continues to work tirelessly on behalf of the Town's residents.

In August 2009, F. Ellen McKay retired as Town Treasurer and Collector. We would like to thank Ellen for her service in Boylston and wish her well in her retirement. In October 2009, Dan Haynes resigned as Town Accountant to pursue additional business ventures. Dan has been with the Town for several years, and we would also like to thank him for his years of tireless service. His replacement, Nancy Nykiel, came with high recommendation and we are very happy to welcome her to Boylston.

The Board would also like to recognize Mr. Andrew Bunikis, who served on the Board of Assessors until his passing in February 2009. Andy was a lifelong resident who dedicated years of service to Boylston and will be missed.

The Board of Selectmen meets every other Monday at 6:30 PM, (unless otherwise specified), with the exception of holidays and the posted summer schedule. The Selectmen are here to serve your needs and welcome your attendance and inquiries and meetings.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Lori Esposito, Administrative Assistant in the Selectmen's office at 508-869-2093 or via email at lesposito@boylston-ma.gov.

The Board of Selectmen held twenty-four (24) regular meetings, six (6) executive sessions and five (5) special/emergency meetings in the year 2009 and their attendance was recorded as follows:

James Stanton: 24 of 24 regular meetings
6 of 6 executive sessions
5 of 5 special meetings

Roger Deal: 23 of 24 regular meetings
6 of 6 executive sessions
5 of 5 special meetings

Ken Sydow 23 of 24 regular meetings
6 of 6 executive sessions
4 of 5 special meetings

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Hello Boylston! It is a true pleasure to be able to provide my first annual report as your Town Administrator. From the “Welcome to Boylston, Nancy” cake shared at my first meeting with the Board of Selectmen, to the monthly invitation I receive to the “Men’s” Breakfast at the Congregational Church, I have found the Boylston community to be friendly, engaged, and supportive of Town government.

Likewise, I feel fortunate to be working with a group of dedicated co-workers and volunteers who take pride in our shared mission to serve the public. Many thanks to my colleagues for making my first year in Boylston so enjoyable and fulfilling.

Together, we accomplished much during the year. Following are some highlights:

- I. **Budget Management & Revenue Generation:** Confronted with sharply reduced revenues and diminishing State Aid, the town has been diligent in identifying ways to manage its expenses, control costs, and build its strategic reserves. In addition, the Town has aggressively pursued new sources of revenue to support its activities.
 - a. ***Study of Revenues and Expenditures:*** We reviewed the work of the Revenue Study Committee and distributed its findings widely throughout the community. We conducted a progress assessment on its recommendations at mid-year, and pursue implementation.
 - b. ***Insurance Savings:*** We successfully negotiated and implemented co-pay changes to our group insurance that resulted in annual premium savings – many thanks to Town employees who supported this change. Employees who participated in a variety of workshops designed to reduce our liability also contributed towards reducing our costs.
 - c. ***Spending Freezes:*** We responded to mid-year cuts in State aid by implementing an overall spending freeze across all departments.
 - d. ***School Budgeting:*** We worked closely with the School Department to produce a balanced budget for FY2010.
 - e. ***Stabilization Account Increased:*** The Town added \$300,000 to its stabilization account, bringing its balance to just over \$790,000. When combined with our Capital Fund Account (\$56,000) and our DPW Facility Account (\$135,000), these reserves amount to approximately 8% of our operating budget.
 - f. ***Revenue Generation:***
 - i. ***Grant Revenue:*** Across all departments, the Town submitted competitive grant applications for a total of over \$1.7 million to supplement the Town budget. We received over \$700,000 in grant funding so far, and await decisions on many remaining requests.
 - ii. ***MOB Lease:*** We finalized a 3-year lease (\$85,883/yr.) with the Municipal Police Training Committee.
 - iii. ***Investment Policy:*** We adopted a policy to guide the Town in making prudent investments and to guard against choosing inappropriate vehicles for the Town’s reserves.
 - iv. ***Town Properties to Auction:*** We identified 9 tax title parcels to be auctioned in Spring, 2010. Their assessed value totals around \$945,000.
 - v. ***Cell Tower Ground Leases:*** We received bids to lease 2 town-owned properties for cell tower use. Each bid is for \$25,000/year with a 3% increase each year for 20 years. In addition, Town Meeting approved of zoning changes to enable this result.
 - vi. ***Business Marketing Committee:*** The newly-established business marketing committee has been working to promote economic development in Town. They have worked closely with the Route 140 Corridor Study team, and will also be investigating potential gravel resources at Hillside for a one-time revenue boost while preparing for future development.
- II. **Service Enhancements:** We instituted several operational improvements over the course of the year. And, we served the community in extraordinary ways. These included:
 - ***Ice Storm:*** The Town’s response to the ice storm was nothing short of extraordinary. After the emergency response, the clean up was conducted by Highway and Light Department staff during normal business hours.

This resulted in great savings to the Town.

- ***Applicant Advisory Committee:*** The AAC met twice this year to assist applicants in the permitting process. Each session clearly outlined permits required, potential concerns, and application procedures. We have high expectations that the AAC will grow into a valued resource for all those who seek to develop property in Boylston.
- ***Regional Recycling Center:*** We continued to work with regional partners to establish and open the regional recycling center located on Raymond Huntington Drive in West Boylston. The first collection was held on December 5, 2009.
- ***Geographic Information System & Pictometry:*** With the Conservation Commission's participation, we took advantage of a State grant to obtain GIS software which has enabled the development of a fledgling GIS system. In addition, The Central Mass Regional Planning Agency (CMRPC) has installed Pictometry on several town hall computers, which allows staff to look at detailed imagery of the entire town and region. We have shared information with DCR, and they are working to update our information on parcels they own.
- ***Permit Tracking System:*** We have acquired and have begun working to develop a permit-tracking system for all departments, boards, and commissions who have regulatory responsibilities. All Conservation Commission decisions and Building Permits have been entered into databases.
- ***Expedited Permitting Zoning and Bylaw Changes:*** We adopted several changes pursuant to Chapter 43D which clarify procedures for applicants seeking 43D approvals.
- ***Marijuana Bylaw:*** Town Meeting passed a bylaw to prohibit marijuana use in public places.
- ***Storm Drain Bylaw:*** We adopted a storm drain bylaw to prevent pollutants from entering our storm sewer system.
- ***On-Line Bill Pay:*** Through the Treasurer/Collector's office, we have instated an on-line bill pay system for real estate, personal property, and excise bills.
- ***Web Site Improvements:*** We have posted all assessor maps on line, and have made several other improvements in an effort to meet goals for open government set by Common Cause.
- ***Building Department Customer Service Survey:*** We conducted internal and external surveys to evaluate the service provided by the Building Department. Respondents indicated a high level of approval for the service provided by Inspector Mark Bertonassi and members of the department staff.

III. Projects: We have managed a variety of projects that have or may result in expense reductions, revenue increases, and/or improved services to the community. These include:

- ***Route 140 Corridor Study:*** We continue to work with a consulting team to identify how the Town can help to maximize commercial investment along the Route 140 corridor. This study is funded in large part by a grant from the State's Chapter 43D program.
- ***Gough House Code Compliance project:*** We have assisted the Hillside Restoration Committee in managing the federal grant intended to make the building habitable. Design is on-going, and construction is scheduled for the spring. The Hillside Restoration Committee's goal is to have the building generate enough revenue to be self-sustaining and of a benefit to the community.
- ***Energy Conservation Projects:*** We solicited an evaluation of our lighting efficiency for Town Hall, the Police/School Administration Building, and portions of the Elementary School. In addition, we replaced windows on the east side of Town Hall with more energy efficient ones. We received a grant from the State for an energy audit of all Town facilities, which is expected to be complete in 2010.
- ***Tax Title/Owners Unknown Parcels:*** We continue to work with the Assessors and the Treasurer/Collector to identify which additional Town-owned lands might be appropriate for auction.
- ***Stiles Subdivision Completion:*** We are assisting the Planning Board in addressing the past-due completion of infrastructure improvements in this subdivision.
- ***Regional Dispatch:*** We are actively participating in a grant-funded project to evaluate if the Town would experience service delivery improvements and reduced expenses by joining with other communities in a regional dispatch center.
- ***HVAC Repairs to Town Hall:*** Following an unexpected pipe burst under the first floor slab, we implemented a temporary heating supply for the gym, locker rooms, and lobby areas of Town Hall and are working to design a permanent solution.

IV. Comings and Goings:

- ***Treasurer/Collector:*** In August, we celebrated the well-deserved retirement of F. Ellen McKay, Treasurer/Collector. We are grateful of her hard work on behalf of the Town, and miss her presence in Town Hall. We are also pleased, however, to welcome Alyce Johns to Boylston as our new Treasurer/Collector. Alyce comes to us from Leicester, where she was an Assistant Treasurer.
- ***Town Accountant:*** Dan Haynes, Boylston's long-time accountant, left our service in November as his firm, Hirbour and Haynes, builds its practice in the auditing arena. Dan was an extremely talented, dependable, and good-humored colleague who kept the Town's finances in top shape. Fortunately, he was able to tempt his replacement to Boylston – and we are happy to welcome Nancy Nykiel from North Brookfield to Town Hall. Nancy has extensive experience as a Town Accountant, having served several communities in this role.

Finally, special thanks to Lori Esposito and Rose Bardsley whose work serves as the backbone of the Town's administration. And, last but not least, thanks to Ken Goodwin, Facilities Technician, who keeps our Hillside buildings in great shape!

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Colbert Puff

TOWN COUNSEL

I am honored to serve the Town of Boylston as Town Counsel and I thank the Board of Selectmen for re-appointing me to this important position.

As Town Counsel I attend the Annual Town Meeting, Special Town Meetings, meetings of the Board of Selectmen and, upon request, meetings of other town boards or committees. This office provides advice and counsel to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Building Inspector, town departments, and board and committee members. I am also available to prepare and review documents and contracts and to review and respond, on behalf of the Town, to all legal matters and claims.

In 2009, this office was involved in the following general matters:

- Prepared and/or reviewed various bid documents and/or contracts or contract amendments for the procurement of various goods and services;
- Reviewed and revised warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting and for the Special Town Meeting;
- Provided advice and counsel to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator regarding the statutory requirements concerning applications for Class 2 Licenses;
- Provided counsel and drafted agreements for the Board of Selectmen regarding the expansion of the licensed premises to include golf courses, as per MGL c. 138, sec. 12;
- Participated in the review of title and use issues regarding property acquired by the Town by tax-title foreclosure;
- Advised the Board of Selectmen concerning requirements of the Open Meeting Law;
- Prepared draft amendments to the Town's General By-laws, for review and consideration by Board of Selectmen;
- Provided advice and counsel to the Planning Board and Building Inspector regarding requirements of Massachusetts Subdivision Control Law, including presenting claims on security to ensure the completion of subdivision improvements/work;
- Reviewed and revised a proposed lease of Town-owned property, to be entered with a telecommunications company; and
- Reviewed and revised a proposed contract for design services for improvements/renovations of the Town's Public Library.

Relative to litigation, we represented the Town on the following matters:

- We defended the Town's interest in response to a claim filed in the Massachusetts Land Court (Civil Action No. 09 MISC 400260). In that action, the plaintiffs sought a "right of way" easement via a cart path traveling over Town-owned property (acquired via tax taking). After the Status Conference with the Land Court, the plaintiffs ultimately agreed to dismiss the case. The dismissal was entered on the docket and accepted by the Court on September 3, 2009. No further activity is anticipated.
- We represent the Town in the matter of Mark R. Bernfeld and Linda R. Bernfeld v. Board of Assessors of the Town of Boylston pending in the Massachusetts Appeals Court (Docket No. 2009-P-1160). In this case, the Bernfelds appeal from a Final Decision and Order of the Appellate Tax Board denying the majority of their

requested tax abatement on two parcels of land. We filed our brief on behalf of the Town on August 24, 2009 and are waiting for the Court to schedule a hearing on the matter.

I understand that Fiscal Year 2011 will present another challenging year in terms of limited resources available for the Town. I look forward to working with all town departments, boards, commissions and employees in meeting these challenges by continuing to provide the Town with effective and efficient legal services.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen F. Madaus
Town Counsel

TOWN CLERK

Intentions of Marriage Filed	08	Marriages Recorded	07
Births Recorded	34	Deaths Recorded	26
Certificates Recorded/Renewed	20	Dog Licenses Issued	562
Raffle permits	4		

Number of Registered Voters (as of December 1, 2009)

Democratic	0620	Libertarian	0010
Republican	0438	Inter. 3 rd Party	0001
Unenrolled	2015	Green Party, Rainbow	0002
		American Independent	0002

Total Registered Voters as of December 1, 2009.....3,088

Please note that the Town Clerk's Office will be selling Fishing/Hunting Licenses for the Year 2010. They may be purchased during regular Town Office hours. Sandy is a notary public if you need anything notarized free of charge.

We are also a passport agent, which can be done during office hours.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sandra L. Bourassa

Town Clerk

Mary Jasper

Assistant Town Clerk

MAY 4, 2009

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER: SS

BOYLSTON

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boylston in the County of Worcester within The Commonwealth aforesaid:

GREETING:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the following places and times for the following purposes:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING In accordance with the above notice and Article III, Section 1 of the Town of Boylston By-Laws, the following articles will be considered on **Monday, May 4th, 2009, the first Monday of May, at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium, 1001 Main Street, Boylston, MA.**

Voters of the Town of Boylston, Massachusetts, met in the auditorium of the Tahanto Regional High School according to legal notice on May 4, 2009. With 146 registered voters. Selectmen, Roger Deal, Ken Sydow, James Stanton were present. Also, present were Town Administrator, Nancy Colbert Puff, Town Counsel Stephen Madaus, and Town Clerk Sandra Bourassa. Dennis Pojani, Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.. Mr. Pojani stated we had the required quorum present, Calling of the meeting and officer's return of service are in order as required. He set the bounds of the hall and introduced the Town officials. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. A MOTION by Mr. Stanton was made to waive the reading of the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Brose. Vote on the MOTION passed.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any unexpended balances of Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations, hitherto made to other accounts;

MOTION was made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as read by the Town Accountant, Dan Haynes Seconded by Mr. Sydow. The following transfers were read: to – Town Counsel Acct.# 001-151-5780-000 - \$5,000.00, Town Garage Exp. Acct.# 001-197-5780-000- \$9,000.00, Snow & Ice Removal Acct. #001-423-5780-000 \$24,819.34 and Health Insurance Acct. # 001-914-5171-000 - \$27,600.00 from Town Audit Acct. # 001-122-5385-000 - \$2,500.00, Storm Water Management - \$18,600.00, Municipal Office Expense Acct# 001-192-5780-000- \$5,000.00, Building Inspector Asst. Wages Acct # 001-241-5111-000 - \$2,000.00, Highway Expenses Acct. # 001-420-5780-000- \$33,819.34, Interest on Temp Loans Acct. # 001-752-5915-000 - \$2,000.00 and Unemployment Comp. Acct # 001-913-5171-000 - \$2,500.00 Total of \$66,419.34. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote on the taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$33,485 from the FY 2009 Vocational Education Tuition, line item 5320 in the Town Budget, to line item 5510 for funding FY 2009 expenses of the Boylston Elementary School; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as written. Seconded by Mr. Sydow. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote on MOTION passed.

MOTION made by Mr. Stanton to adjourn the meeting Seconded by Mr. Brose. Vote on MOTION passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by

Sandra L. Bourassa, Town Clerk

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 4, 2009**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER: SS

BOYLSTON

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GREETING:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the following places and times for the following purposes:

1. GENERAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 4, 2009

on Monday, the fourth (4th) of May AD, 2009 at seven fifteen (7:15) P.M., at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium, 1001 Main Street, Boylston MA, to take any action relative to the business of the Town as set forth in Articles one (1) through thirty-five (35) of this Warrant; and at its adjournment, which shall be upon completion of Town Meeting action upon all articles listed on the Warrant.

2. ELECTION AND BALLOT – MAY 11, 2008

on Monday, the eleventh (11th) of May AD, 2009, to vote by ballot at the Town's annual election, at the Boylston Town Hall, at the Hillside Municipal Complex located at 221 Main Street within the Town of Boylston, with polls opening at twelve o'clock (12:00) noon and closing at eight o'clock (8:00) P.M. on the following:

ARTICLE 36. To vote by official ballot for the necessary Town Officers, namely:

One (1) Selectman for three (3) years; One (1) Assessor for three (3) years; One (1) Assessor for two (2) years; One (1) Board of Health member for three (3) years; One (1) Planning Board member for five (5) years; One (1) Municipal Light Board member for three (3) years; Two(2) Library Trustee members for three (3) years; One (1) Library Trustee members for two (2) years; One (1) Cemetery Commissioner for three (3) years; One (1) Parks and Recreation Commission member for five (5) years; One (1) Parks and Recreation Commission member for one (1) year; One (1) School Committee member for three (3) years.

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MOTION was made by Mr. Stanton accept article 1-14 as a group. Seconded by Mr. Brose. MOTION passes. MOTION made by Mr. Stanton to accept article 1-14 as written in the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Brose. Selectmen recommend approval.. Finance committee recommend approval .Light Dept recommends article #9.. Mr. Projani asked if there were any question. With no questions Vote on the MOTION was taken MOTION passed unanimously.

***ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to choose all necessary Town officers; or act in any other way thereon.

***ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act upon the reports of Town officials and committees; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ Counsel where, in their judgment, it may be necessary under the provisions of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

***ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, and to issue a note or notes therefore and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, as amended; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of the Public Library to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and to fix the compensation therefore, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Library Trustees

***ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Commissioners of the Cemetery to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, including the appointment of a Cemetery Superintendent, and to fix the compensation therefore, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Cemetery Commission

***ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and to fix the compensation therefore, consistent with the Personnel Plan; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Planning Board

***ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a Library grant-in-aid for the purpose of purchasing books and other items at the discretion of the Library Trustees; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Library Trustees

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote that the income from sales of electricity to private consumers, or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings or for municipal power, and from jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for the Municipal Lighting Plant, the whole to be expensed by the manager of the Municipal Lighting Plant, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws; and for the purchase, sale, installation and servicing of merchandise and equipment in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1937; and for any out of state travel expense in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, and if said sum and income shall exceed said expense for the fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board; and fix the compensation of the Municipal Light Board members for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, as provided by Section 4A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as follows: Chairman - \$300.00 and two (2) members - \$300.00 each, a total of \$900.00, and such compensation to be paid from the operating account of the Municipal Light Plant; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Municipal Light Board

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to accept any highway funds from County, State or Federal agencies, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements with Mass Highway, so-called, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow from time to time during Fiscal Year 2010, in anticipation of reimbursement of said highway assistance, in conformity with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 6A for maintenance, repair, construction of Town roads and programs consistent with Chapter 90 funds, to be expended by the Highway Department; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Highway Superintendent

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to continue its use of the revolving fund, established at the May 1995 Annual Town Meeting, under and subject to the provisions of Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the following purposes:

1. To be the depository for all departmental receipts of the Cemetery Commission and from those funds to make expenditures in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Sections 41, 42, 52 and 56 for the following:

- a. For operational purposes other than regular wages and including the cost of grave openings and related expense,
- b. For payment of maintenance expenses including supplies and materials and part-time labor
- c. For payment of expenses related to the expansion of the cemetery
- d. For compensation for part time commissioners and clerk;
- e. To set the expenditure limit as not to exceed \$15,000;
or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Cemetery Superintendent

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to continue its use of the revolving fund established at the May 8, 2000 Annual Town Meeting, established in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be utilized for the following purposes:

1. To be the depository for engineering and advertising fees charged by the Planning Board to various developers for the plan review process.
2. To authorize expenditures from said fund to pay engineering and advertising costs associated with the plan review process.
3. To set the annual expenditure limit at \$20,000.
4. To have the Planning Board be the only board authorized to expend funds from said account; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Planning Board

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to continue its use of the revolving fund established at the May 14, 2002 Annual Meeting, established in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 53E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be utilized for the following purposes:

1. To be the depository for engineering and advertising fees charged by the Conservation Commission to various developers for the plan review process.
2. To authorize expenditures from said fund to pay engineering and advertising costs associated with the plan review process.

3. To set the annual expenditure limit at \$10,000.
4. To have the Conservation Commission be the only board authorized to expend funds from said account; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Conservation Commission

Finance Committee comments: Finance Committee recommends approval.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Recommends approval.

***ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the office of the Boylston ambulance service to continue its use of the revolving fund established at the May 2, 2005 Annual Meeting, established in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for the following purposes:

1. To be the depository for all receipts of the ambulance service and to authorize the Fire Chief to make expenditures in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Sections 41, 42, 52 and 56 for the following:
 - (a) for operational purposes other than regular wages;
 - (b) for payment of the cost of the repair, replacement and upgrading and enhancement of ambulance equipment and supplies and other related expenses; and
 - (c) for compensation for non-salary emergency medical technician/inspection and fire education services for the Fire Department.
2. To set the expenditure limit of \$262,480; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Fire Department

Finance Committee recommendation: will be made at the Town Meeting

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Recommends approval.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation for the following Town Officers: three (3) Selectmen, Town Clerk, Moderator, three (3) Assessors, three (3) School Committee members, three (3) Board of Health members, three (3) Cemetery Commissioners, five (5) Planning Board members, all in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee, and to instruct the Selectmen or other boards to fix a given compensation for the persons hired or appointed by such boards; or act in any other way thereon.

Sponsor: Personnel Board

Finance Committee comments:

Selectmen, Chair	\$ 1,354	2 members each at \$ 1,137
Town Clerk	\$ 28,536 plus fees	
Town Moderator	\$ 15	
Assessors, Chair	\$ 1,500	2 members each at \$ 1,000
School Committee, Chair	\$ 100	2 members each at \$ 50
Board of Health, Chair	\$ 277	2 members each at \$ 185.50
Cemetery Commission, Chair	\$ 213	2 members each at \$ 160
Planning Board, Chair	\$ 370	4 members each at \$ 53
Planning Board, Vice-Chair	\$ 0	
Planning Board Clerk	\$ 53	

MOTION was made by Mr. Prince, Personnel Committee to accept this article as written. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on the motion, MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Personnel Plan and By-laws by replacing Schedules A, B and C with the following; or take any action relative thereto: (proposed changes are in bold)

Section 15: Classification Schedule Amended May 2009 - Effective July 1, 2009

Classification	Position Status	Grade	<u>Hourly Rates</u>	
			Min	Max
Library Page	Hourly		8.34	8.61
Election Worker	Hourly		8.34	8.61
Town Meeting Checker	Hourly		8.34	8.61
Election Clerk	Hourly		9.29	9.29
Election Warden	Hourly		9.29	9.29
Clerical	Special Temp		8.34	11.18
Library Housekeeper	Special Part Time		9.27	10.11
Asst Laborer	Special Hourly	2		
Library Assistant/Sr. Technician	Reg. Part Time	3		
Laborer/Custodian	Reg. Full Time	3		
Emergency Medical Technician	Hourly	3		
Firefighter	Hourly	3		
Deputy Chief	Hourly	3+\$500		
Fire Captain	Hourly	3+\$300		
Fire Lieutenant	Hourly	3+\$200		
Asst Town Clerk	Special Part Time	5		
Police Service Aide	Hourly	5		
Asst. Inspector/Electrician	Hourly	5		
Assessors' Clerk	Reg. Part Time	5		
Children's Librarian	Reg. Part Time	5		
COA Coord/Community Outreach	Reg. Part Time	5		
P&R Program Coordinator	Reg. Part Time	5		
Equipment Operator/Laborer	Reg. Full Time	6		
Facilities Technician	Reg. Full Time	6		
Assistant Treasurer/Collector	Reg. Part Time	6		
Asst Library Director	Reg. Part Time	7		
Admin Asst. Board of Assessors	Reg. Part Time	7		
Admin Asst to Hwy Supt.	Reg. Part Time	7		
Admin Asst to Chief of Police	Reg. Part Time	7		
Admin Asst to Planning Board	Reg. Part Time	7		
Admin Asst to Board of Selectmen	Reg. Full Time	7		
Equipment Operator/Mechanic	Reg. Full Time	7		
Working Foreman	Reg. Full Time	8		
Admin Asst to Health & Conservation	Reg. Part Time	8		
Town Treasurer/Collector	Reg. Full Time	9		
Foreman	Reg. Full Time	9		
Building Inspector	Salaried	10		
Library Director	Salaried	11		
Fire Chief/Forest Warden	Salaried	12		
Hwy/Cemetery Superintendent	Salaried	12+\$845		
Police Chief	Salaried	14		
Town Administrator	Salaried	14		

Schedule B: Salary Compensation Schedule

Grade	Min	Mid	Max
1	9.62	11.32	13.04

2	10.38	12.27	14.09
3	11.25	13.27	15.29
4	12.12	14.28	16.41
5	13.12	15.43	17.73
6	14.19	16.68	19.17
7	15.32	17.92	20.69
8	16.53	19.44	22.34
9	17.88	20.98	24.10
10	19.30	22.67	26.07
11	20.87	24.47	28.15
12	22.50	26.43	30.37
13	24.30	28.54	32.81
14	26.24	30.82	35.42
15	28.35	33.30	38.25
16	30.61	35.97	41.31
17	33.04	38.85	44.63
18	35.67	40.87	48.19

Schedule C: Salary Compensation Schedule-

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Chairman, Registrar of Voters	\$ 693
Council on Aging, Meal Coordinator	\$ 969
Director of Veteran's Services	\$ 200
Electrical Inspector	\$ 7,688
Assistant Electrical Inspector	\$ 530
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 8,250
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	\$ 687
Gas Inspector	\$ 2,481
Assistant Gas Inspector	\$ 212
Registrar of Voters	\$ 269
Health Agent	\$ 36,016
Town Counsel	\$ -----
Dog Officer	\$ 2,026
Animal Inspector	\$ 1,165
Nurse	\$ 1,500
Vital Stat Clerk	\$ 200
Tree Warden	\$ 1,093

MOTION made by Mr. Prince to accept this article as written. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committer recommends approval Vote taken on the motion. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money not to exceed \$ 215,000 from the Hillside Receipts Reserved Account to the Appropriation Account (Account # 192-5785), for the maintenance, upkeep, repair, operations and improvements of town-owned buildings, property and land, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen;

MOTION made by Mr. Sydow to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Brose Mr. Sydow explained the article Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on motion. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to:

Amend Article VI of the General By-laws, entitled "Protection of Persons and Property," by inserting a new Section 21 after Section 20 therein, to read as follows:

Section 21. PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIHUANA (or MARIJUANA) OR
TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL

No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marihuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. c. 94C, § 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public.

This by-law may be enforced by non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Sec 21D, by the Board of Selectmen or any police officer. The fine for violation of this by-law shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. c. 94C, Sec 32L;

MOTION was made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as written. Seconded by Mr. Brose. Mr. Stanton explained the article. Mr. Seiler, 198 Linden St. asked why we need a Town by-law when there was a state one. Mr. Stanton explained why and the Police Chief explained it further. Mr. Madnick from the ACLU asked to speak, because he was a non-resident a MOTION was made to let him speak. Motion was seconded. MOTION passed. Mr. Madnick spoke on the state laws of not smoking in a public places. After a few more questions a vote was taken on the motion. MOTION passed with a stand vote of yes – 75 no -36.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 25 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws and thereby empower and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint suitable citizens of the Town to serve as Assessors for a term of not more than three (3) years, and the Board of Selectmen may remove them at any time for cause, after a hearing;

MOTION made by Mr. Sydow to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Mr. Sydow explained the article and why the selectmen wanted the Assessors position to be appointed. Mr. Cravedi, chairman, Board of Assessors spoke against the position to be appointed. There was a question on how the board would be appointed. Mr. Sydow stated as their term expired then they would be appointed. Mr. Lazar, Sewall St. stated don't take the vote away from the people. Mrs. Richardson, clerk to the Assessors stated that the selectmen had only appointed people to the position when it had been vacated due to someone resigning before the next election. Paul O'Connor, Assessor stated he is here to serve the people of the Town. Motion was made to have a paper vote, seconded, vote was taken on the motion. MOTION failed. A stand vote was taken on the article motion. MOTION was defeated..

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors, in accordance with Section 21A of Chapter 268A of the general laws, to appoint a member of said board to represent the Board of Assessors at the Appellate Tax Board, as may be necessary for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2009, and the Board of Assessors shall fix the compensation for such services;

MOTION was made by Mr. Cravedi to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint a member of said Board to represent the Board of Assessors at the Appellate Tax Board, as may be necessary for the fiscal year starting on July1, 2009, the salary for such services shall not exceed the sum of \$1,700.00, to be paid in accordance with an

hourly rate for services to be established by the Board of Assessors. Seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Cravedi explained that this article would allow one of the Board members to attend hearings instead of hiring an outside company, which would save the Town money. Vote taken on the motion, MOTION passed.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote:

I) To accept Section 147A of the Chapter 140 of the general laws; and

II) To amend Section 11, entitled “Animal Control” in Article IV of the General Bylaws by deleting subsection 11.10 therein in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11.10 In accordance with Section 151 of Chapter 140 of the general laws, the Board of Selectmen shall annually on May first designate one or more dog officers and assistant dog officers, who may be police officers or constables. The duly appointed dog officer(s), assistant dog officer(s) and the Town’s police officers shall be the enforcement officers for purposes of enforcing the provisions of this Animal Control Bylaw or any applicable provision of the general laws, including Section 173A of Chapter 140. The non-criminal penalty for any violation of this Animal Control Bylaw or for a violation of the general laws concerning the control of dogs shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per violation;

MOTION made by Mr. Deal to accept this article as written, with the correction in VI. In Article IV of the General Bylaws. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. There was a question if this changes the dog officers job, answer was no, it just allows him to fine people that violate the law. Vote was taken on motion. MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of \$25,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account for communication equipment, the repair, replacement and upgrading of ambulance equipment and supplies, reimbursement of advanced life support services provided to the town and other service related expenses;

MOTION made by Chief Flanagan to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote taken on motion, MOTION passes

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of \$47,480 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account for the purpose of funding a portion of the salary of full-time emergency medical technician/firefighter/inspector/fire prevention officer and funding a portion of weekend emergency medical technician coverage;

MOTION made by Chief Flanagan to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote was taken on the motion. MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of \$190,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved Account for the purchase of a new ambulance and updated supplies and equipment;

MOTION made by Chief Flanagan to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. The Chief explained that a new ambulance was needed and it supports itself. Vote was taken on the motion. MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will raise or appropriate a sum of \$20,000 for the purchase of a used vehicle to replace the Fire Department's Car 1, a 2000 Ford Explorer;

MOTION made by Chief Flanagan to accept this article as read, as a transfer from free cash. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote was taken on the motion. MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate a sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of purchasing fire apparatus and equipment; such sum may be used for the town's matching portion of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program;

MOTION made by Chief Flanagan to accept this article as read, as a transfer from free cash. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. The Chief explained that this was 5% of a \$700,00 grant that the Fire Dept is to receive. Vote was taken on the motion. MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds from the Treasury, the sum of \$155,000 for replacement of a front-end loader for the Highway Department;

MOTION was made by Mr. Parker, Highway Superintendent to accept this article as read, as a transfer. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Parker explained that he needed to replace the current front end loader. Vote taken on motion, MOTION passes.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Boylston Zoning Map and Zoning Bylaw as follows:

To amend the existing Zoning Map by changing the Zoning District from Residential to Industrial on a parcel of land located on the easterly side of Shrewsbury Street (Route 140) containing 2.78 acres, being shown on Assessors Map 9 as Parcel 14 and bounded and described as follows:

A certain tract of land on the easterly side of Shrewsbury Street, otherwise known as Route 140 in the Town of Boylston, County of Worcester, Massachusetts, which is bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner thereof at an iron pin on the easterly line of Shrewsbury Street at land now or formerly of one Hall;

THENCE N. 43° 32' E. a distance of 72.32 feet along said Hall land to a point at land now or formerly of R. D. and V. R. Francis;

THENCE S. 46° 28' E. a distance of 120.00 feet along land now or formerly of R. D. and V. R. Francis to a point;

THENCE N. 43° 32' E. a distance of 362.55 feet along land now or formerly of R. D. and V. R. Francis to a point which marks the intersection of a stone wall and the westerly sideline of School Street;

THENCE southeasterly along the broken stone wall and land now or formerly of B. S. Club, Inc. a distance of 268 feet more or less to a point;

THENCE continuing southeasterly along the broken stone wall and land now or formerly of B. E. Brown and P. Hastings a distance of 225 feet more or less to a point;

THENCE westerly along land now or formerly of B. E. Brown and P. Hastings a distance of 173.67 feet to a point;

THENCE in a different course but still westerly along land now or formerly of J. C. Foss a distance of 50 feet more or less to a point;

THENCE in a different course but still westerly along land now or formerly of J. C. Foss a distance of 117 feet more or less to a bound on the easterly side of Shrewsbury Street;

THENCE N 26° 25' 40'' W. along the easterly side of Shrewsbury Street a distance of 258.78 feet to the point of beginning. Containing, by estimation, 2.78 acres.

Being the same premises described in a deed from Fuller Motor Home Rentals, Inc. to Robert Fuller and Sheri L. Fuller dated December 28, 2006 and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 40462, Page 14. and

To amend the Town of Boylston Zoning Bylaw Section **9.02** Schedule of Dimensional Requirements by inserting a new Building Use category under the Industrial District as follows:

9.02 Schedule of Dimensional Requirements

District	Minimum	Minimum	<u>Minimum Setback</u>			Lot	Lot
	Lot Size	Lot Front-	Front	Side	Rear	Width	Depth
	(sq. ft.)	age (feet)	(feet)	(feet)	(feet)	(feet)	(feet)
<u>Building/Use</u>							
Industrial	Sale and rental of recreational vehicles limited to motor homes, campers, camping Trailers and related accessories.						
	2 Acres	200'	50'	50'	50'	200'	250'

MOTION was made by Mr. Fuller, citizen to accept this article as written. Seconded by Mrs. Fuller. Mr. Baker, Planning Board Chairman, explained that the citizen had submitted this bylaw change and the Planning Board had held a public hearing on it. With no objection from the meeting, the Planning recommends approval of the change. Mr. McCabe, Mr. Fuller's Attorney spoke on the article and explained what their intend is. Mr. Symonds spoke against the article and stated she was not notified on the There were a number of questions on if this was spot zoning and why the abutters were not notified about the meeting. Mr. McCabe answered the questions, it was not spot zoning and that the meeting was advertized in the paper and posted it at Town Hall covered the requirement of notifying the public. After a few more people spoke a motion was made to move the question. Motion seconded. Motion .passes. Motion was made to have a paper vote, seconded, vote on motion was defeated. Vote on article motion was taken as a stand vote, MOTION was defeated yes- 18 no – 97

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to amend the Agreement entered into between the towns of Berlin and Boylston pursuant to Chapter 510 of the Acts of 1970 pursuant to which the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District was established and now operates so as to change the method of apportioning assessments for capital costs as follows, such change to be effective upon the approval of the amendment by the Boylston Town Meeting, as follows:

1. Delete the current text of Section IV(D) in its entirety.
2. Insert the following text as Section IV(D):

(D) Apportionment of Capital Costs

Capital costs shall be apportioned for a particular school fiscal year based on each member town's Running Average Percentage for that fiscal year. For the purpose of this section, the following terms shall be defined as set forth herein:

1. A member town's "Tahanto Enrollment Percentage" for a particular fiscal year is the number of that town's resident students enrolled in the regional school district, divided by the total number of resident students of member towns enrolled in the regional school district, each determined as of October 1 of the prior fiscal year.
2. A member town's "Foundation Enrollment Percentage" for a particular fiscal year is that town's Foundation Enrollment (as defined in M.G.L. Ch. 70, sec. 2, as it may be amended from time to time) as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Education for the prior fiscal year, divided by the total Foundation Enrollment of all member towns for the prior fiscal year.
3. A member town's "Annual Average Percentage" for a particular fiscal year is the sum of its Tahanto Enrollment Percentage plus its Foundation Enrollment Percentage for that fiscal year, divided by two.
5. A member town's "Running Average Percentage" for a particular fiscal year is the sum of its Annual Average Percentage for that fiscal year plus its Annual Average Percentage for each of the three preceding fiscal years, divided by four.

MOTION made by Mrs. Dono-Healy, School Committee, to accept this article as written. Seconded by Mr. Brenner. Mr. Mc Dermott , Superintendent of Schools explained the article and that this has to be approved by Boylston and Berlin and Berlin had approved it last fall. Vote on motion taken, MOTION passes

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Boylston as required by its acceptance of G.L. c. 43D and its designation of "Priority Development Sites" there-under, by adding a new section 11.06, as follows:

11.06 11.06 PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT SITES

For any project located on a Priority Development Site (PDS), as designated by Town Meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 43D and identified in the Assessor's records as Map 11, Parcel 2; Map 11, Parcel 2-1; and Map 17, Parcel 40, decision(s) on all permit(s) hereunder, as defined in said G.L. c. 43D, as amended, whether issued by the Board of Appeals or the Planning Board, shall be rendered no later than one hundred eighty (180) days following submission of completed application(s) therefore. Said one hundred eighty (180) days may be waived or extended as provided in G.L. c. 43D.

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MOTION was made by Mr. Deal to accept this article as written. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Mr. Baker , Planning Board recommends approval. Mrs. Colbert Puff, Town Administrator explained the article. A vote was taken on the motion, 2/3 vote is require. MOTION passed with a stand vote. Yes- 108, No- 0

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Boylston as required by its acceptance of G.L. c. 43D and its designation of “Priority Development Sites” there-under, as follows:

Item 1. By adding the following, new Section 6.05(d) to Article VI:

- (d) A completed application for removal of earth from a Priority Development Site (PDS) shall be submitted concurrently with any other permit application(s) required by the Zoning By-Laws or this By-Law, and shall be decided by the Board no later than one hundred eighty (180) days thereafter, unless such time is waived or extended as provided in G.L. c. 43D.

Item 2. By adding the following, new sentence to the end of Article VI, Section 7.07:

For a Priority Development Site (PDS), a completed application for a Driveway Permit shall be submitted concurrently with any other permit application(s) required by the Zoning By-Laws or this By-Law, and shall be decided by the appropriate Board no later than one hundred eighty (180) days thereafter, unless such time is waived or extended as provided in G.L. c. 43D.

Item 3. By adding the phrase “Except as provided in Section 9.05.07,” to the beginning of the first sentence of Article VI, Section 9.04.03, and by adding the following, new Section 9.05.07 to said Article VI:

- .07 **Priority Development Sites.** For any project or activity located on a Priority Development Site (PDS) and requiring a Stormwater Control Permit, an completed application therefore shall be submitted concurrently with any other permit application(s) required by the Zoning By-Laws or this By-Law, and shall be decided by the Conservation Commission no later than one hundred eighty (180) days thereafter, unless such time is waived or extended as provided in G.L. c. 43D.

Item 4. By adding the following, new paragraph as the second-to-last paragraph of Article VI, Section 17.01:

In the event that a permit, as aforesaid, is required for work proposed on a Priority Development Site (PDS), an application therefore shall be submitted concurrently with any other permit application(s) required by the Zoning By-Laws or this By-Law, and shall be decided by the Board no later than one hundred eighty (180) days thereafter, unless such time is waived or extended as provided in G.L. c. 43D.

MOTION was made by Mr. Deal to accept this article as written. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Mr. Colbert Puff

Explained the article. Vote taken on the article, MOTION passed

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote:

To amend the General Bylaws by inserting in Article VI therein a new Section 22, to be entitled “Storm Drain By-law”, that will generally provide as follows:

1. Set forth certain definitions concerning storm water and the municipal storm sewer system;

2. Authorize and designate the Board of Health (the “Board”) to be the enforcement agency for the Storm Drain By-law and authorize the Board to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of the Storm Drain By-law;
3. Prohibit: (i) the discharge of any pollutant or non-storm water discharge into the municipal storm sewer system, (ii) the construction or continuance of use of any illicit connection to the municipal storm sewer system and (iii) the obstruction or interference with the normal flow of storm water into or out of the municipal storm sewer system;
4. Exempt certain discharges, flows and/or activities from the prohibitions, such as flow resulting from fire fighting activities, waterline flushing, and discharges from landscape irrigation or lawn watering;
5. Provide the Board with authority to issue an emergency suspension of access to the municipal storm drain system upon a determination of an imminent risk of harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment;
6. Require persons responsible for, or having information of, a release or a threat of a release of materials at a facility or operation which may result in the discharge of pollutants to the municipal drainage system or the waters of the commonwealth to take all necessary steps to ensure containment and cleanup of the release and, in the event of a release of oil or hazardous materials, to immediately notify the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Board;
7. Authorize the Board to enforce the provision of the Storm Drain By-law by issuing written orders, by seeking injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction, by issuing fines of not more than \$500 for each separate offense, or by issuing fines in accordance with the Non-Criminal Disposition By-law, provided the fine for the an offense shall be \$300;
8. Authorize the Board, to the extent permitted by law, to enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under the Storm Drain By-law; and
9. Provide residential property owners 120 days from the effective date of the Storm Drain By-law to comply with its provisions, provided good cause is shown for the failure to comply with the By-law during that 120-day period.

A copy of the full and complete text of the proposed Storm Drain By-law is on file at the office of the Town Clerk and available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours of Town Hall.

MOTION was made by Mr. McGrath to accept this article as written, correcting the typo of #4. irrigation or lawn watering and section 21 not 22. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Mr. McGrath explained the article. Vote taken on motion, MOTION passes

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money, not to exceed \$100,000, and direct the Board of Assessors to utilize the same to reduce the tax rate for the fiscal year 2010;

MOTION was made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as read Seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends Approval. Mr. Stanton explained the article. Vote taken on the article, MOTION passed

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$300,000 to the Stabilization Account; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION was made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as read . Seconded by Mr. Deal. Finance Committee recommend approval. Vote was taken, 2/3 vote is required MOTION passed unanimously by voice vote

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, such sums as may be necessary to defray and pay all Town debts and charges and appropriate the same as the Town sees fit for the fiscal year 2010, and to fix the compensation and salaries of all Town Officers, as may be shown in whole or in part by the Town Budget, so-called, as shown in the Fiscal Year 2010 Report of the Finance Committee;

MOTION made by Mr. Brose to accept this article as written with the correction of moving \$9,500.00 from Highway Expenses to Snow and Ice Removal. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Vote taken on the motion, MOTION passes.

Mr. Pojani stated article 36 – the election will take place May 11, 2009 at Hillside Town Hall. Motion was made by Mr. Stanton to adjourn tonight meeting, seconded , MOTION passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitter,

Sandra L. Bourassa
Town Clerk

<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>FINAL FY 2009 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed FY2010 Budget</u>	<u>% Difference from FY09</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS (113):				
5780	Special Town Meeting Notices	2,225	2,225	0%
	Total Special Town Meetings	\$2,225	\$2,225	0%
MODERATOR (114):				
5110	Moderator Salary	\$15	15	0%
	Total Moderator	\$15	\$15	0%
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (122):				
5110	Selectmen Salary	3,637	3,637	0%
5111	Assistant Town Administrator	39,861	42,836	7%
5112	Town Administrator Salary	90,000	91,097	1%
5112	Project Manager	10,000	0	-100%
5113	Clerical	12,500	12,355	-1%
5780	Selectmen General Expenses	16,050	16,090	0%
5385	Town Audit	15,000	15,000	0%
	Total Board of Selectmen	\$187,048	\$181,015	-3%
FINANCE COMMITTEE (131):				
5780	Finance Committee Expenses	400	400	0%
	Total Finance Committee	\$400	\$400	0%
RESERVE FUND (132):				
5785	Reserve Fund	40,000	40,000	0%
	Total Reserve Fund	\$40,000	\$40,000	0%
TOWN ACCOUNTANT (135):				
5300	Accountant Salary			
5780	Accountant Expenses	26,250	26,250	0%
	Total Town Accountant	\$26,250	\$26,250	0%
BOARD OF ASSESSORS (141):				
5110	Members Salaries	3,500	3,500	0%
5111	Clerk Salary	24,193	24,919	3%
5112	Clerical Wages	19,232	19,809	3%
5780	Expenses	18,905	19,825	5%
5301	Appraisal Expense	7,500	7,500	0%
5302	Property Revaluation (Assessor's Overlay Account)	0	0	
	Total Board of Assessors	\$73,330	\$75,553	3%
TREASURER (145):				
5110	Treasurer Salary	25,827	25,069	-3%
5111	Clerical Wages	11,812	11,769	0%
5780	Expenses	10,050	10,215	2%
	Total Treasurer	\$47,689	\$47,053	-1%
TAX COLLECTOR (146):				
5110	Tax Collector Salary	25,827	25,069	-3%
5111	Clerical Wages	11,812	11,769	0%
5780	Expenses	22,717	23,142	2%

<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>FINAL FY 2009 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed FY2010 Budget</u>	<u>% Difference from FY09</u>
	Total Tax Collector	\$60,356	\$59,980	-1%
	TOWN COUNSEL (151):			
5780	Town Counsel Expense	80,000	70,000	-13%
	Total Town Counsel	\$80,000	\$70,000	-13%
	PERSONNEL BOARD (152):			
5780	Personnel Board Expense	50	0	-100%
	Total Personnel Board	\$50	\$0	-100%
	TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN (158):			
5780	Tax Title Custodian Expense	1,175	1,175	0%
	Total Tax Title Custodian	\$1,175	\$1,175	0%
	TOWN CLERK (161):			
5110	Town Clerk Salary	27,705	28,536	3%
5111	Clerical Wages	12,355	12,725	3%
5111	Parking Clerk	260	260	0%
5780	Expenses	2,530	2,480	-2%
	Total Town Clerk	\$42,850	\$44,001	3%
	ELECTIONS/REGISTRATIONS (162):			
5110	Salaries	4,250	4,250	0%
5780	Expenses	8,805	6,335	-28%
	Total Elections/Registrations	\$13,055	\$10,585	-19%
	CONSERVATION COMMISSION (171):			
5111	Salary	14,115	14,538	3%
5780	Expenses	850	1,000	18%
	Stormwater Management (from Selectmen FY2008)	20,000	0	-100%
	Total Conservation Commission	\$35,465	\$15,538	-56%
	PLANNING BOARD (175):			
5110	Members Salaries	582	582	0%
5111	Official Clerk Salary	53	53	0%
5112	Administrative Assistant Wages	7,735	7,967	3%
5780	Expenses	2,100	2,200	5%
	Total Planning Board	\$10,670	\$10,802	1%
	OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
5780	Earth Removal Board Expense (173)	500	100	-80%
5780	Appeals Board Expense (176)	1,000	250	-75%
5780	Tri Town Hazardous Waste Project	15,000		-100%
5780	Affordable Housing Comm.	50		-100%
5780	Municipal Office Expenses (192)	39,300	27,183	-31%
5380	Town Reports (195)	2,000	2,000	0%
5780	Employee Physical Examinations (919)	500	500	0%
5780	Town House Expense (196)	9,500	8500	-11%
5780	Town Garage Expense (197)	7,650	6885	-10%
5240	Repairs to Town Buildings (198)	3,500	3150	-10%
	Total Other General Government	\$79,000	\$48,568	-39%

<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>FINAL FY 2009 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed FY2010 Budget</u>	<u>% Difference from FY09</u>
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$699,578	\$633,160	-9%
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>			
	POLICE (210):			
5110	Salaries and Wages	769,581	784,589	2%
5780	Expenses	84,900	77500	-9%
5850	Police Cruiser		0	
	Total Police	\$854,481	\$862,089	1%
	FIRE (220):			
5110	Salaries and Wages	192,744	174,606	-9%
5780	Expenses	24,150	23,140	-4%
	Total Fire	\$216,894	\$197,746	-9%
	FIRE/POLICE/AMB. DISPATCH (230):			
5110	Salaries and Wages	197,980	198,040	0%
5780	Expenses	12,715	15,215	20%
	Total Dispatch	\$210,695	\$213,255	1%
	BUILDING INSPECTOR (241):			
5110	Building Inspector Services	50,923	52,451	3%
5111	Clerical Wages	5,000	5,150	3%
5780	Expenses	5,400	4,970	-8%
	Total Building Inspector	\$61,323	\$62,571	2%
	GAS INSPECTOR (242):			
5110	Gas Inspector Salary	2,615	2,693	3%
5780	Gas Inspector Expenses	850	700	-18%
	Total Gas Inspector	\$3,465	\$3,393	-2%
	PLUMBING INSPECTOR (243):			
5110	Plumbing Inspector Salary	8,677	8,937	3%
	Total Plumbing Inspector	\$8,677	\$8,937	3%
	WIRING INSPECTOR (245):			
5110	Wiring Inspector Salary	7,979	8,218	3%
5780	Expenses	960	660	-31%
	Total Wiring Inspector	\$8,939	\$8,878	-1%
	Total Building Department	\$82,404	\$83,779	2%
	DOG OFFICER (292):			
5110	Dog Officer Wages	1,967	2,026	3%
5780	Expenses	1,200	1,200	0%
	Total Dog Officer	\$3,167	\$3,226	2%
	OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY:			
5110	Tree Warden Salary (294)	1,061	1,093	3%
5780	Tree Warden Expense (294)	11,000	8,350	-24%
	Total Other Public Safety	\$12,151	\$9,443	-22%
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,379,792	\$1,369,538	-1%

<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>FINAL FY 2009 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed FY2010 Budget</u>	<u>% Difference from FY09</u>
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (320):				
5110	School Committee Salary	200	200	0%
5510	Elementary Education	2,941,095	2,977,374	1%
Total Elementary School		2,941,295	2,977,574	1%
REGIONAL DISTRICT (340):				
5651	Regular Assessment	3,036,165	3,312,663	9%
Total Regional District		\$3,036,165	\$3,312,663	9%
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (345):				
5320	Tuition	442,002	465,273	5%
5380	Transportation	23,782		
Total Vocational Education		\$465,784	\$465,273	0%
TOTAL EDUCATION*		\$6,443,244	\$6,755,510	5%

PUBLIC WORKS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (420):				
5110	Salaries and Wages	300,815	280,297	-7%
5780	Expenses	113,250	101,925	-10%
Total Highway Department		\$414,065	\$382,222	-8%
SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL (423):				
5780	Snow and Ice Removal Expenses	95,000	85,500	-10%
Total Snow and Ice Removal		\$95,000	\$85,500	-10%
STREET LIGHTING (424):				
5210	Street Lighting Expense	15,000	15,000	0%
Total Street Lighting Expense		\$15,000	\$15,000	0%
CEMETERY (491):				
5110	Salaries and Wages	530	533	1%
5780	Materials and Expenses	3,000	2,700	-10%
Total Cemetery		\$3,530	\$3,233	-8%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$527,595	\$485,955	-8%

HUMAN SERVICES

BOARD OF HEALTH (510):				
5110	Salaries and Wages	648	648	0%
5111	Clerical Wages	16,879	17,385	3%
5112	Vital Statistic Wages	200	200	0%
5113	Animal Inspector Wages	1,131	1,165	3%
5114	Sanitation Inspector Salary	34,967	36,016	3%
5780	Expenses	2,600	2,600	0%
5786	Special Projects	2,200	2,200	0%
Total Board of Health		\$58,625	\$60,214	3%

<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>FINAL FY 2009 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed FY2010 Budget</u>	<u>% Difference from FY09</u>
NURSING (522):				
5110	Nurse's Salary	1,500	1,500	0%
Total Nursing		\$1,500	\$1,500	0%
COUNCIL ON AGING (541):				
5110	Coordinator Salary-Meals	941	969	3%
5780	Expenses	4,985	4,525	-9%
5110	Coordinator Salary	14,200	14,626	3%
Total Council on Aging		\$20,126	\$20,120	0%
VETERANS SERVICES (543):				
5110	Veterans Agent Salary	979	200	-80%
5300	Veterans Benefits	1,000	500	-50%
5780	Veterans Services Expenses	175	175	0%
Total Veterans Services		\$2,154	\$875	-59%
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		\$82,675	\$82,709	0%
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>				
LIBRARY (610):				
5110	Salaries and Wages	100,390	103,402	3%
5780	Expenses	42,100	46,688	11%
Total Library		\$142,490	\$150,090	5%
PARKS AND RECREATION (650):				
5780	Equipment and No Fee Programs Expense	6,000	5,200	-13%
Total Parks and Recreation		\$6,000	\$5,200	-13%
HISTORICAL COMMISSION (670):				
5780	Expenses	5,000	5,000	0%
5785	Project Expenses	1,200	1,200	0%
5780	Building Maintenance	3,500	3,500	0%
Total Historical Commission		\$9,700	\$9,700	0%
CELEBRATIONS (640):				
5780	Memorial Day	3,000	3,000	0%
Total Memorial Day		\$3,000	\$3,000	0%
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		\$161,190	\$167,990	4%
<u>MATURING DEBT</u>				
5910	Maturing Debt-Principal (710)	565,000	565,000	0%
5915	Maturing Debt-Interest (750)	292,460	265,095	-9%
5915	Interest on Temporary Loans (752)	2,000	0	-100%
TOTAL MATURING DEBT		\$859,460	\$830,095	-3%

<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>FINAL FY 2009 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed FY2010 Budget</u>	<u>% Difference from FY09</u>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INSURANCE				
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:				
5171	Pension Expense (911)	287,411	313,669	9%
5171	Unemployment Compensation (913)	5,000	5,000	0%
5171	Group Health Insurance (914)	795,000	846,326	6%
Total Employee Benefits		\$1,087,411	\$1,164,995	7%
WORKERS COMP/GENERAL INSURANCE (942)				
5740	Workers Comp & General Insurance	108,500	97,651	-10%
Total Workers Comp & General Insurance		\$108,500	\$97,651	-10%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS/INSURANCE		\$1,195,911	\$1,262,646	6%
GRAND TOTAL ALL BUDGETS		\$11,349,445	\$11,587,603	2%

Special Town Meeting

May 4, 2009

Appropriations

Article #	To	From Levy	Source of Fund	Amount
Article #1				
Town Counsel	\$5,000.00		Town Audit	\$2,500.00
Town Garage Expenses	\$9,000.00		Storm Water Management	\$18,600.00
			Municipal Office Expense	\$5,000.00
Snow & Ice Removal	24,819.34		Building Inspec Asst. Wages	\$2,000.00
Health Insurance	27,600.00		Highway Expenses	\$33,819.34
			Interest on Temp Loans	\$2,000.00
			Unemployment Comp.	\$2,500.00
Total	\$66,419.34		Total	\$66,419.34
Article #2				
Boylston Elementary School	\$33,485.00		Vocational Ed. Tuition	\$33,485.00

Annual Town Meeting

May 4, 2009

Appropriation

Article #	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	Source of fund	Amount
Article #17				
Hillside Exp.	\$215,000.00		Hillside Receipts	\$215,000.00
Article #22				
Ambulance Exp. Equipment	\$25,000.00		Ambulance Receipts	\$25,000.00
Article #23				
F.F. Ambulance	\$47,480.00		Ambulance Receipts	\$47,480.00
Article #24				
Ambulance .Supplies	\$190,000.00		Ambulance Receipts	\$190,000.00
Article #25				
Fire Dept. Vehicle	\$20,000.00		Free Cash	\$20,000.00
Article #26				
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$35,000.00		Free Cash	\$35,000.00
Article #27				
Highway Equipment	\$155,000.00		Free Cash	\$155,000.00
Article #33				
Reduce tax rate	\$100,000.00		Free Cash	\$100,000.00
Article #34				
Stabilization	\$300,000		Free Cash	\$300,000.00
Article #35				
Fy10 Budget	\$11,587,603	\$11,587,603		

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
May 11, 2009

WARDEN : Bill Richardson

CLERK: Sandra L. Bourassa

CHECKERS: Carol Anderson, Gert Peterson, Mary Morrill ,Mary Seed, MaryJasper

Notice to the Town of Boylston Voters was given and Specimen Ballots were posted as required by law. The voting machine was tested at least three days prior to Election as required by law. Voters of the Town of Boylston met at the Hillside Town Hall for the Annual Town Election according to legal notice. The ballot box was examined by the Clerk. The polls were declared open by the Warden at 1200 hours and were closed at 2000 hours.

There are 3,040 registered voters in Boylston; 917 turned out to vote. The Counter on the ballot box, computer printout of results, and check-lists concurred that 917 ballots, including absentee ballots, were cast. The results were:

BOARD OF ASSESSOR
THREE YEARS

PAUL O'CONNOR	690
BLANKS	217
WRITE-INS	10

BOARD OF ASSESSOR

TWO YEARS

BLANKS	838
WRITE-INS	79

LIBRARY TRUSTEE
THREE YEARS

LETTY RIDINGER	671
SUSAN THERRIault	645
BLANKS	517
WRITE-INS	1

TWO YEARS

DAVID BOTTOM	701
BLANKS	214
WRITE-INS	2

BOARD OF HEALTH
THREE YEARS

GERALD GLEICH	706
BLANKS	210
WRITE-INS	1

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD
THREE YEARS

JOHN MCQUADE	688
BLANKS	227
WRITE-INS	2

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CEMETERY COMMISSION
THREE YEARS

ROBERT DOYLE	715
BLANKS	198
WRITE-INS	4

SELECTMEN
THREE YEARS

ROGER DEAL	461
MATTEW MECUM	448
BLANKS	8
WRITE-INS	0

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
ONE YEARS

BLANKS	848
WRITE-INS	69

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
FIVE YEARS

BLANKS	845
WRITE-INS	72

PLANNING BOARD
FIVE YEARS

RICHARD BAKER	478
WILLIAM MANTER	350
BLANKS	88
WRITE-INS	0

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
THREE YEARS

VINCENT PERRONE	311
BRADFORD WYATT	588
BLANKS	18
WRITE-INS	0

JAMES HOLYOAK – WRITE-IN FOR ASSESSORS ONE YEAR
E.ALAN COSIMNI - WRITE-IN FOR PARKS & REC FOR FIVE YEARS
SUSAN TOLLE - WRITE-IN FOR PARKS & REC FOR ONE YEAR

WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 9, 2009

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER: SS

BOYLSTON

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boylston in the County of Worcester within the Commonwealth aforesaid:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Boylston aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the following places and times for the following purposes:

1. **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – November 9, 2009** on Monday the ninth (9th) day of November 2009 AD, at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M., at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium, 1001 Main Street, Boylston, MA, to take any action relative to the business of the Town as set forth in Articles one (1) through five (5) of this warrant; and if necessary, at its adjournment which shall be Tuesday, the tenth (10th) day of November 2009 AD at seven o'clock (7:00) P.M. at the Tahanto Regional High School Auditorium;

Voters of the Town of Boylston, Massachusetts, met in the auditorium of the Tahanto Regional High School according to legal notice on November 9, 2009. With 179 registered voters. Selectmen, Roger Deal, James Stanton were present. Also, present were Town Administrator, Nancy Colbert Puff, Town Counsel Stephen Madaus, and Town Clerk Sandra Bourassa. Dennis Pojani, Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M... Mr. Pojani stated we had the required quorum present, Calling of the meeting and officer's return of service are in order as required. He set the bounds of the hall and introduced the Town officials. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. A MOTION by Mr. Stanton was made to waive the reading of the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Brose. Vote on the MOTION passed.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize an amendment to the Agreement entered into between the towns of Berlin and Boylston pursuant to Chapter 510 of the Acts of 1970, a copy of the Agreement being on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours of Town Hall, pursuant to which the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District was established and now operates, as follows [provided, however, that such amendment shall be effective when all of the following have occurred: approval of the amendment by the Boylston Town Meeting; approval of the amendment by the Berlin Town Meeting; approval of the amendment by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education; approval of the construction of the new Tahanto Middle High School by each member town; and the opening of the new Tahanto Middle High School]:

- 1) In Section II of the Agreement, entitled “Type of Regional District School” delete the first sentence therein and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“The regional district school shall be comprised of a middle school program, grades six through eight, and a high school program, grades nine to twelve.”; and

- 2) In Section X of the Agreement, entitled “Students,” in the first sentence of Paragraph (A), delete the word “sixth” and insert the word “fifth”, such that the first sentence reads, in its entirety:

“The regional district school shall accept all children who reside in the District and who have completed the fifth grade.”

Sponsor: Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee

Motion as made by Mrs. Dono-Healy, Chairman of the School Committee to accepted this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Mr. Wyatt, School Committee member explained the article. Passing this article would create a middle school which the school official believe is needed. There were a few questions which Mr. McDermott, Superintendent answered. Motion was made to move the question, seconded and passed. Vote on the Motion was taken and MOTION passed.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Boylston’s Zoning Bylaws as follows:

- 1) In Section 4 of the Zoning Bylaws, entitled “Use Regulations”, amend the table in Part 4.02 therein, entitled “Schedule of Use Regulations”, by inserting the following new designations at line 4.02.05, “Transportation, Communication, Utility,” Note 3, “Wireless Communication Facility”, and under the columns “H” and “RR”:

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and

- 2) In Section 8 of the Zoning Bylaws, entitled “Wireless Communication”:

- (a) Amend subparagraph A in Part 8.01, “Applicability,” to read as follows: (new text shown in bold):

A. Any Wireless Communication Facility to be constructed, installed, replaced, maintained and/or used in the Industrial Park (IP), and Industrial (I), **Heritage (H) and Rural Residential (RR)**, zoning districts as specifically provided for hereafter, in compliance with the provisions of this Wireless Communication By-law and upon the grant of Special Permit.”

- (b) Amend subparagraph B in Part 8.01 by deleting the following text (shown in bold/strikethrough):

. Any Wireless Communication Facility to be constructed, installed, replaced, maintained and/or used on property owned by the Town of Boylston in the above ~~(H)~~ zoning districts as specifically provided for hereafter in compliance with the provisions of this By-law.

- (c) Amend the second sentence in the first paragraph of Part 8.03, entitled “Jurisdiction”, by deleting the following words (shown in bold/strikethrough):

The Planning Board is further authorized to grant or modify Special Permit(s) for the construction, installation, replacement, maintenance and or use of a Wireless Communication Device(s) on already existing buildings or structures ~~in the Industrial Park (IP) and Industrial (I) zoning districts.~~

(d) Amend subparagraph J in Part 8.04, entitled "Required Findings For a Special Permit," by deleting the following words in the first sentence therein (shown in bold/strikethrough):

That any Wireless Communication Facility ~~in the Industrial Park (IP) or Industrial (I) zoning districts~~ is set back from:

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Motion was made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as written in the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Brose. Mr. Baker, Chairman of the Planning Board gave the Board's report after holding and public hearing on the article. Planning Board recommends approval. Mr. Stanton explained the article and where the cell towers would be located and how the cell tower company would still have to go through the special permit process with the Planning Board before these would be constructed. After a few more questions were answered a Motion was made to move the Motion, seconded and passed to move the motion. Vote on the motion was taken. This article required a 2/3 vote. A stand vote was taken and the MOTION passed 8 –No 107- yes.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make available for lease portions of Town-owned parcels of land, known as and identified on the Assessors Maps as Parcel 29-4 (599 Main Street) and Parcel 56-8 (located off of Mile Hill Road), for the purpose of siting wireless communications facilities, for lease terms of up to twenty years each and subject to any additional terms and conditions that the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town;

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Motion was made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Brose. Mr. Stanton explained the article. Vote was taken on the Motion. MOTION passed.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and appropriate \$15,000.00 to the Police Department expense account (budget line item 5780) for the purpose of maintaining police cruisers for the Police Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Stanton to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Brose. Finance Committee recommends approval. Vote was taken on the Motion. MOTION passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81U, which reads in relevant part: "In any town which accepts the provisions of this paragraph, the proceeds of any such bond or deposit shall be made available to the town for expenditure to meet the cost and expenses of the municipality in completing the work as specified in the approved plan. If such proceeds do not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, the expenditure may be made without specific

appropriation under section fifty-three of chapter forty-four; provided, however, that such expenditure is approved by the board of selectmen.”

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to accept this article as read. Seconded by Mr. Stanton. Mr. Baker explained the article. Vote on the motion was taken. MOTION passed unanimously.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, Motion passed
Mr. Pojani declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Bourassa, Town Clerk

Appropriations

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Report for the Boylston Annual Report as of January 2010.

The town of Boylston's finds itself in an enviably balanced position in FY2010 and remains hopeful to stay that way as it prepares its budget for FY2011. This is not to say that creating a balanced budget has been easy to achieve: it hasn't. Reducing the budget to meet revenues has taken particularly diligent work on the part of the Selectmen with the assistance of the town administrators in partnership with the town's department heads. The school committee, similarly, recognized the financial challenges and under Brian McDermott's leadership worked to provide an excellent education for our students while staying within the bounds of the revenue constraints.

The town closed out FY2009 with \$643,240 in free cash. This, combined with our stabilization account provides the town with its necessary excess capital; the rule of thumb is that the town should maintain 10% of its annual revenues (of tax levy) in reserves (combination of free cash and stabilization) for fiscal balance. We achieve that figure, though the Selectmen and Finance committee would prefer to have more of those funds in the stabilization account than in free cash. In FY 2009 the town agreed and voted to move \$300,000 to the stabilization account and reduce the tax rate by \$100,000 in an effort to make that adjustment.

After FY2009, the year that saw level funding and a failed override for the 3rd year in a row, the budgeting process was again challenging in FY2010; the amount of new funding available for general operating funds was drastically reduced by cuts to local aid and reduced local receipts. The total available increase to the total budget was really only \$70,000 in new revenues (not the usual \$300,000), but due to reducing the the tax rate by \$100,000 and transferring \$30,000 from the schools as a prepayment for FY2010 costs, the town's budget showed a \$200,000 increase. So despite the 2% increase, there was really only a net .70% in new revenues available for the entire budget (including the schools and town services). It's important to keep in perspective that generally we think in terms of 3% cost of living increases, and we had less than a third of that increase available. The Selectmen lead the charge in reducing budget line items for FY2010 reducing the costs by 1.5 % from the previous year despite cost increases in the Insurance cost line items. Meanwhile Superintendent McDermott led the charge in honing the school budget so that the schools came in at a 4.5% increase. The final budget came in, balanced, at a 2% overall increase.

Due to state cuts in funding, the Selectmen have had to freeze excess spending in the town budgets. With a new normal budget and expectations of level funding at best for FY2011, departments were asked to come in to this year's budgeting process with level funded budgets – this included both salaries and expenses – until we had some clarity on available funds. At this point we are looking at about \$260,000 in expected new revenues, yet almost \$100,000 of that is taken up in Group Insurance and General Insurance cost increases; this will also include an additional pension cost increase required for this year. While we do not expect any cost reductions on the town side of the budget for FY2011, we expect to be, again, within the 2% increase in the overall budget. The free cash available for FY2011 is \$515,169. This figure will allow us to fulfill on some of our capital needs, and we hope to again be able to fund the stabilization fund.

Given the current levels of costs and revenues, it is clear that refining the budget will take further fiscal diligence, and oversight to keep the budget on track. Unlike last year, we expect that the worst of the recession has receded and that whatever budget figures that finally come from the state should be reasonable for the coming year.

The town's fiscal stability puts it in a strong position as it looks to fund its portion of the construction of a new regional high school. With the town's high credit rating, it should be in a position to fund its \$14M to \$15M portion of the expense reasonably inexpensively. After years of discussions and studies, and a year of the building committee working to pass a plan through the state, it is hopeful that the town can see this project to fruition. The impact on the tax rate will be evaluated over the next few weeks and will depend on the length of the borrowing term and the final building cost figure. Compared to other towns we borrow very little and even with such a large project, this level of debt will fall well within our allowable debt limit.

We welcome comments and questions. Please feel free to contact the committee with questions that we can answer for you individually, or with information that you feel we need to communicate to the broader Boylston community.

Eric Brose, Chairman

Eric Brose -- attended 7 of 7 meetings

Herb Cronin – attended 7 of 7 meetings

Steve Dorval – (new member) 3 of 3 meetings

Tim Houlihan – attended 6 of 7 meetings

Karen McGahie – attended 7 of 7 meetings

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our assessor Andrew Bunikis passed on February 23rd, 2009. He was an outstanding member of the Board who served for over 25 years. Andy was dedicated to this community and the Town of Boylston all of his life.

Total valuation for fiscal 2009 was 692,635,640 an overall decrease of 8 to 9% in value, tax rate of \$12.40 per thousand.

We are currently in our second phase of triennial reevaluation being performed by Mayflower Company. Many of you were notified by mail for interior inspection. Your continued support in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

Tax Rate & Levies	\$ 8,860,508.36
Motor Vehicles	676,642.00
Exemptions	23,212.00
Abatements 21	43,982.42

Meeting Attendance

Regular Special Meetings

Carl Cravedi	9	6 (Abatements)
Paul O'Connor	8	5
James Holyoak	8	5

**TOWN TREASURER
2009 ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Trust Funds	Municipal Electric Funds	TOTAL
Balance 7/1/08	3,204,998.01	48,277.09	1,398,603.13	1,472,524.39	6,124,402.62
Receipts	13,212,248.91	102,279.28	66344.53	3,939,785.65	17,320,658.37
Payroll Withholdings	1,789,820.04				1,789,820.04
Transfers In	14,687,085.16	20,562.40	64,797.73	155,355.63	14,927,800.92
Transfers Out	(14,308,752.86)	(131,309.43)	(61,600.61)	(424,647.48)	(14,926,310.38)
Warrants Payable	(15,388,901.59)	(271.62)	(26,903.20)	(3,586,862.51)	(19,002,938.92)
Balance 6/30/09	3,196,497.67	39,537.72	1,441,241.58	1,556,155.68	6,233,432.65

Respectfully Submitted,

*F. Ellen McKay
Town Treasurer / Tax Collector*

TAX COLLECTOR

FY 2009 Real Estate:

Commitments	8,403,474.98
Collections	8,163,597.91
Amounts paid in FY 08	39,640.29
Abatements & Exempt	67,194.42
Refunds	22,343.94
Tax Titles Remitted to Treasurer	29,147.15
BALANCE 6/30/09	126,239.15

FY 2008 Real Estate:

Balance 7/1/08	120,780.38
Collections	89,868.02
Abatements	2,243.38
Refunds	2,243.38
Tax Titles Remitted to Treasurer	28,343.75
BALANCE 6/30/09	2,568.61

FY 2009 Supplemental Real Estate:

Commitments	3,076.43
Collections	3,076.43
BALANCE 6/30/09	0.00

FY 2008 Supplemental Real Estate:

Balance 7/1/08	5,988.92
Collections	5,988.92
BALANCE 6/30/09	0.00

FY 2009 Title V Lien:

Committed Principal	2,059.50
Committed Interest	1,781.11
Collected Principal	2,059.50
Collected Interest	1,781.11
BALANCE 6/30/09	0.00

FY 2008 Light Lien:

Balance 7/1/08	2,036.00
Collections	1,106.27
Tax Titles Remitted to Treasurer	\$ 929.73
BALANCE 6/30/09	0.00

FY 2009 Light Lien:

Commitments	3,451.22
Collections	2,476.51
BALANCE 6/30/09	974.71

FY 2008 Personal Property:

Balance 7/1/08	2,603.83
Collections	264.26
BALANCE 6/30/09	2,339.57

FY 2009 Personal Property:

Commitments	184,836.32
Collections	183,552.56
Amounts paid in FY 08	2.58
Refunds	711.24
BALANCE 6/30/09	1,992.42

FY 2008 Motor Vehicle:

Balance 7/1/08	25,918.11
Commitments	110,663.56
Collections	130,212.08
Abatements	6,675.30
Refunds	6,544.49
BALANCE 6/30/09	6,238.78

FY 2009 Motor Vehicle:

Commitments	568,649.22
Collections	554,864.43

FY 2007 Real Estate:

Abatements	8,055.45
Refunds	<u>5,783.44</u>
BALANCE 6/30/09	11,512.78

Balance 7/1/08	1,126.69
Collections	<u>1,126.69</u>
BALANCE 6/30/09	0.00

FY 2007 Personal Property:

Balance 7/1/08	1,653.42
Abatements	<u>1,653.42</u>
Balance 6/30/09	0.00

FY 2003 Motor Vehicle

Balance 7/1/08	<u>124.06</u>
BALANCE 6/30/09	124.06

FY 2007 Motor Vehicle:

Balance 7/1/08	4,945.42
Commitments	1,974.89
Collections	4,350.11
Abatements	1,368.89
Refunds	<u>1,368.89</u>
BALANCE 6/30/09	2,570.20

FY 1983 - 96 Motor Vehicle

Balance 7/1/08	<u>620.15</u>
BALANCE 6/30/09	620.15

FY 2006 Real Estate:

Balance 7/1/08	324.27
Collections	<u>324.27</u>
BALANCE 6/30/09	0.00

RECAPITULATION OF TAX REVENUE

Balance outstanding 7/1/08	169,246.54
Commitments	9,280,000.46
Collections	9,145,093.54
Amounts paid in FY 08	39,642.87
Abatements & Exemptions	89,779.80
Refunds	39,536.96
Tax Titles Remitted to Treasurer	58,420.63
Balance 6/30/09	<u><u>155,847.12</u></u>

FY 2006 Personal Property

Balance 7/1/08	1,605.16
Collections	31.94
Abatements	<u>1,573.22</u>
BALANCE 6/30/09	0.00

Other Sources of Revenue:

FY 2006 Motor Vehicle:

Balance 7/1/08	1,450.96
Commitments	33.23
Collections	412.53
Abatements	1,015.72
Refunds	<u>541.58</u>
BALANCE 6/30/09	597.52

FY 2010 Taxes paid in advance	10,038.41
Interest on overdue bills:	24,262.47
Municipal Lien Certificates	4,325.00
Town Fees	8,715.00
Deputy Fees	8,529.00
RMV Marking Fees	2,380.00
NSF Fees	259.23
Tax Title Fees	370.12
Ch 58 Sec 8 Abatements Collected	1,653.60

FY 2005 Motor Vehicle:

Total Other Sources	<u><u>60,532.83</u></u>
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Balance 7/1/08	34.17
BALANCE 6/30/09	<u>34.17</u>

FY 2004 Motor Vehicle:

Balance 7/1/08	35.00
BALANCE 6/30/09	<u>35.00</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

F. Ellen McKay
Town Treasurer / Tax Collector

SALARIES OF TOWN EMPLOYEES – CALENDAR YEAR 2009

Light Dept.:

Barakian	Mark	\$79,000.16
Gates	Alden	\$300.00
Harmon	Kevin	\$72,354.95
Harrington	John G.	\$98,226.81
Johnson	Shane	\$17,761.84
Kimball	Edward	\$300.00
Lucia	Michael	\$75,773.00
McQuade	John T.	\$300.00
Miller	Sheila	\$37,102.10
Seed	Barbara	\$33,819.45

\$414,938.31

Highway Department:

Barakian	Mark	\$277.50
Boudreau	Nicholas	\$7,647.12
Fallon	Frances	\$1,927.84
Franz	Kenneth	\$1,315.00
Ginese	Mark	\$36,885.00
Mero	Steven R	\$39,017.76
Noonan	Ruth	\$16,787.48
Osterberg	Steven	\$40,763.68
Parker	Donald	\$68,991.50
White	Steven	\$40,331.34

\$253,944.22

Library

Brigham	Ashley	\$2,600.91
Freibert	Judith	\$22,803.48
Langhart	Nicholas	\$40,174.70
Lupien	Michelle D	\$1,541.49
Newcomb	Cheryl	\$533.80
O'Connor	Priscilla	\$3,034.81
Peterson	Paula	\$28,908.22
Sokolowski	Linda	\$1,644.26
Velleco	Nancy	\$1,429.60

\$102,671.27

Selectmen and General Administration:

Bardsley	Rose L	\$12,820.84
Colbert	Nancy T.	\$89,750.44
Deal	Roger	\$1,136.00
Esposito	Lori	\$40,619.21
Goodwin	Kenneth W.	\$36,638.89
Stanton	James	\$1,365.00
Sydow	Kenneth G	\$1,136.00
		\$183,466.38

Assessors:

Cravedi	Carl	\$1,500.00
Holviak	James A.	\$1,000.00
Morrill	Mary	\$20,156.22
O'Connor	Paul A.	\$1,000.00
Richardson	Margo	\$25,980.78
		\$49,637.00

Board of Health:

Bourassa	Sandra	\$130.00
Costello	Dennis	\$35,463.19
Gleich	Gerald	\$277.00
Golas	Steven	\$1,132.02
Martiska	Lorie	\$185.50
Mecum	Matthew	\$185.50
Rich	Melanie	\$16,812.13
Solimini	Larry	
		\$54,185.34

Cemetery:

Doyle	Robert	\$350.00
Franz	Kenneth R.	\$200.00
Jasper	Mary	\$225.00
		\$775.00

<u>School :</u>	(excluding teachers)	
Altobelli	Laurie O	\$32.50
Ament	Janet	\$11,723.14
Aspero	Jeanne M	\$1,117.50
Ballard	Robin	\$22,230.35
Banks	Elizabeth	\$520.00
Banks	Joan A.	\$9,914.01
Barber	Karen	\$620.80
Beaupre	Rebecca L.	\$9,048.07
Benson	Kimberly C	\$292.50
Benson	Hilary F	\$16,170.96
Bjorn	Karen O	\$18,417.32
Bokankowitz	Sharon	\$24,423.90
Boyer	Beverly A	\$2,390.00
Bredbenner	Cynthia G	\$1,392.50
Brenner	Jennifer	\$23,070.55
Brenner	Susan	\$22,298.99
Brenner	Laurence D	\$50.00
Cabrera	cynthia A	\$65.00
Canfield	Kathleen M	\$260.00
Hughes	David	\$5,530.00
Cashin	Kathleen R	\$475.00
Clairmont	Lorraine R	\$65.00
Collecton	Ryan D	\$36,195.91
Giguere	Robin	\$25,755.85
Glazier	Virginia	\$13,181.88
Healy	Rebecca D.	\$100.00
Iorio	Linda A	\$97.50
Jasiewicz	Hazel	\$3,195.00
Kane	Katherine A	\$260.00
Kelly	Jennifer	\$18,890.43
Kohberger	Anthy S.	\$285.00
Koogler	Joan	\$1,035.00
LaValle	Denise M	\$10,954.07
Mack	Audrey J	\$97.50
MacQueen	Elleen M	\$21,215.17
Martinez	Mary-Louise	\$32.50
May	Patricia H	\$1,620.00
McIvor	Johanne H	\$195.00
Morin	Bonnie	\$14,837.88
Moulton	Jennifer A	\$1,585.00
Murphy	Kathleen	\$19,651.47
Nelson	Cheryl	\$13,474.67
Noel	Richard R.	\$6,929.26
Norvold	Maureen C	\$142.50

(Continued):

O'Connor	Nancy	\$11,440.64
Pini	Rachel A	\$2,473.67
Perreault	Sarah M.	\$11,745.04
Perrone	Vincent	\$50.00
Purcell	Irene H	\$7,791.66
Roy	John	\$26,031.02
Scheinfein	Sarah E.	\$1,187.50
Sharon	Cheryl A	\$9,869.33
Silvia	Pamela M	\$24,965.44
Solomonides	Deana M	\$130.00
Staras	Carol	\$18,768.60
Thibault	Elisabeth A	\$65.00
Sullivan	Tara L	\$1,122.50
Sullivan	John	\$18,402.57
Sweed	Barbara	\$907.50
Taintor	Michelle P	\$7,624.38
Toles	Susan K	\$13,059.89
Tufts	Sandra C	\$655.00
Wheeler	Lisa	\$43,314.66
Wheeler	Wendy J.	\$18,872.35
Wilson	Michael	\$27,531.86
		<u>\$605,848.29</u>

School Lunch:

Fryburg	Mary Ellen	\$8,330.55
Hunt	Bonnie	\$20,497.50
Perro	Paula	\$16,217.68
Prunier	Teresa	\$10,394.68
Garramone	Joan	\$130.00
Wilhelmy	Susan	\$6,275.13
		<u>\$61,845.54</u>

Teachers:

Andrews	William	\$69,917.29
Barsamian	Sarah	\$25,700.88
Belbin	Julie	\$51,996.07
Benson	Laurie	\$62,970.00
Buchanan	Maureen	\$62,170.00
Carter	Karen	\$83,040.71
Checola	Linda	\$76,897.22
Clarke	Debra	\$31,061.29
Cooper	Jessica	\$62,843.07
Daley	Peter	\$48,732.14
DeLuca	Kara	\$15,421.86
Deneen	Daniel	\$79,361.44
DiFonso	J. BethAnne	\$61,128.40
Fiorillo	Paula	\$37,591.49
Fitzgerald	Susan J	\$632.03
Fletcher	Beverly S	\$33,016.53
Giguere	Jean	\$52,233.85
Gostyla	Lynn	\$56,219.71
Keane	Anne	\$70,274.43
Kelleher	Gail	\$65,781.07
Koziak	Tara	\$59,770.65
Kuppens	Lauren	\$43,869.21
LaMontagne	Jennifer	\$53,498.63
LaPierre	Nancy L	\$52,164.45
Lefebvre	Catherine	\$16,040.07
Leonard	Matthew C	\$34,219.36
Lindquist	Sue Ann	\$50,536.29
Lubarsky	Terry	\$62,670.00
Mara	Paul	\$22,182.01
McDermott	Brian	\$30,849.93
Olszak	Carole	\$75,702.71
Pascoal	Briana	\$62,634.09
Petrell	Lisa	\$49,728.23
Pierce	Kimberly	\$74,602.71

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Teachers: Continued

Rodman	Donna-Lu	\$390.00
Ruane	Eileen	\$78,782.00
Sabourin	Ellen	\$62,170.00
Somes	Christine	\$63,780.00
Sparks	David	\$61,738.28
Sullivan	Fayne	\$53,921.57
Thaler	Carolyn	\$47,877.07
Trudeau	Elizabeth	\$37,602.22
Vaillancourt	Judith	\$26,620.68
Withers	Julie	\$48,277.35

\$2,216,616.99

Tax Collector/ Treasurer:

Johns	Alyce	\$16,269.12
McKay	F. Ellen	\$32,011.25
Daigneault	Joseph P	\$22,988.36

\$71,268.73

Town Clerk:

Bourassa	Sandra	\$31,322.21
Jasper	Mary	\$12,988.59

\$44,310.80

Planning Board:

Baker	Richard	\$185.00
Hucknall	Julia	\$26.50
Webster	Christine	\$2,373.47

\$2,584.97

Veteran's Agent

Fire/Ambulance

Baker	Nikito	\$351.78
Bradford	Jason	\$49,056.80
Bradford	Joel	\$330.54
Brown	John	\$72.36
Buchanan	David	\$170.55
Buddenhagen	Daniel G	\$3,704.91
Buddenhagen	Michael W	\$1,023.59
Byrne	Jarrett	\$63.65
Colomey	Kevin M	\$3,167.45
Consiglio	Gino	\$990.70
Cox	Cheri	\$3,237.90
Duca	Brent	\$7,666.16
Flanagan	Joseph	\$72,380.40
Gaucher	Brian	\$939.08
Healy	John S.	\$372.90
Johnson	Luke S.	\$509.65
Knipe	Seth A	\$814.72
Krause	Jay C.	\$811.10
LeBlanc	Paul	\$192.00
Lindsay	James	\$386.00
MacKenzie	Donald	\$51,578.80
MacKenzie	Robb	\$290.20
Maneggio	Michael	\$147.36
McCubrey	Scott	\$908.91
Osterberg	Paul	\$1,950.44
Richardson	William	\$493.32
Ronn	Matthew	\$4,140.06
Rotando	Peter	\$150.00
Rudge	Lisa A	\$3,037.28
Savoie	Steven	\$262.35
Shircliff	Matthew w	\$1,460.99
Shircliff	Leigh	\$4,047.93
Stanton	Jeffrey	\$1,242.00
Starkey	Robert	\$473.58
Wilder	Thomas J	\$318.25
Young	David	\$1,177.83
Young	Roger Jr.	\$1,099.44

\$219,020.98**Parking Clerk**

Bourassa	Sandra	\$330.00
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Voter Registrars:

Anderson	Carol	\$212.66
Shepard	Mark	\$336.00
Berard	Pauline	\$44.46
Bourassa	Sandra	\$891.24
Thomas	Robert C.	\$168.00
Gaucher	Phyllis E	\$348.28
Jasper	Mary	\$269.00
Morrill	Mary	\$357.92
Peterson	Gertrude	\$170.43
Rajotte	Ronald R.	\$651.00
Richardson	William	\$115.64
Seed	Mary T	\$170.43
		\$3,735.06

Conservation:

Rich	Melanie	\$14,908.88
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Police:

Barbato	Robert	\$56,440.93
Bazydlo	Philip	\$54,418.74
Bissonnette	Christine	\$29,056.23
Donahue	Michael	\$83,237.96
Parker	Russell	\$82,145.53
Piche	Jared	\$56,749.39
Rajotte	Ronald	\$73,172.57
Sahagian	Anthony	\$94,866.91
Shepard	Mark	\$64,634.12
Szymkiewicz	Scott	\$86,365.60
Thomas	Robert	\$92,866.77
		\$773,954.75

Inspectors

Bertonassi	Mark C.	\$51,633.70
Bourassa	Sandra L	\$2,329.45
Johnson	Eric	\$10,587.52
LaPan	Richard	\$899.00
Morrill	James	\$7,583.52
O'Connor	Thomas	\$530.00
		\$73,563.19

**Senior Lunch
Coordinator:**

Ressiquie	Janice	\$955.02
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Council on Aging Coordinator:

Meegan	Jane	\$15,900.82
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	COA Total	\$16,855.84
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**Police
Revolving:**

Bouget	Albert	\$336.00
Corriveau	Carl	\$252.00
Coyne	Brain	\$336.00
Fazio	Michael J	\$504.00
Frisch	Jeffery J	\$672.00
Hisman	James A	\$1,344.00
Hurwitz	Maxwell	\$336.00
Martinez	Geroqe D	\$735.00
Parker	Russell	\$924.00
Piche	Jared	\$1,982.00
Punecki	David	\$1,092.00
Rajotte	Ronald	\$168.00
Sahagian	Anthony G.	\$1,260.00
Saunders	Matthew S	\$1,512.00
Shepard	Mark	\$2,772.00
Spaulding	Howard H	\$336.00
Thomas	Robert	\$9,059.00
Westerman	David	\$1,430.00
Detail Total		\$25,050.00

Dispatch:

Spencer	Daniel E	\$33,546.62
Martin	Daniel T.	\$18,826.70
Parker	Melissa S	\$5,216.33
Purcell	Lynn F	\$48,693.75
Rudge	Pamela	\$54,806.52
White	Bonnie	\$13,266.28
		\$174,356.20

Parks & Recreation

Barber	Karen	\$8,327.48
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Dog Officer

Steven	\$2,012.48
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Tree Warden:

Parker	Donald	\$1,030.00
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Accountant

Nykiel	Nancy	\$971.14
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GRAND TOTAL	\$5,376,208.84
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

TOWN OF BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Report

For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

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Hirbour & Haynes, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

October 28, 2009

To: **The Honorable Board of Selectmen**
Town of Boylston, Massachusetts

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Boylston as of June 30, 2009, and for the year then ended, and the accompanying supplementary schedules, which are presented only for supplementary analysis purposes, as listed in the foregoing Table of Contents, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements and supplementary schedules information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and supplementary schedules and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The Town has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The general purpose financial statements presented are broken down into fund types and account groups. Generally accepted accounting principles require that basic financial statements present government-wide financial statements and columnar presentations based on major funds. The effect on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the town's financial position and results of operation. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

We are not independent with respect to the Town of Boylston.

Hirbour & Haynes, P.C.

**TOWN OF BOYLSTON
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
June 30, 2009
(See Accountant's Compilation Report)**

EXHIBIT B-1

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>			<u>Fiduciary Fund</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Project</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
ASSETS						
Pooled Cash and Equivalents	2,121,869.16	1,139,698.88	(91.60)	112,069.55		3,373,545.99
Marketable Securities		332,818.29		952,174.57		1,284,992.86
Receivables:						
Real Estate Taxes	128,807.74					128,807.74
Personal Property Taxes	4,331.75					4,331.75
Less Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions	(120,985.33)					(120,985.33)
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	23,489.73					23,489.73
Tax Liens and Possessions	288,373.53					288,373.53
Septic Loans		69,184.35				69,184.35
Other		5,840.00		4,340.08		10,180.08
Due From Other Governments	103,184.60	61,848.11				165,032.71
Amount to be Provided for Long-Term Obligations					5,325,736.00	5,325,736.00
Total Assets	2,549,071.18	1,609,389.63	(91.60)	1,068,584.20	5,325,736.00	10,552,689.41

TOWN OF BOYLSTON
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
June 30, 2009
(See Accountant's Compilation Report)
(Continued)

EXHIBIT B-2

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Fund	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
LIABILITIES						
Warrants and Accounts Payable	169,295.01	17,852.60		1,125.75		188,273.36
Accrued Payroll	150,976.26	14,060.37				165,036.63
Withholdings and Other Liabilities	48,927.23			30,087.67		79,014.90
Deposits Payable				28,224.76		28,224.76
Deferred Revenue:						
Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes	12,154.16					12,154.16
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	23,489.73					23,489.73
Tax Liens and Possessions	288,373.53					288,373.53
Septic Loans		69,184.35				69,184.35
Bonds and Notes Payable					5,325,736.00	5,325,736.00
Total Liabilities	693,215.92	101,097.32	0.00	59,438.18	5,325,736.00	6,179,487.42
FUND BALANCES						
Fund Balances:						
Reserved for Expenditures	603,202.93	1,508,292.31	(91.60)	419,767.53		2,531,171.17
Reserved for Endowment				96,044.53		96,044.53
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditure	610,000.00					610,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	642,652.33			493,333.96		1,135,986.29
Total Fund Balances	1,855,855.26	1,508,292.31	(91.60)	1,009,146.02	0.00	4,373,201.99
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	2,549,071.18	1,609,389.63	(91.60)	1,068,584.20	5,325,736.00	10,552,689.41

TOWN OF BOYLSTON
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(See Accountant's Compilation Report)

EXHIBIT C-1

	Governmental			Fiduciary	
	Funds			Funds	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	Total (Memorandum Only)
REVENUE:					
Real Estate Taxes	8,391,387.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,391,387.68
Personal Property Taxes	186,367.74				186,367.74
Less: Abatements and Exemptions	(72,665.44)				(72,665.44)
	8,505,089.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,505,089.98
Federal Grants & Aid		195,885.07			195,885.07
State Aid, Reimbursements and Grants					
Lottery Aid	384,767.00				384,767.00
Education	954,377.56	290,281.86			1,244,659.42
Highway		193,588.00			193,588.00
Other	80,290.79	128,416.32			208,707.11
Local Receipts:					
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	676,642.12				676,642.12
Licenses, Fines, Permits and Fees	184,081.05	180,940.57			365,021.62
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	550,154.62				550,154.62
Sale of Foreclosed Property	90,844.55				90,844.55
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	47,918.97				47,918.97
Interest on Investments	45,060.70	8,411.18	109.44	33,577.92	87,159.24
Charges for Services:					
Ambulance		83,087.76			83,087.76
School Lunch		95,652.36			95,652.36
Other	95,296.08	255,200.36	1,200.00	947.00	352,643.44
Total Revenue	11,614,523.42	1,431,463.48	1,309.44	34,524.92	13,081,821.26
EXPENDITURES:					
General Government	2,266,020.42	85,278.02		7,491.33	2,358,789.77
Public Safety	1,398,769.74	100,223.78			1,498,993.52
Public Works and Facilities	374,852.31	260,116.03			634,968.34
Education	6,418,467.48	541,859.48			6,960,326.96
Human Services	88,546.16	5,003.44			93,549.60
Culture and Recreation	161,843.88	42,602.17	1,876.20	500.00	206,822.25
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement	565,000.00	8,721.00			573,721.00
Interest(Including Temporary Loans)	292,702.50	5,441.10			298,143.60
Total Expenditures	11,566,202.49	1,049,245.02	1,876.20	7,991.33	12,625,315.04
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	48,320.93	382,218.46	(566.76)	26,533.59	456,506.22

Town of Boylston

**TOWN OF BOYLSTON
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(See Accountant's Compilation Report)
(Continued)**

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust Funds	Total (Memorandum Only)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Unrealized gain/(Loss)				(17,656.18)	(17,656.18)
Transfer from Special Revenue Fund	265,095.34				265,095.34
Transfer to General Fund		(265,095.34)			(265,095.34)
Transfer to Trust Funds					0.00
Transfer from General Fund					0.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	265,095.34	(265,095.34)	0.00	(17,656.18)	(17,656.18)
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources					
Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	313,416.27	117,123.12	(566.76)	8,877.41	438,850.04
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	1,542,438.99	1,391,169.19	475.16	1,000,268.61	3,934,351.95
Fund Balance, End of Year	1,855,855.26	1,508,292.31	(91.60)	1,009,146.02	4,373,201.99

**TOWN OF BOYLSTON
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL RECEIPTS-GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009
(See Accountant's Compilation Report)**

EXHIBIT D

Description	Amount
Licenses, Fines, Permits and Fees	
Fees-Board of Appeals	205.00
Fees-Assessors	1,137.75
Fees-Municipal Liens	4,325.00
Fees-Police	1,963.50
Fees-Fire	6,249.00
Fees-Town Clerk	6,577.85
Fees-Planning	1,256.53
Fees-Other	3,217.23
Selectboard Licenses	11,176.59
Board of Health Permits & Fees	20,820.00
Building Permits	91,431.60
Police Gun Permits	1,075.00
Plumbing Permits	7,138.00
Electrical Permits	12,013.00
Library Fines	985.00
Court Fines	14,510.00
Total Licenses, Fines, Permits and Fees	184,081.05
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	
Penalties and Interest-Property Taxes	20,981.51
Penalties and Interest-Tax Liens	11,912.59
Penalties and Interest-Excise Taxes	15,024.87
Total Interest on Penalties and Taxes	47,918.97
Other	
Municipal Light Reimbursements	89,450.70
Sales of Inventory	512.80
Off-Duty Surcharge	1,461.60
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,870.98
Total Other	95,296.08

EXHIBIT E-2

2009 Appropriations	Supplemental Appropriations	Reserve Fund and Other Transfers	2008		2009		2009 Adjusted Budget	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
			Carryover	Appropriations	Carryover	Appropriations			
500.00							500.00	0.00	500.00
582.00							582.00	0.00	582.00
53.00							53.00	0.00	53.00
7,735.00							7,735.00	3,157.33	4,577.67
2,300.00							2,300.00	1,251.55	1,048.45
1,000.00							1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
		(18,600.00)		18,600.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
50.00							50.00	0.00	50.00
39,300.00		(5,000.00)		7,500.00			41,800.00	40,646.30	1,153.70
				3,700.00			3,700.00	3,700.00	0.00
215,000.00				7,349.18			222,349.18	184,095.34	38,253.84
				28,204.00		(28,204.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
				1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
120,000.00						(18,274.85)	16,732.90	16,732.90	0.00
40,000.00						(27,033.63)	92,966.37	92,966.37	0.00
9,500.00						(40,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
7,650.00		246.62					9,746.62	9,746.62	0.00
3,500.00		9,000.00					16,650.00	14,609.87	2,040.13
2,000.00							3,500.00	662.94	2,837.06
287,411.00		1,408.50					2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
5,000.00		(2,500.00)					288,819.50	288,819.50	0.00
795,000.00		27,600.00					2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
500.00							822,600.00	820,023.07	2,576.93
108,500.00							500.00	0.00	500.00
942.08							108,500.00	105,169.70	3,330.30
15,000.00							942.08	942.08	0.00
81,050.00							15,000.00	20,573.00	(5,573.00)
32,026.00							81,050.00	56,750.00	24,300.00
7,179.00		(22,000.00)					10,026.00	0.00	10,026.00
1,282.00							7,179.00	7,179.00	0.00
2,480.00							1,282.00	1,282.00	0.00
5,887.00							2,480.00	2,920.00	(440.00)
							5,887.00	5,887.00	0.00
2,451,075.08	0.00	(5,148.57)	172,090.63	(196,064.31)			2,421,952.83	2,266,020.42	155,932.41

EXHIBIT E-3

2009 Appropriations	2009 Supplemental Appropriations	Reserve Fund and Other Transfers	2008 Carryover Appropriations	2009 Carryover Appropriations	2009 Adjusted Budget	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
769,581.00			0.00		769,581.00	769,464.08	116.92
84,900.00		(1,750.00)			83,150.00	69,943.78	13,206.22
192,744.00					192,744.00	183,596.24	9,147.76
24,150.00					24,150.00	14,355.09	9,794.91
6,000.00			192.00		6,192.00	5,406.00	786.00
36,000.00			1,080.84		37,080.84	37,080.84	0.00
			637.68		637.68	637.68	0.00
			1,586.40		1,586.40	1,586.40	0.00
			4,530.54	(4,332.21)	198.33	198.33	(0.00)
			10,000.00	(10,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
9,000.00					9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
20,000.00					20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
10,000.00				(4,267.75)	5,732.25	5,732.25	0.00
197,980.00					197,980.00	175,560.35	22,419.65
12,715.00		1,732.05			14,447.05	14,447.05	0.00
50,923.00		180.96			51,103.96	51,103.96	0.00
5,000.00		(2,000.00)			3,000.00	2,283.64	716.36
5,400.00					5,400.00	5,398.31	1.69
2,615.00					2,615.00	2,615.00	0.00
850.00					850.00	150.00	700.00
8,677.00					8,677.00	8,677.00	0.00
7,979.00					7,979.00	7,979.00	0.00
960.00					960.00	605.30	354.70
90.00					90.00	0.00	90.00
1,967.00					1,967.00	1,967.00	0.00
1,200.00					1,200.00	500.00	700.00
260.00					260.00	260.00	0.00
1,061.00					1,061.00	1,061.00	0.00
11,000.00					11,000.00	9,161.44	1,838.56
1,461,052.00	0.00	(1,836.99)	18,027.46	(18,599.96)	1,458,642.51	1,398,769.74	59,872.77

EXHIBIT E-4

2009 Appropriations	2009 Supplemental Appropriations	Reserve Fund and Other Transfers	2008 Carryover Appropriations	2009 Carryover Appropriations	2009 Adjusted Budget	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
300,815.00			0.00		300,815.00	229,426.90	71,388.10
113,250.00		(38,384.41)	35,855.07		110,720.66	61,003.55	49,717.11
			9,667.91	(9,667.91)	0.00		0.00
30,000.00				(28,000.00)	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
95,000.00		24,993.07			119,993.07	63,351.29	56,641.78
15,000.00			2,343.91		17,343.91	17,002.77	341.14
530.00					530.00	325.00	205.00
3,000.00					3,000.00	1,742.80	1,257.20
			24,141.31	(24,141.31)	0.00		0.00
557,595.00	0.00	(13,391.34)	72,008.20	(61,809.22)	554,402.64	374,852.31	179,550.33

EXHIBIT E-5

2009 Appropriations	2009 Supplemental Appropriations	Reserve Fund and Other Transfers	2008 Carryover Appropriations	2009 Carryover Appropriations	2009 Adjusted Budget	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
200.00					200.00	200.00	0.00
3,018,038.00		(43,458.00)	42,005.38	(23,882.87)	2,992,702.51	2,937,272.74	55,429.77
442,002.00		(33,485.00)			408,517.00	408,517.00	0.00
23,782.00					23,782.00	17,796.20	5,985.80
2,937,222.00		98,943.00			3,036,165.00	3,025,463.00	10,702.00
			1,599.74	(1,599.74)	0.00	0.00	0.00
			10,000.00	(10,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
			26,680.00	(26,680.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
			15,000.00	(15,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
			23,520.00	(23,520.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
			13,470.73	(11,575.73)	1,895.00	1,895.00	0.00
			13,500.00	(4,048.19)	9,451.81	9,451.81	0.00
140,000.00				(140,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
19,507.00				(1,635.27)	17,871.73	17,871.73	0.00
6,580,751.00	0.00	22,000.00	145,775.85	(257,941.80)	6,490,585.05	6,418,467.48	72,117.57

EXHIBIT E-6

2009 Appropriations	2009 Supplemental Appropriations	Reserve Fund and Other Transfers	2008 Carryover Appropriations	2009 Carryover Appropriations	2009 Adjusted Budget	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
648.00					648.00	324.00	324.00
16,879.00					16,879.00	16,552.32	326.68
2,600.00					2,600.00	2,128.32	471.68
2,200.00					2,200.00		2,200.00
200.00					200.00	200.00	0.00
34,967.00		134.40			35,101.40	35,101.40	0.00
1,131.00					1,131.00	1,131.00	0.00
50,000.00			3,500.00		3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
90.00				(50,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
180.00					90.00	0.00	90.00
15,000.00					180.00	0.00	180.00
1,500.00					15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
14,200.00					1,500.00	885.00	615.00
941.00					14,200.00	14,200.00	0.00
4,985.00				(1,694.00)	941.00	941.00	0.00
979.00					3,291.00	1,743.12	1,547.88
1,000.00					979.00	165.00	814.00
175.00					1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
					175.00	175.00	0.00
147,675.00	0.00	134.40	3,500.00	(51,694.00)	99,615.40	88,546.16	11,069.24

EXHIBIT E-7

2009 Appropriations	2009 Supplemental Appropriations	Reserve Fund and Other Transfers	2008 Carryover Appropriations	2009 Carryover Appropriations	2009 Adjusted Budget	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
100,390.00			0.00	0.00	100,390.00	100,390.00	0.00
42,100.00					42,100.00	42,100.00	0.00
			17,093.64	(17,093.64)	0.00	0.00	0.00
3,000.00			1,149.00		4,149.00	4,149.00	0.00
6,000.00					6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
5,000.00					5,000.00	4,980.70	19.30
3,500.00					3,500.00	3,229.18	270.82
1,200.00					1,200.00	995.00	205.00
161,190.00	0.00	0.00	18,242.64	(17,093.64)	162,339.00	161,843.88	495.12
565,000.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	565,000.00	565,000.00	0.00
292,460.00		242.50			292,702.50	292,702.50	0.00
2,000.00		(2,000.00)			0.00	0.00	0.00
859,460.00	0.00	(1,757.50)	0.00	0.00	857,702.50	857,702.50	0.00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

	2006	2007	2008
Gross Revenue:	3,400,000.00	3,578,710.00	3,782,268.00
Operating Expense:	3,138,500.00	3,648,765.00	3,910,955.00
Misc. Sales:	55,940.00	27,183.00	51,890.00
Profit:	111,971.00	150,981.00	17,301.00
Physical Plant Cost:	2,808,694.00	2,854,661.00	3,036,402.00
KW of Demand:	7,308	6,764	7,177
KWH Bought:	31,194,483	32,881,622	33,415,230
KWH Sold:	29,516,841	31,131,534	30,532,462
Customers:	2248	2252	2250
Purchase Power Avg. Cost:	.109	.115	.113

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Light Commission Meetings 4th Monday of the month or as posted

24 Hr Emergency Service Phone Number: 508-869-6564

The Light Dept. offers Home Energy Audits call 508-869-2626

The Board met eleven (11) times during 2009 with the following attendance:

Alden Gates	10
Ed Kimball	11
John McQuade	8

Mission Statement: The Boylston Light Department strives to provide excellent service and economical electric rates to its customers.

Gary Harrington

General Manager

POLICE DEPARTMENT

It's so hard to believe that December 27th marked my 10 year anniversary as Boylston's Chief of Police; where has the time gone? My thanks to so many of you for your support, friendship, and understanding, especially during the fiscally challenging years of late.

This year, BPD experienced the departure/resignation of long-time Dispatcher/Dispatcher Union President Sonja J. Collins. Sonja, our thanks to you and your entire family for the many years of service you rendered to the Town.

Management of the vehicle fleet once again resulted in my not requesting Town funding for any replacement police cruisers in 2009. The replacement cruiser that was purchased this year was once again, completely funded with grant and gift money. No cruisers currently in the BPD inventory were bought with Town funds.

The D.A.R.E. Program, which continues to be eliminated by Towns due to funding and personnel constraints, was supported again this year through private donations and creative scheduling (classes scheduled to coincide with the D.A.R.E. Officer's normal duty schedule). Other efforts undertaken this year included the submission and award of a \$10,000 E-911 Equipment/Training Grant, conduct of the annual D.A.R.E. Halloween Party, conduct of the annual D.A.R.E. Graduation, and the issuance of Halloween, "glow necklaces," for Boylston Elementary School students. We also continued to upgrade our web-page, we made wider use of the Town's Cable TV Channel, and, we entered into an emergency Reverse-911 call-back system agreement with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office.

It gives me great pleasure to report that a review of our criminal statistics for 2009, when compared against communities of similar size and demographics, continues to reflect that Boylston is a very safe community in which to live, work, and play. Pro-activity, visibility, and the community working in close concert with law enforcement does make a difference! My thanks to so many of you who have chosen to get involved by reporting suspicious activity to us. Lastly, and while speaking of crime prevention, in response to continued requests by our business community, you should know that we increased our after hours business checks by over two thousand from last year – that truly is a lot of door shaking!!!

Incidents of significance this year include the identification of Subjects involved in the thefts of cell-phones, wallets, and IPODs from Tahanto; additionally, once identified, Subjects were charged in house breaks, and, in the thefts of wallets, purses, checkbooks, laptops, GPSs, TV's, and radar detectors from cars, homes, and businesses. Individuals identified dumping items illegally throughout the Town were also identified and charged, and Detectives continued to spend long hours in the investigation of Identity Theft/money scam cases, working many of these cases with law enforcement agencies across the country and overseas. As the frequency of these type crimes continues to grow, remember to safeguard your personal information, check your credit report periodically, and report suspicious activity to the police. If something seems too good to be true, remember, it probably is, too good to be true!

On behalf of the entire Boylston Police Department, I wish you a happy, safe, and prosperous 2010. Should you need to contact the Boylston Police Department, please call (508) 869-2113, or, in the event of an emergency, dial 911. To contact/visit the Boylston Police Department on-line, please visit www.boylston-ma.gov and locate us under Town Departments.

Tony Sahagian

Chief of Police

<u>SYNOPSIS OF SELECTED ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
911 Emergency Calls	68	63	65	79	73	52	64	46	40	38
Assault and Battery	2	3	2	2	3	2	10	6	2	1
Alarm Response (Home/Business)	294	241	216	234	242	237	236	204	259	192
Ambulance Response/Support	139	177	190	161	186	184	197	180	200	209
Animal	52	75	42	33	33	27	36	20	53	31
Assault	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	2	3	2
B&E, Building	1	1	4	6	6	2	4	1	6	6
B&E, Dwelling	5	2	7	8	3	6	7	6	7	5
Check Well-being	41	49	49	40	31	40	38	51	35	50
Civil Dispute	29	10	23	33	18	10	8	8	20	18
Destruction of Property	27	25	28	41	32	39	38	26	13	18
Disturbance	55	45	30	31	31	26	22	42	27	41
Disabled Motor Vehicle	110	145	135	104	120	160	107	113	129	92
Dog Complaint	34	13	19	19	22	7	13	7	14	14
Domestic Disturbance	17	23	17	24	16	26	23	23	14	19
Drug Offense	9	10	9	9	9	18	8	7	13	5
Erratic Operator	38	37	45	32	51	33	55	61	13	48
Fire Response/Support	43	36	48	28	32	30	45	34	17	23
Harrassing Phone Call	15	16	15	14	13	8	8	10	8	12
Larceny Over \$250	13	8	11	24	24	15	27	9	19	15
Larceny Under \$250	18	16	17	22	25	28	16	16	13	11
Miscellaneous Calls	377	634	1269	1861	1448	1307	800	256	384	431
Motor Vehicle Lock-out	15	14	21	21	10	22	16	10	11	17
Mutual Aid Call	87	73	96	73	74	83	71	66	89	67
Motor Vehicle Accident (Personal Injury)	24	22	18	14	12	20	28	32	21	22
Motor Vehicle Accident (Property Damage)	133	83	128	89	90	102	53	67	72	58
Motor Vehicle, Recovered	3	3	4	4	3	2	1	1	2	2
Motor Vehicle, Traffic Stop	1918	1953	2419	1947	1732	1910	1663	1210	1284	1059
Operating Under the Influnce of Alcohol	6	2	6	4	6	8	7	5	2	1
Parking Violation	14	19	18	28	9	20	9	16	9	7
Safety Hazard	51	82	80	50	54	68	55	43	69	44
Serve Summons	69	67	50	46	77	61	41	43	38	51
Suspicious Person, Investigate	42	65	49	55	53	58	59	81	65	50
Suspicious Vehicle, Investigate	80	85	109	83	111	92	93	107	125	99
Traffic Study/Watch	34	57	190	124	61	29	35	87	60	149
Trespassing	4	2	13	10	8	7	9	3	2	1
Unsecured Building	13	16	23	32	32	22	23	10	18	34
Warrant Arrest	22	22	16	18	16	16	12	9	10	11
TOTAL CALLS INCLUDES ABOVE "SELECTED" CALLS	4682	5079	6507	6452	5802	5957	6802	6309	7742	9296

SAFETY OFFICER AND D.A.R.E. REPORT

This year, the Boylston Police Department received 149 traffic related complaints compared to 60 complaints during 2008. Types of complaints received included speeding and stop sign violations at the following locations: East Temple Street, Sylvan Way, Glazier Street, Mill Road, Cross Street, School Street, Greenwood Street, Birchwood Street, Green Street, Mile Hill Road, Linden Street, and Main Street. The Boylston Police Department conducted speed compliance enforcement and checked speed by radar in posted school zones and on the above and other existing paved roadways.

In 2009, the Boylston Department responded to a total of 80 motor vehicle accidents (down 14% from last year). The intersections with the highest frequency of accidents include East Temple/School Street, Main Street/French Drive, and Central/Cross Street. Causes of the majority of accidents are failure to stop at traffic control devices, following too closely, failure to grant the right of way, and speed greater than reasonable for existing road conditions. The majority of accidents occur between 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This year, we also received a commendation from Southern New England American Automobile Association for ten years with no pedestrian fatalities.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any safety issues such as speeding, hazardous road conditions, faded signs, and requests for new signage.

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The Boylston Drug Abuse Resistance Education program at the elementary school has entered its eighteenth year. The fifth grade elementary school core program is taught for approximately 45 minutes per week for seventeen weeks. The eighth grade Middle School core program is taught for approximately 45 minutes per class for ten weeks.

The D.A.R.E. Halloween party fundraiser was once again extremely successful and a great time was had by all! Once again, all monies will be applied to purchasing T-Shirts, certificates and other educational supplies in support of the D.A.R.E. program. I would like to thank all the volunteers, business and association donors, and town officials for their continuous support of this very worthwhile program.

Det./Ptlm. Ron Rajotte, Badge #5

Safety/D.A.R.E. Officer

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

GENERAL HIGHWAY

MONIES SPENT

Maintenance & Repair of Buildings
 Ledge Removal
 Catch Basin Cleaning & Repair
 Managing Beetle Zone
 Chip Brush
 Clean Waterways
 Custodial Services:
 Continuation of Maintenance from Dec. 11, 2008 Ice Storm
 Town House
 Cemetery Maintenance & Internments
 Maintenance of Equipment
 Fall & Spring Leaf Clean-up
 Install Drainage
 Maintenance of Playground
 Maintenance of Town Fields for youth sports
 Plow Snow-Sand & Salt Roads
 Roadside Mowing & Brush Cutting
 Maintenance of Road Shoulder
 Patched & Repaired Roads
 Resurfacing of Town roads
 Setting up for Senior Activities/Town House
 Street Sweeping
 Repair & Replacement Street Signs
 Tree Cutting & Pruning
 Attended Classes for "Beetle" Certification

LABOR: **\$242,171.00**
EXPENSE: **\$55,683.00**

71 days 3,3,10 CY

SANDING & PLOWING:

Sand Used
 Salt Used
 Plowing Days
 Sanding Days
 Guard Rail Markings
 Snow Stakes Installed
 Waterway Marking & Maintenance

EXPENSES: \$108,189.33

996CY
771 Tons
16
20

Days Sanded-Tahanto

2

Donald C. Parker

Highway Superintendent



FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

It is the mission of the Boylston Fire Department to protect the lives and property of the people in the community from fire, natural disasters, hazardous material incidents and other emergencies by providing prompt, professional service.

The Boylston Fire Department is a combination career/paid on-call department that provides fire protection and ambulance services to the community. The department has a full time fire chief and two full time fire officers who are on duty from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. along with 32 on-call firefighters, many who are also emergency medical technicians. The fire department operates out of a single station located at 599 Main Street. The fire department responds to several hundred calls for emergency service every year ranging from medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, structure fires, vehicle fires, brush fires and other alarms. The department operates one basic life support ambulance, two engine companies, one tanker, one specialized rescue vehicle, two brush fire apparatus, a marine unit, an all-terrain vehicle and two command vehicles.

The fire department also provides inspection services, fire prevention and education programs along with community CPR and First Aid classes. The fire department also provides detailed fire education classes to students in the fourth grade at the Boylston Elementary School thanks in part from a Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant received by the Department of Fire Services. In this program students are given instruction in areas of fire behavior, home fire safety, winter preparedness, vehicle safety along with demonstrations of fire extinguishers, ladders and auto extrication equipment.

Fire department personnel participate in regular training activities to keep their skills current so that they may provide the highest level of service to the community. In addition to local training, members of the fire department participated in training sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, National Fire Academy, Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, American Red Cross and the Department of Homeland Security.

The fire department staff is available to assist residents with proper placement of carbon monoxide detectors and/or smoke detectors and reminds all residents to change detector batteries at least twice a year. The fire department also recommends testing these detectors on a regular basis as part of a comprehensive in home fire prevention program.

The Boylston Fire Department, along with the Holden, Sterling and West Boylston Fire Departments continue to be involved in a Regional Emergency Planning Committee; this committee develops and maintains Comprehensive Emergency Plans to be used in event of any natural disasters or hazardous materials incidents that may occur in the region. The four towns have also developed and trained a regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT team is made up of volunteers who are trained to assist law enforcement and fire department personnel when personnel resources may become overburdened at an incident. The CERT team receives training areas such as CPR and First Aid, Search and Rescue, Weather Emergencies and Shelter Management. The regional CERT team played a very active role in the December 2008 Ice Storm; CERT team members set up and staffed shelters in West Boylston, Sterling and Holden. Any residents who would like more information on joining the CERT team should contact the Fire Department at (508) 869-2342. The CERT team is a great opportunity for residents to serve their community in a time of need.

The fire department was a recipient of a MA Executive Office of Public Safety Equipment Grant in 2009; money received from this grant was used to purchase an all-terrain vehicle to assist fire department personnel in response to brush fires and other emergencies in wooded areas. The fire department also received a grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant program for the purchase of fire retardant clothing to be worn by firefighters while fighting brush fires on DCR property and in other areas in town.

During 2009, the Fire Department responded to the following calls:

Motor vehicle accidents	33
Carbon monoxide alarms:	12

Chimney fires	4
Fire alarms	65
Brush fires	4
Mutual aid	13
Fires in a structure	8
Vehicle fires	2
Investigations	18
Flooded basements	20

During 2009, the following permits were issued:

Above Ground Storage (LPG)	15
Blasting	0
Certificate of Compliance	72
Fireworks	0
Oil Burner	9
Oil Tank	11
Tank Truck Inspections	2
Underground Storage	0
Seasonal Burning Permits	437
Total Controlled Burns	1626
Tank Removal	6
Woodstove	19
Sprinkler Systems	4

The Fire Department continued to operate its Emergency Medical Services division in 2009. EMS continuing education was conducted on a regular basis so that all Fire Department EMTs maintained current certifications as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Emergency Medical Services. The Fire Department worked in conjunction with paramedic services from West Boylston and the University of Massachusetts to provide the town with the highest level of emergency care in the field.

During 2009, the Fire Department EMS responded to the following calls:

Residential Calls (total)	345
Basic Life Support	286
Advanced Life Support	59
Industrial Calls	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	33
Mutual Aid	10

Total Calls for Emergency Service (Fire and EMS) in 2009	539
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File of Life pamphlets are available to all residents free of charge and can be obtained by calling the fire department office at (508) 869-2342. The pamphlets provide emergency medical technicians with critical information regarding patient's medical history and current medications in the event of an emergency. The File of Life forms are extremely useful to EMTs as they provide vital information that is needed at the emergency room. These pamphlets have been donated by the Boylston Firefighters Association.

The fire department, through its Firefighters Association, awarded its fifth annual \$500 scholarship to a graduating Tahanto High School senior. This year's winner was Daniel Buddenhagen. This money is made available from various community fund raising activities sponsored by the Boylston Firefighters Association including the annual Breakfast with Santa and the Ice Fishing Derby. The Firefighter's Association also sponsored a patch design contest where students in grades 4-12 were able to send in designs for a new fire department patch to be worn on all fire

department uniforms. The winner of the patch was Angela Wheeler from Berlin; Angela received a \$250 prize for her entry shown below. Congratulations to Angela and all of the contestants in the patch contest!



Joseph P. Flanagan, Fire Chief

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is with great pleasure that I submit this 2009 Annual Report to the citizens of Berlin and Boylston as the Superintendent of the Berlin and Boylston Public Schools.

Our challenges continue as we move forward in our work in four areas: a very active Building Committee; thorough analysis of our districts' financial pictures, managing and assuring excellent building leadership; and on-going evaluation of teaching and learning in our schools.

The work to develop a plan for a new Tahanto Regional Middle/High School switched into full gear during 2009. In collaboration with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the Building Committee selected and negotiated a contract with HMFH Architects to proceed with the Feasibility and Schematic Design phase of the project. The Feasibility Study was completed and accepted by the MSBA in July, clearing the way to begin a Schematic Design of the project last fall.

As of this writing, the Schematic Design work has been completed, and MSBA approval is anticipated in late March 2010. Many of the design decisions regarding the new building have been made, and the building accommodates all of the important educational program initiatives and design goals we set out to achieve. The building supports the inclusion of the sixth grade into a true Middle School program, separate space for our High School program, shared spaces for event and community use, and extensive technology and science learning spaces.

A public awareness effort has been ongoing throughout 2009 to inform and educate people in both towns about the project. We have participated in an Information Night event at Tahanto, have been invited as guest speakers to Lions Club meetings in both towns, and there have been numerous Banner and Item articles written. An official ballot committee has been formed to help with public relations activities. The vote for approval of the project from both towns is anticipated to be in the April/May timeframe.

In June of 2009, Carol Bryngelson retired from her position of Principal at Tahanto Regional Middle-High School after 28 years of service with the District. Michael Barth joined us in July as the new Principal at TRMHS. Mike comes to us from Norton High School where he served as Assistant Principal.

In November 2009, Daniel Deneen resigned as Principal of Boylston Elementary School. David Hughes, a retired teacher from BES, was hired to serve as Interim Principal of Boylston Elementary. A committee comprised of parents, teachers and administrators was formed to carry out a search to fill this position.

In terms of the budgets for FY10, in May of 2009, Berlin Town Meeting approved a \$2,738,307 budget for the Berlin Memorial School and \$1,687,411 assessment for the Berlin share of the Tahanto Budget. The Town of Boylston approved a \$2,977,574 appropriation for Boylston Elementary School, \$3,312,663 for the assessment for the Boylston share of the Tahanto budget and \$465,273 for vocational education.

The Administrative Leadership Team started the FY11 budgeting process last summer when the Team met on several occasions to discuss the District's strategic initiatives. The Team decided that the District should focus on standards based education and incorporate this focus in preparing the FY11 budget. It was also decided that because of the current difficult financial times, the District would provide to the town government committees in December 2009 a level funded budget request. The only caveat to the town governments was that the level funded request may change if needed for the District to comply with the funding requirements under Education Reform.

The District foresees that difficult financial times will continue into FY11 and we continue to work to ensure the eventual proposed budgets for FY11 are appropriate for our school system while being responsive to the available revenues of our local communities.

It is obvious that the townspeople of Berlin and Boylston value their schools and appreciate the importance of high quality education for our students. The members of all the School Committees are particularly focused on ensuring

each school provides the best education possible and that there are appropriate resources to do so. I appreciate all their time and effort and look forward to our continued work to establish a long term vision and direction for our schools.

Once again, our parent volunteer groups have provided an enormous amount of support and resources to all of our schools. The parent teacher organizations, our education foundations, our music and performance groups, our special education and school advisory councils have all accomplished so much on behalf of our students and staff. It is a tribute to how much our communities value our schools and our students. Thanks to all of you for all you are doing, it is greatly appreciated.

As you can see, there is much to do in our schools but there are so many positive things happening. I give great credit our administrative team and our teachers for all their hard work. I can assure you that we are all focused on providing the best educational school system possible and I am pleased and proud to say that we are taking great strides toward reaching excellence in our schools.

I continue to be delighted and honored to serve as your Superintendent of Schools, and I look forward to our working together to provide excellent education to all the students of the Berlin-Boylston Public School System.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Brian G. McDermott, Superintendent of Schools

OFFICE OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

The Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Office oversees student support services in the areas of special education, English as a Second Language, School Health, Guidance and School Psychologist Services. The professionals who hold positions in these areas possess important roles in supporting our students who have unique learning needs that impact their education. The PPS department has been very busy in 2009 in a variety of activities designed to benefit the students of the three districts.

In the area of Special Education, Berlin and Boylston Public Schools received stimulus money through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. These funds have allowed the schools to offset budget constraints by utilizing a portion of the funding to cover much needed, existing paraprofessional positions. In addition, in order to build capacity within the schools, funding has been used to provide evaluation services, exceptional professional development in the areas of legal issues in special education, transition services for students with disabilities, school psychologists training in neuropsychological components of effective test batteries and, finally paraprofessional training on multiple topics. We are not yet done with our professional development and look forward to its continued benefits. ARRA funding also supported a comprehensive program evaluation for our Special Education learning centers. We shall use the results of this evaluation to plan further professional development and program improvements. Still another benefit derived from our use of ARRA funding is the funding of technology supports to improve communication and record keeping for students who are at risk. Utilizing financial resources in this direction provides opportunities to track student assessment and progress over time.

Our Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) continues to offer high quality workshops for parents. In 2009, SEPAC meetings covered topics such estate planning for children with special needs, teacher and staff recognition awards, results of a parent involvement survey, transitioning from elementary to middle school, participation in the districts' Wellness Committee as well as building based health and safety committees, parenting children with special needs, and creating a roadmap for your struggling child. The organization continues its exemplary efforts to effectively represent students with disabilities and members attend school committee meetings on a regular basis. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and productive SEPAC in our districts. The Board's desire to insure effective and open communication with administration is to be commended.

Our school nurses are ably represented by our School Nurse leader, Janet Sequeira (Tahanto School Nurse) in a state initiative sponsored by the MA Department of Public Health. Ms. Sequeira participates in meetings with her nurse colleagues from other districts as part of the three district participation in the Essential School Health grant program. Our nurses receive the most current information on any health initiatives through Ms. Sequeira's participation. In addition, there is funding attached to this grant to allow each nurse to purchase needed items to carry out their role of excellent school health care.

Our two English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers continue to work hard in the service of our ESL students. In 2009, our ESL teachers worked with students whose first language was one of 13 different languages! Our classroom teachers continued their professional development in the area of working with ESL students by participating in state sponsored coursework leading to teacher designation as Sheltered English Immersion teachers. This designation is of critical import in effectively teaching our second language learners. Our ESL teachers and our classroom teachers are to be applauded for their participation and dedication in insuring best practices for out students.

Our school psychologists admirably carry out their work to address the emotional and social needs of our student population. Each school has one school psychologist who functions in multiple roles as guidance counselor, social worker, psychologist, evaluator, behavioral consultant, just to name a few of their "hats". During the school year 2008-2009, our psychologists completed approximately 100 psychological evaluations that were requested by the school team or parents. The evaluations were thorough and of high quality, providing parents and teachers excellent understanding of how the students learn. My hat is off to them in their efforts and commitment to keep all these roles running smoothly and in a timely fashion.

Our Guidance Department at Tahanto has been working diligently to evaluate the guidance services and bring our guidance software, Naviance, to the students. This software offers significant opportunity for our students to evaluate their skills, interests, talents and research schools and careers that will match these areas. In 2009, our guidance counselors provided Tahanto staff and central office administration with an introduction to the software and offered a “peek” into the guidance initiatives that are in store for our students. While a School Committee Guidance presentation was to be completed in 2009, the busy agenda resulted in a reschedule to 2010. We all look forward to learning more about guidance services at Tahanto!

The continuing, unflagging efforts of school administration, teaching staff, pupil personnel services staff and parents to work together on behalf of our students have led us to exciting work that is on-going and beneficial to all of our students. These are exhilarating times in all of our schools. Our curriculum initiatives, professional development opportunities, brainstorming and team work all combine to provide excellent educational opportunities for our students.

Respectively submitted,

Judith Vaillancourt
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

BOYLSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The 2009-2010 school year has proven to be an exciting one. We are pleased to welcome two new teachers, Special Education teacher, Kara DeLuca and Speech/Language Pathologist, Cate Lefebvre. Two new programs have been added this year an After School Program that offers supervised activities for students between the hours of three and six o'clock. In the spring an After School Mini Course program will offer students sixteen course selections. The Homework Club is in its sixth year providing 1:1 and small group tutoring by Tahanto students. An all school assembly, Reading Is Magic with Ed the Wizard was graciously provided by the Boylston Cultural Council.

BES continues to develop and improve curriculum with the implementation of the new math series EnVisions. The teachers have been attending Professional Development Workshops on Performance Testing. The School Council is currently developing a parent survey that will provide valued information for the school improvement plan. Your input in this survey will be greatly appreciated.

David Hughes
Interim Principal

BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

It is my privilege to present the 2009 Boylston School Committee annual report to the citizens of Boylston. This year, the School Department has taken a more coordinated approach to preparing this report, and to minimize repetition, a number of topics typically appearing will appear in other sections.

School Committee Organization

By School Committee policy, the School Committee's reorganization meeting takes place at the first meeting following the May Town election. In June 2009, Larry Brenner was elected to serve as Chairman of the Boylston School Committee, Rebecca Dono Healy as Vice-Chair and Brad Wyatt as Secretary. Mr. Wyatt was elected in May, replacing Vincent Perrone. The Committee thanks Mr. Perrone for his years of dedicated service to the schools and the Town.

As a result of this transition, the School Committee nominated and voted Larry Brenner as the new Boylston School Committee representative on the Tahanto Building Committee. Mr. Perrone continues to contribute his BES building committee experience a member of the Tahanto Building Committee as a Boylston community member representative.

Boylston School Committee meetings and attendance were as follows:

Total number of 2009 Boylston School Committee Meetings was 16;
Vincent Perrone was in office for 3, and present for 2;
Brad Wyatt was in office for 13, and present for 13;
Rebecca Dono-Healy was present for 16; and
Larry Brenner was present for 15.

Community Support

During the past year, the Boylston Education Foundation, Inc., awarded 10 grants for a total of \$10,000. As always, we want to thank the BEF for their on-going dedication and generosity to Boylston Elementary School and its staff and students. Boylston Education Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization; contributions made to this foundation in support of projects initiated by the teachers and students go toward the benefit of our BES students.

The 2008-2009 School Improvement Plan included the following major goals:

- Improve **Communications** between staff, parents, administration, and the community;
- Incorporate civic activities into the day to foster **Citizenship**;
- Improve student achievement in **Mathematics** and replace the current math program; and
- Align all grades in **English Language Arts** with common curriculum materials and instructional strategies.

The School Committee would like to express their appreciation to Council Members for their work in preparing these goals, and to the many parents, volunteers, staff and community members, for their continued generosity and support of our school. Their dedication truly demonstrates some of the qualities that make Boylston Elementary School such a great educational environment for our students.

Administration

In November 2009, Boylston Elementary School Principal Dan Deneen resigned from his position. The School Committee thanks him for his service on behalf of Boylston Elementary School, and wishes him well in his future endeavors. Dr. Brian McDermott, Superintendent of the Berlin-Boylston Public Schools, has initiated a search for a new principal to lead Boylston Elementary School forward into the future, with the support of a Principal Search Committee composed of parents, teachers and community members. In support of this effort, the School Committee nominated member Rebecca Dono-Healy to serve on this committee.

Sixth Grade Transition to Tahanto Middle School

One of the critical elements in our efforts to transform the educational opportunities for the students of Berlin and Boylston, has been creating a more differentiated, focused Tahanto Middle School, which better focuses on the unique

middle level educational needs of our students. This is, of course, integrally tied to moving forward with the building of an improved Tahanto Regional Middle and High School educational facility.

This year, we achieved a key milestone in this quest – the overwhelming approval by the voters of both Berlin and Boylston to create a more differentiated Tahanto Middle School environment, by agreeing to move the Sixth Grade Classes from Boylston Elementary School and Berlin Memorial School into the Tahanto Middle School section of the new Tahanto Regional Middle School and High School educational facility. This move will help create a focused and differentiated middle level educational environment for Grades Six, Seven and Eight, and will facilitate coordinated team teaching and other advanced educational processes.

Tahanto Building Project

2009 saw significant progress in the Tahanto Building Project, details of which can be found elsewhere in the annual report. Clearly, it is important that the citizens of Boylston recognize the value, importance and criticality, of moving forward with this project right now. In addition to the tremendous one time offer of generous financial support from the state, we are at risk of escalating accreditation issues if we do not continue to move forward on creating a more modern education environment for our students.

In this section, I wanted point out some examples of the opportunities for our Boylston communities being built into the new Tahanto Regional Middle School and High School educational facility. For example, the building is being designed to encourage more extensive community use – both outdoors with greatly improved recreational facilities, and indoors with the open courtyard style cafeteria/meeting area and stadium style auditorium. Examples include a proposal for a new track and playing fields, bleachers and other athletic facilities, which will be intended for both school and community use, as well as a building structure to facilitate use by community-based groups, clubs, and other outside organizations.

Our Town, Our Schools

The Boylston Public Schools remain an integral part of our community, and the Boylston School Committee remains resolved in our commitment to work with the citizens of Boylston through whatever challenges arise, and to continue to drive towards our goal of maximizing the educational opportunities for our children, pursuing opportunities to better integrate our schools into our community, and endeavoring to be an even greater source of pride within the community.

Unfortunately, 2009 presented many challenges throughout the Town of Boylston and the School Department, and we can reasonably expect 2010 to bring even more challenges to the table. Despite our efforts to work with the appropriate state legislators, the Commonwealth continues to underfund Boylston's primary Chapter 70 aid, and even more financial support programs from the state continue to be at risk going forward.

The School Department worked very closely with Town Officials in 2009 to identify a workable budget that balanced the educational needs for our students and the reality of our fiscal constraints. The School Committee, with extraordinary support and effort from the Superintendent and his staff, was pleased to approve – and work within – a final budget that matched the target number provided by Boylston Town Officials.

We look forward to similar cooperative efforts – and successful results – going into 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Brenner
Chairman, Boylston School Committee

TAHANTO REGIONAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Schools and Colleges (NEASC). While this report is due in June 2010, the primary concern for our continued accreditation is the progress of the Tahanto Building Project. NEASC has stated that our existing facility does not meet 21st Century learning standards to prepare students for college and careers beyond high school. Our Five-Year Report will also include updates to various NEASC recommendations related to student achievement.

This year, only one new full-time teacher was hired to replace a retiree, Mrs. Alice Apostolou (science). We were thrilled to welcome Alice's daughter, Ms. Laura Hovey, in the Science Department as her replacement. We also hired Ms. Jennifer Munyon, a paraprofessional, to fill the position left vacant by Ms. Hovey when Ms. Hovey stepped into a teaching role.

In the 10th grade MCAS Tahanto students once again performed well. In English Language Arts, 95% achieved Advanced or Proficient status, compared to 81% statewide. In mathematics 84% achieved Advanced or Proficient scores, compared to 75% statewide. In Biology, 98% of Tahanto students in the 10th grade qualified for a diploma. These are all increases from 2008.

Of the graduating class of 2009, 96% chose to go on to college; three students went into military service and one to the work force. The mean SAT scores for the class of 2009 were 511 critical reading, 514 mathematics and 510 in the writing portion. These are all increases from 2008.

Abigail Adams Scholarship winners in 2009 totaled 33% of the senior class and these students are entitled to receive free tuition at Massachusetts State Colleges and Universities. Once again, this is an improvement from 2008.

Nine students at Tahanto earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams in May 2009. One of those students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

For the class of 2009, the Superintendent's Award went to Nicole Morin and the Principal's Award for outstanding leadership went to Molly Goguen.

The MIAA selected Tahanto for the District E Sportsmanship Award for the 2008-09 school year. This selection was made from a pool of seventy-two schools. Several student athletes traveled to Gillette Stadium with the Athletic Director, Mr. Maki, to receive this major award from the New England Patriots and MIAA. This award was also recognition of the behavior of our parents and outside community who attend our athletic contests.

Our parents, community members, and parent organizations have been instrumental in supporting Tahanto programs, students, and faculty. We especially thank the Tahanto Parent Teacher Organization (TPTO) for their support of students and teachers through their Wish List teacher mini-grant program, which awarded several thousand dollars to support faculty requests for funding.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Barth, Principal

BERLIN BOYLSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Regional School Committee would like to thank those that have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Tahanto building project throughout the year. These are: members of the Tahanto Building Committee including the Chairman Dean Polnerow; PMA Construction Services or the Owner's Project Manager (OPM), now required by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for any school building construction project; HMFH, the architectural design firm chosen for the Tahanto building project; and our Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian McDermott. The OPM provides the Regional School Committee, through the Building Committee, oversight over the day to day work of the Architect/Designer and Construction activities throughout the entire project.

When the towns first voted money to complete the Feasibility Study for the Tahanto project, we were told by the State that a total of \$250,000 would be sufficient. Since then, the newly formed MSBA under the State Treasurer's office has decided that in order for a formal funding agreement for the total project to be approved by the State, the Schematic Design would also need to be complete. It was therefore necessary for the Regional School Committee to vote permission to increase the authority to spend from \$250,000 to \$500,000 using reimbursement to pay back the bond. This was also approved by both towns' Selectmen. With the Feasibility Study complete, the MSBA determined that it would be more cost effective for our towns to build a new Middle / High School rather than to renovate the existing building.

Throughout 2009, as the building project for Tahanto got closer to fruition, the Regional School Committee continued to study the educational and financial benefits of moving the 6th grades at both elementary schools to Tahanto to possibly be incorporated in the Tahanto Building Project. The Committee heard the recommendation of the Middle School Grade Configuration Committee. Their positive recommendation to move the 6th grades at both elementary schools to Tahanto was based on the educational benefits for students which included curriculum, instruction, extracurricular activities, student life, and community. In November both towns voted to amend the Regional Agreement to include grade 6 in the Berlin Boylston Regional School District if a new building project for Tahanto is also approved by both towns in 2010.

As a reminder to residents of Berlin and Boylston as the Tahanto building project comes to the Towns for approval, the priorities cited by the School Building Committee in the Statement of Interest submitted to the State in 2006 are:

- Prevention of the loss of accreditation-cited by NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges, who is requiring updates on progress/completion of their list of recommendations in order to get Tahanto off warning status).
- Replacement, renovation or modernization of the heating system in a schoolhouse to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs.
- Replacement or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local educational requirements.

We want to thank all of the town residents who have supported the Regional School District throughout the year. The budgets for all three schools were approved as we started the 2009-2010 school year, however the Governor delivered mid year cuts in November which would reduce the revenue for Regional Schools' transportation to Tahanto by approximately \$44,000. After several months of lobbying our State representatives by many Regional School Committee members and their Superintendents, the Governor reinstated the reimbursement of Regional Transportation realizing that it would be an actual cut to regional school budgets mid year.

In May, Judy Booman chose to run for Berlin Selectman and not to be re-appointed to the Regional School Committee. We thank Judy for bringing her financial expertise and for the many hours she has devoted to both the Regional and Berlin School Committees and we wish her well as a Berlin Selectman. Berlin resident Nicole McKoon was appointed to the Regional School Committee for a three year term. We also welcome Brad Wyatt who was elected to the Boylston School Committee and appointed to the Regional School Committee. Brad has taken Vincent Perrone's position on the Board. We want to thank Vin for his dedication to the education of students at Boylston Elementary and Tahanto over the last 6 years.

James Nehring, Assistant Professor at UMASS Lowell, provided facilitation for Strategic Planning Consulting Services for the combined School Committees and Dr. McDermott at several meetings over the summer. The goal was to assist the School Committees in their decision-making grounded in the schools' mission, shared values, and agreed upon priorities with the intention of developing a set of guiding principles for the School Committee to use as a tool in their decision-making. It was also hoped that these sessions would help in creating a shared vision and a good working relationship.

This fall Regional School Committee members and members of the Tahanto Teachers' Association participated in several sessions of Interest Based Bargaining presented by Mary Ellen Shay from the Division of Labor. Both parties agreed to participate in an effort to assist in improved relations during negotiations for a successor contract. The Teachers' contract expires in August of 2010.

Five of the six members of the Regional School Committee attended the Annual MASC/MASS conference. Once again, the conference provided many helpful sessions on school finance, educational leadership and school committee operations and policies.

In Policy this year, the Regional School Committee voted to reaffirm Policy EEAG-Student Transportation in Private Vehicles in an effort to assure that appropriate safe practices will be followed when students are being transported to and from school related field trips.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be applying for federal funding through a grant program called "Race To The Top" or RTTT. School districts interested in receiving RTTT funds were required to get signatures on a Memorandum of Understanding from representatives of the School Committee, teacher's union, and the superintendent. I am pleased to say that all 3 representatives have signed on for RTTT grant program at Tahanto.

The Regional School Committee would like to thank Principal Carol Bryngelson for her 28 years of service to the district and wish her well in her retirement. We would also like to thank the student members of the School Committee for 2009. Molly Goguen (for the first part of the year) and (presently) Nicholas Munro who kept us updated on all of the student activities and provided us with the student point of view at our meetings.

Special thanks to SEPAC (the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) and the TPTO (Tahanto Parent Teacher Organization) for their support throughout the year.

Our regular meetings are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 PM. The School Committee member attendance record is attached for the 2009 Regional School Committee meetings for your information.

Our previous internet service provider EdNets recently went out of business. We now use MEC (Merrimack Education Center) as our provider. You can visit the new School districts' websites at: <http://www.bbrsd.org>.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee by,

Chris Keefe, Chairman
Larry Brenner, Vice Chair
Ruth Blandin, Secretary
Brad Wyatt, Assistant Treasurer
Rebecca Dono-Healey
Nicole McKoon

Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee Meetings
ATTENDANCE RECORD
January – December 2009

22 Meetings Held

Attendance Source: Approved Minutes of Meetings

<u>Members</u>	<u>Meetings Attended</u>
R. Blandin	21
J. Booman (term expired May 2009)	7
L. Brenner	22
R. DonoHealy	22
C. Keefe	22
N. McKoon (appointed May 2009)	13
V. Perrone (term expired May 2009)	7
B. Wyatt (appointed May 2009)	14

BERLIN-BOYLSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL SALARIES / JAN-DEC 2009

Teacher:

Adams	Natalie	\$	69,666.00
Anderson	Abigail	\$	64,604.00
Apostolou	Alice	\$	51,952.00
Baer	Mary	\$	60,846.00
Ball	Barbara	\$	75,978.00
Barry	Irene	\$	77,052.00
Blackler	Lindsay	\$	64,492.00
Caffrey	Jennifer	\$	65,042.00
Cain	Richard	\$	80,373.00
Clarke	Debra	\$	3,110.00
Comesana	Marijah	\$	27,872.00
Covino	Christopher	\$	57,789.00
Derderian	Kathy	\$	52,266.00
Doherty	Peter	\$	79,964.00
Eiermann	Richard	\$	54,558.00
Eliadi	Alexis	\$	55,203.00
Fitzgerald	Susan	\$	2,033.00
Garbin	Marylynn	\$	74,283.00
Gleason	Francene	\$	72,557.00
Greenwald	Neil	\$	72,810.00
Gustavson	Lizbeth	\$	53,034.00
Hoffses	Brian	\$	58,541.00
Hovey	Laura	\$	29,750.00
Karpicus	Thomas	\$	67,468.00
Kwederis	Steven	\$	79,441.00
Lish	Rebekah	\$	39,246.00
Maki	Peter	\$	90,798.00
Maresca	Linda	\$	67,594.00
Milano	John	\$	75,057.00
Minihan	Patrick	\$	71,774.00
Mutti	Jane	\$	60,966.00
Neusch	John	\$	62,258.00
Pacheco	Steven	\$	85,040.00
Phillips	Pryia	\$	53,441.00
Polewarczyk	Danielle	\$	53,806.00
Porcaro	Matthew	\$	66,157.00
Santoro	Alyse	\$	12,029.00
Sequeira	Lisa	\$	6,163.00
Starsiak	Richard	\$	50,591.00
Svenning	Ellen	\$	79,225.00
Tarallo	Lori	\$	33,604.00
Thurston	Myrtle	\$	29,892.00
Velazquez	Madeline	\$	68,426.00
Wells-Dufresne	Kimberly	\$	75,384.00
Whitehead	William	\$	47,330.00
Wolf	Avi	\$	49,099.00
Zaleski	Barbara	\$	79,214.00
Zywien-Follett	Katherine	\$	69,140.00

School:

Alwis	Jane	\$	32,086.00
Ament	Janet	\$	24,331.00
Anderson	Patricia	\$	1,560.00
Angiulo	Kathleen	\$	24,261.00
Antes	Rebecca	\$	900.00
Anttila	Delia	\$	22,885.00
Atkinson	Kim	\$	3,968.00
Augustine	Rony	\$	43,265.00
Baird	Michelle	\$	726.00
Baker	Nikito	\$	130.00
Barber	Karen	\$	1,223.00
Barth	Michael	\$	52,000.00
Bartsch	Janine	\$	13,572.00
Benson	Hilary	\$	1,200.00
Berger	Alexander	\$	5,477.00
Blais	Debra	\$	18,097.00
Boudreau	Nick	\$	17,367.00
Boudreau	Susan	\$	31,498.00
Brenner	Jennifer	\$	1,677.00
Brenner	Susan	\$	847.00
Brown	Rebecca	\$	1,315.00
Bryan	Marianne	\$	540.00
Bryngelson	Carol	\$	58,642.00
Burroughs	Lora	\$	260.00
Campo	Sandra	\$	16,529.00
Chyoghly	Karen	\$	18,569.00
Cogswell	Matthew	\$	260.00
Connor	Lisa	\$	22,205.00
Connors-Whamond	Mary	\$	384.00
Cross	Julia	\$	1,887.00
Deal	Stephen	\$	325.00
DeCastro	Eileen	\$	1,080.00
DiFonso	BethAnne	\$	208.00
Ducat, Jr.	John	\$	4,069.00
Ellis	Debra	\$	350.00
Elwell	Darren	\$	7,331.00
Emino	Lisa	\$	260.00
Erle	Benjamin	\$	1,475.00
Fiorillo	Paula	\$	12,790.00
Flanagan	Diane	\$	11,370.00
Flynn	John	\$	195.00
Frybug	Maryellen	\$	17,070.00
Giguere	Robin	\$	1,504.00
Guillemette	Guy	\$	260.00
Henley	Richard	\$	585.00
Hollands	Elizabeth	\$	5,619.00
Holyoak	James	\$	195.00
Howard	Paul	\$	5,470.00
Hurly	MaryEllen	\$	1,202.00

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School (continued)

Kearney	William	\$	455.00
Kilcoyne	Sean	\$	43,310.00
Klein-Mack	Carol	\$	21,474.00
Koogler	Joan	\$	3,022.00
LaValle	Denise	\$	22,745.00
Lavelle	Jane	\$	37,260.00
Lubarsky	Terry	\$	5,496.00
MacKinnon	Audrey	\$	390.00
MacKinnon	Charles	\$	6,495.00
MacQueen	Eileen	\$	1,445.00
McClellan	Andrea	\$	1,834.00
McDermott	Brian	\$	64,560.00
McIvor	Joanne	\$	65.00
Meichelbeck	Joseph	\$	10,634.00
Moore	Susan	\$	617.00
Moskovitz	Shira	\$	373.00
Munyon	Jennifer	\$	8,821.00
Murphy	Kathleen	\$	1,668.00
Murphy-Finn	MaryAnn	\$	1,632.00
Nelson	Cheryl	\$	28,330.00
Noel	Richard	\$	57,554.00
Norvold	Maureen	\$	1,710.00
Nosek	Mollee	\$	608.00
Pendergast	Sondra	\$	225.00
Perreault	Sarah	\$	112.00
Pini	Rachel	\$	3,520.00
Purcell	Irene	\$	19,198.00
Romer	Patricia	\$	1,200.00
Roy	John	\$	54,919.00
Sebastian	Joan	\$	5,721.00
Sequeira	Janet	\$	61,224.00
Sharon	Cheryl	\$	20,483.00
Sokolowski	Linda	\$	16,009.00
Tappin	Donna	\$	13,853.00
Tedford	Desiree	\$	9,615.00
Thibault	Elisabeth	\$	18,145.00
Trafecante	Rossella	\$	12,853.00
Tremblay	Jesse	\$	4,069.00
Tremblay	Marsha	\$	50,083.00
Trudeau	Elizabeth	\$	496.00
Tsombakos	John	\$	7,325.00
Tucceri	Diane	\$	95,884.00
Tucci	Paul	\$	1,872.00
Tufts	Sandra	\$	653.00
Vallaincourt	Judith	\$	55,227.00
Wheeler	Felicia	\$	1,425.00
Whitehead	Diana	\$	21,474.00
Wilhelmy	Susan	\$	33.00
Withers	Julie	\$	64.00
Wolosz	Keith	\$	1,325.00

BOYLSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The mission of the Boylston Public Library is to provide materials and services for Boylston residents of all ages for educational, informational, and recreational needs. The library provides current materials in print and electronic formats, offers programs and events for Boylston residents, acts as a conduit to the inter-library loan program administered by the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System, serves as a portal to the world-wide web, is a public meeting space, and makes available the library's experienced and helpful staff.

The library is the only municipal resource in which residents can realize a financial return on their tax dollars through its usage. By utilizing the free materials of the library, residents avoid costs and charges otherwise spent at bookstores or video rental outlets. The library benefits every Boylston resident and the more it is used, the greater the return on tax dollars paid.

During 2009, the library carefully managed its budget in light of restricted municipal appropriations and available state funds. It was required for the Board of Trustees to petition for a waiver from the Massachusetts Library Board of Commissioners (MBLC) due to severe cuts in the library's budget in FY2009. The MBLC maintains financial and operational requirements to which each library must comply in order to qualify for state aid and regional library borrowing privileges. If the Boylston Library were to lose MBLC certification, the library would no longer receive state funds and Boylston residents would be denied borrowing privileges from other libraries such as Shrewsbury, Northborough, or West Boylston. For FY2009 ending in June, the MBLC granted to Boylston a one-year waiver from state requirements "with reservation". This designation put the library at risk for certification in future years if the municipal appropriation continues below MBLC standards.

For FY2010, the library's municipal budget appropriation was increased by 5% over FY2009, but this was not sufficient to avoid the need for a FY2010 waiver application. The FY2010 waiver application is pending review by the MBLC at the time this report is written.

The 5% increase in budget was consumed by increases in general operating costs. Although operating under a minimal budget in FY2010, the Board of Trustees maintained the library's hours of operation, but was unable to restore services eliminated due to budget cuts in previous years. Nonetheless, largely funded by the Friends of the Library, The Community Partnership for Children, and the Boylston Cultural Council, 62 children's programs were conducted throughout the year.

On Saturday, May 23, 2009, the first annual Boylston Library Beautification Day was held. The Boylston Garden Club and dedicated library supporters donated their time to spruce up the grounds of the library in preparation for the Memorial Day festivities of May 25. The success of Beautification Day can be viewed through a video available on the library's website, www.boylstonlibrary.org.

During 2009, a number of videos were produced promoting the library. The videos are available through the "FLICKS" link of the library website, www.boylstonlibrary.org, and have been broadcast on the local cable channel, WBAC, throughout the year. All videos are about 5 minutes in length and include:

- 1) The early origins of the Boylston library dating back to 1792
- 2) The philanthropic gift that resulted in the building of the Boylston Library in 1904
- 3) Adult materials and services available through the library
- 4) The Library Beautification Day 2009
- 5) Features of www.boylstonlibrary.org

- 6) A slideshow of scarecrows created for the Friends of the Library's Fall Harvest
- 7) The monetary value of the library to Boylston's residents
- 8) The renovation history of the library
- 9) Boylston library maintenance issues

In addition, a 40 minute video was produced documenting the condition of the library and highlighting the library's potential through a comparison with Boylston's sister library in Oakham, MA. This documentary was broadcast on WBAC throughout the summer of 2009.

During 2009, the major initiative of the Board of Trustees was the renovation of the current library building at 695 Main St. During the past 25 years, three proposals to expand the library or build a new library have not moved forward. As a result, the Board of Trustees regrouped behind a plan to remodel the library within the existing floor plan.

A public survey of Boylston residents conducted throughout the summer of 2009 returned strong support for modifications to the existing library including:

- 1) Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements (handicap access),
- 2) Correction of the deplorable restroom conditions,
- 3) Modernization of the children's room in the basement of the library, and
- 4) General cosmetic improvements

Funded by a generous grant by the Boylston Library Foundation, the Board of Trustees employed the services of R. E. Dinneen Architects & Planners, Inc. to conduct a feasibility study and produce a master design for the renovation and remodeling of the library. The Trustees approved the design in December 2009 and will begin the detailed planning for this renovation during 2010 with a goal to conduct the major renovations beginning in 2011. Public awareness about the remodeling plans will be communicated through the Banner, WBAC, and the library's website throughout 2010.

The library is dependent upon the continued support of many Boylston groups and residents. The Board of Trustees would like to recognize the contributions of: The Boylston Library Foundation, the Friends of the Library, Jean Therriault for his excellent management of the library's website and participation on the Library Planning Committee, Judy Pugh for her efforts the Library Planning Committee, the Boylston Cultural Council, the Community Partnership for Children, the Town of Boylston Department of Public Works for their care of the library grounds, the Boylston Garden Club, Randy Wheeler for his work on producing the WBAC video "This Old Library", and of course, the staff of the library for their continued service and breathing life into the library.

Membership of the Board of Trustees has remained consistent in 2009. Board officers for FY2010 are: Brad Barker – Chair; Susan Therriault – Vice Chair; Ken Linell – Treasurer; and Richard Reardon – Secretary. Other members of the board are David Bottom and Letty Ridinger.

During 2009 there were 15 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Attendance was as follows: Brad Barker – 15; David Bottom – 9; Ken Linell – 13; Richard Reardon – 15; Letty Ridinger – 5; Susan Therriault – 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Barker
Boylston Library Board of Trustees, Chair

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Boylston Historical Commission
Calendar Year January 1, 2009 – December 30, 2009

The Boylston Historical Commission met six times between February, 2009 and November, 2009. Parentheses indicate the number of meetings each attended. The commission is composed of the following: Bruce Symonds (6), Chairman; Judith Bottom (6), David Bottom (6), Judith Haynes (6), Paul Kalinowski (4), and Kenneth Linell (4).

In accordance with the duties of a local historical commission, the group coordinated and supported activities with the Boylston Historical Society and the Hillside Restoration Project. The commission continued to oversee the care of the Old Town Hall at 7 Central Street. Heat, electricity, and general maintenance costs were covered. A new cement apron for excess water runoff was constructed on the west side of the Old Town Hall in order to alleviate flooding in the Deli parking lot and backup in the vault of the Old Town Hall. A new exhaust pipe has been recommended for the back of the building, but no monies have been expended as yet.

All commissioners have been supportive of the Hillside Restoration Project. Bruce Symonds attends the ongoing Planning and Reuse Committee for the next phase of construction at the John B. Gough House. Commissioner David Bottom donated countless hours to lawn care at the historic Gough House.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. Haynes
Secretary

PARKS AND RECREATION

The mission of the Boylston Parks and Recreation department is to offer the residents of our Community Programs, Services and facilities that will enrich their lives.

We are an all volunteer board with 1 part time Program Coordinator. We meet on the first Thursday of each month all year in the municipal office building. We held 12 regular meetings and 1 special meeting in 2009 with attendance as follows: Chairman Rudy Lambracht attended all but 1, Members Joe Dicelie attended all but 2, Penny Rickel attended all but 4, Deb Murphy who resigned from the board in May attended all but 7, Allan Cosimini who joined the board in May attended all but 8, Sue Tolles who also joined the board in May attended all but 7 and Program Coordinator Karen Barber attended all but 1 meeting.

We would like to Thank Deb Murphy for her many years she served on our board. We also would like to welcome our newest members, Allan Cosimini and Sue Tolles.

The success of our department depends on the many volunteers who dedicate their time to our community. To all our volunteers, thank you! We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the support of our Town Administration along with the Boylston Highway department, Police and Fire Departments.

2009 programs offered to our residents included:

- The Boylston Fun club for children in Kindergarten through grade 6. Offered through Camp Harrington, children enjoy many activities including crafts, sports, drama, swimming and much much more.
- The Youth basketball program open to children in grades 1-6. The continued success of this very popular program is due to the many parents who volunteer to coach.
- The Learn to Play Tennis program has proven to be very popular! The Summer Smash Tennis program is held at the Morningdale Manor each summer.
- Learn to Ski program through Ski Ward in Shrewsbury is open to children ages 4 & up. This 5 week program starts the first of January each year and offers Ski & Snowboard lessons.
- Free Ice skating to all Boylston residents as soon as the weather allows can be found on the Tennis courts located in Center of Town.
- The Men's Pick-up Basketball is held on Monday nights at Hillside gym from September through April each year.
- October each year brings the Annual Scarecrow decorating contest on the Common.
- Memorial Day on the Common offered a giant obstacle course and a large combo bounce house. Refreshments included Fresh popcorn, Slush Drinks & cotton candy.
- The 5K Road Race dedicated to the Memory of Katie Chalifoux, was once again a fabulous turnout! Congratulations to Molly Gogeon, the winner of the 2009 Scholarship. Special Thank You to Katherine Pittinger and all the Volunteers who made this Road Race a Huge Success!

New in 2009... The BPR Teen Board! Our vision: To strengthen our Community with a Teen Voice. Meetings are held once a month September through June. All Boylston Teens ages 13-19 are invited to join!

We are Thrilled to support Boylston youth Sports Associations. For additional information on these programs, Please visit their websites:

Boylston Youth Baseball and Softball: *Eteamz.com/bybsb*

Boylston Youth Soccer: *Boylstonyouthsoccer.org*

Boylston-West Boylston-Berlin Youth Football & Cheerleading: *Lionsyouthfootball.com*

The Parks & Recreation Board welcomes all ideas on how to further our commitment to support sports and activities. If you have an idea, or would like information on who we are or what we do, Please contact us to get on a meeting agenda. Interested in becoming an associate member? Would you like to join the Teen Board? Give us a call, send us an email.

We can be reached by calling 508-8690-6009 or email to KBarber@Boylston-ma.gov.

Always on the web at www.boylston-ma.gov/parks.

Respecfully submitted by your Parks & Recreation Board.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Membership: Susan Boucher, Cheryl Clinton, Carrie Crane, Sue Filsinger and Carolyn Zagame. Eileen deCastro's term expired under Massachusetts Cultural Council rules.

Meetings: The Council held its public voting meeting on November 2. Attending were: S. Boucher, C. Clinton, C. Crane, S. Filsinger and C. Zagame.

Publicity & Promotions: A press release was issued on September 28 announcing the 2000/2010 applications process and deadline.

Funding: State funding was preserved despite the difficult budget situation in the Commonwealth. In addition to \$4,000 allocated by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (down from \$4,300 the previous year), the Cultural Council used \$1,535 from the council's accounts, for a total of \$5,535 available for grants this year.

2009/2010 Grants: For this grant cycle, we received 21 grant applications and awarded the following grants (in early 2010):

Boylston Historical Society – Punch & Judy Show	\$125
Boylston Historical Society – Local Art Exhibit	250
Boylston Memorial Day Committee - Fife & Drum Band	600
Boylston Public Library – Curious Creatures	485
Boylston Senior Society – Four Get Me Notes Performance	250
Tahanto Music Parents Org. (TMPO) – BSO Youth Concert Series	400
TMPO – Sonic Explorers Workshop & Concert	600
Calliope Youth Theatre Program	500
Calliope Productions 2009 Season	500
Straw Hollow Engine Works – Band for Annual Show	100
Ed Cope - Reading is Magic Program (Boylston Elementary)	375
Audio Journal Cultural Companionship Program	300
Davis Bates – Celebrating New England Family Concert	400
Assabet Valley Mastersingers	150
Buck Expeditions Explorers (Boylston Elementary)	500

	\$5,535

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Boucher, Chair
January 25, 2010

BOARD OF HEALTH

In the spring, the World Health Organization declared the Swine Flu Pandemic, and the United States Center for the Disease Control is referring to it as a widespread outbreak in the US; we will all know it by its clinical name H1N1 by year's end. To better understand this strain of the flu virus and the requirements to be made of the Board of Health, conferences were attended, emails read, meetings scheduled, and numerous phone conferences listened in on, as well as meetings with and phone calls between the Region 2 Coalition and our own local government.

Federal and State changes to the production and distribution of both the Seasonal and H1N1 Flu Vaccine made for special challenges for the Board. The Seasonal flu was offered to a limited number of residents this fall rather than the entire town as was last year, an unfortunate result of this change.

Administering the H1N1 vaccine has its own challenges. Limited supplies and short notice of delivery times made scheduling a difficult task. Recommendations of age and high risk groups made other tasks difficult, but by the end of the year, four clinics (2 seasonal and 2 H1N1) had been scheduled, staffed, and over 400 vaccinations were received by townspeople. This year we combined the use of old and new technology to reach out to residents via email, regular mail and newspaper publications, as well as utilizing the town, school, and Board of Health websites. In addition, the school's telephone notification alert system was used. Residents at some clinics were able to use an automated pre-registration system, making for more orderly clinics and, in the end, we went to Facebook as a new means of communication with the public. Please visit us on Facebook. Thank you to all those involved and to the town residents for their patience.

Regionalization has been looked at as an alternative to lower costs to a number of items across the municipal landscape, and public health is no different. We are exploring not only the state regional initiative of 2007, but have been meeting with six area towns to see what common ground, goals, planning, and cost effective services could be provided at a reduced cost to the individual towns.

After many years of planning and with the help and assistance of the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen, the Wachusett Regional Recycling Center is up and operating. The first household paint and chemical collection was held in December, helping the Board keep our environment, particularly the groundwater, cleaner and safer to drink. This, once again, is an opportunity for all of us to help.

We continue with our Preparedness Plan. This was a great resource for the H1N1 vaccination program. This group of 71 towns meets regularly to receive new information and for the formulation and reformulation of plans for the purpose of public health emergency. We work with and are supported by the Massachusetts Region 2 Public Health Coalition.

With the remaining resources, the Board continued to work with food protection, communicable diseases, west Nile virus and mosquito born illness, rabies, bathing beaches/pools, camps, well water, nuisance complaints, tobacco education, and other health related matters before the board. The Board continued its relationship with the Worcester Regional Tobacco Control Collaborative and the ongoing compliance checks with varying results.

Fees collected during 2009 amounted to \$22,090.00. Fees were derived from the following number of activities:

SOIL TESTING - 16

OTHER

PLANS REVIEWED - 23

CONSTRUCTION PERMITS - 14

Septic Installer's Permits	23
Component Repair Permits	5
Septage Hauler Permits	8
Trash Hauler Permits	3
Well Permits	1
Food Establishment Permits	22
Temporary Food Permits	2
Recreational Camp Permits	2
Beach Permit	1
Swimming Pool Permits	1
Wading Pool Permits	1
Tobacco Sales Permits	5
Certificates of Compliance	14

During the year, the Board held twelve (12) Regular Meetings. The meeting attendance was as follows:

Gerry Gleich – 12

Matt Mecum – 12

Lorie Martiska – 10

Dennis Costello (Health Agent) – 12

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Health

CEMETERY COMMISSION

During the year 2009, there were seventeen full burials and fifteen cremations for a total of thirty-two burials in Pine Grove Cemetery. Total burial costs amounted to \$11,860.00.

In addition to this year's burials, six lots were purchased containing twenty-five individual grave sites. Total cost of the lots was \$6,310.00.

The Cemetery Department remitted \$18, 170.00 to the Treasurer.

Routine maintenance and upkeep was performed at Pine Grove Cemetery, including plowing, placing snow stakes, grass mowing and the removal of overgrown shrubs and damaged bushes. Also this year some trees and shrubs were removed per owner's request. All monuments require foundations, and they were poured by the Highway Department.

The maintenance garage at Pine Grove had a new overhead door installed to replace the old door which was not working.

The Cemetery Commission met nine times during 2009 and attendance was as follows:
Mary Jaspar (9), Robert Doyle (9), Kenneth Franz (9), and Donald Parker (9).

The Cemetery Commission holds its regular meetings the 4th Monday of the month, at the Municipal Office Building at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Parker

Cemetery Superintendent

TREE WARDEN REPORT

With the start of the 2009 season, the Highway Department continued with the clean-up from the devastating ice storm of 2008. The ice storm knocked over a vast amount of trees, some requiring a tree service with a crane for removal. Tree limbs fell to the ground or were left hanging, leaving debris throughout the town. The brush was gathered and left by the road side for removal at a later date. The entire town was impacted by the amount of brush that was collected. The brush was chipped by the Highway Department during regular working hours, requiring the rental of chippers to aid in this process, with chipping beginning in February. Seventy one days later in June the task was completed. Approximately three thousand-three hundred and ten cubic yards of brush was chipped and taken away.

Another continuing issue from 2008 is the invasion of the Asian Long-horned Beetles. Beetles were discovered near the Cook Street area. The Tree Warden with work with the Department of Conservation and Recreation regarding the Beetle Zone

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald C. Parker

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM at the municipal offices. It is open to all citizens of the town. The Council meets ten months during the year. All members attended all scheduled meetings as able. The council currently consists of 9 volunteer members. All have faithfully donated their time and energy for several years to make this council work. Our outreach coordinator attends all meetings, sharing current events, developments, concerns of those we serve and other needed information to help guide our work. She also prepares an agenda focused on current needs and concerns. We are very grateful to have her and our meal site coordinator both of them dedicate tremendous time and energy to make certain that our seniors receive services, nutrition and respect. We appreciate their work. We are also grateful to all the volunteers who help us provide service to all our older adults. Much of our success is due to your efforts.

The majority of the money budgeted to the council annually is spent on two salaried positions, meals and transportation. We have again been able to remain committed to these core services. We have been able to help pay for transportation for leisure activities for seniors along with rides to medical appointments or to shop, etc., provided in partnership with the WRTA. We were again awarded a formula grant by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. This money supplements our budget allowing us to provide a newsletter, augment salaries and host a volunteer recognition program. I cannot underscore the importance of these salaried positions enough. They are the hub of what we are able to do for the seniors in this town. We do not have a center where people can gather and share information that easily but through the conscientious efforts of these staff outreach, friendly visits, advocacy, the setting up of formal services, phone contact and the arranging of informational speakers all takes place. They are our services and this represents only a portion of what they do.

We were again able to provide quarterly newsletters to seniors, assist with flu shots, have available information about advance directives and participate with other town officials in the Senior Tax Rebate Program. Home visits, needs assessments working with a Boy Scout to help him provide community service to become an Eagle Scout are a sampling of what takes place. We also always collaborate with the Senior Citizen Society on issues and programming for the ever rising number of seniors in this town, now totaling 868 per last census. We need to appreciate that we have a large number of older adults and what we ask from them as a community. We cannot ignore their need for services and need to project this within our town's future budget planning. We continue to have regular business hours that coincide with the Town Offices usual hours of operation, have an answering machine that is on 24 hours a day and a website accessible @www.boylston-ma.gov/coa. We as a council are constantly challenging ourselves to find out what our seniors need and how to deliver this to them. We are quite aware of the grim financial climate around us and this community's challenges with building a school and trying to attract industry. In recent months our neighbors from West Boylston have invited us to participate in activities and we have reciprocated. We have also discussed possible future programming. It will likely take novel planning and ideas to expand services but we need to do this as the senior population is on the rise and they will expect as much from us as we from them.

ATTENDANCE AT COA MEETINGS – 2009

Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

<u>Dennis Goguen</u>	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NM	NM	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>Eugene Dodd</u>	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NM	NM	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>John Faucher</u>	C	Y	N	Y	Y	N	NM	NM	Y	N	Y	N
<u>Jean Gates</u>	C	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NM	NM	Y	N	Y	N
<u>Gert Peterson</u>	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NM	NM	Y	Y	Y	N
<u>Oswald Sauer</u>	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NM	NM	Y	Y	Y	N
<u>Mary Seed</u>	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NM	NM	Y	Y	Y	N
<u>Karen Tremblay</u>	C	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NM	NM	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>David Wheeler</u>	C	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	NM	NM	Y	Y	Y	Y

Coordinator

Outreach Worker

<u>Jane Meegan</u>	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NM	NM	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Scale: Y = Yes

N = No

C = Mtg. Cancelled

NM = No meeting scheduled

Meeting dates:

January 7, 2009

February 4, 2009

March 4, 2009

April 1, 2009

May 6, 2009

June 3, 2009

July no mtg. sched.

August no mtg. sched.

September 2, 2009

October 7, 2009

November 4, 2009

December 2, 2009

PLANNING BOARD

Regular meetings of the Planning Board are held the first Monday of each month. Public hearings on definitive subdivision or special permit applications are scheduled on regular meeting nights whenever possible. The Board encourages informational meetings with individuals and builders to discuss matters of concern or interest.

At January 1, 2009 the Board consisted of: Richard Baker (Chairman), Jennifer McGrath (Vice Chairman), Raymond Duffy (Clerk), Julia Hucknall, and Kim Ames. Mr. Baker was re-elected to a new 5-year term in the May Town Election. At the June meeting, the Board re-elected Mr. Baker Chairman, Ms. McGrath Vice Chairman, and Mr. Duffy Clerk.

In 2009, the Board held 12 regular meetings and no special meetings. Five public hearings were held. Members' attendance was:

Member	Regular Meetings (12)	Public Hearings (5)
Baker	12	5
McGrath	9	5
Duffy	11	5
Hucknall	10	3
Ames	9	5

No new subdivision applications were received in 2009, and for the first time in recent history, no new lots were created by ANR (the process for subdividing parcels with the required frontage on existing public ways). Construction of the Compass Pointe Subdivision, located on South Sewall Street ceased, and the developer requested additional time to complete the project. The Board granted an extension to January 3, 2015, with the condition that the developer agree to and obtain a permit from the Selectmen for repaving Sewall Street. While the permit was conditionally approved, no road work had commenced by year end. Ongoing litigation concerning the Barnard Hill Subdivision was resolved by an agreement of the abutters to settle out of court their appeal of the Board's subdivision approval. The 43-lot subdivision, located on the Boylston-Shrewsbury town line between Cross Street (Boylston) and Colonial Drive (Shrewsbury), was originally approved in 2000. Though the present settlement technically confers approved status to the subdivision, changes in the Subdivision Rules and new Stormwater Regulations will necessitate amendments to the plan. Given present economic conditions, it is unclear how the developer (Youssef Chehade) will proceed, though the settlement requires that buildout be completed within five years. Finally, the developer of the Stiles Crossing Subdivision, located off of Stiles Road, was found in default of its obligations to complete the construction of ways and installation of municipal services in the subdivision in a timely manner. The Town has made a claim on the surety, and negotiations with the bonding company are underway.

Two proposed zoning changes were brought forward during 2009. In May, Robert and Sheri Fuller's petition to change the zoning of their Shrewsbury Street property from Residential to Industrial was defeated. In November, voters approved an amendment to section 8 (Wireless Telecommunications) of the Town Zoning By-Law to allow the siting of wireless telecommunications facilities in the Heritage and Rural Residential Zones.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 2009, the Conservation Commission held 11 Regular Meetings. Seven (7) new Public Meetings and twelve (12) new Public Hearings were opened. In addition, Members conducted numerous informal site visits as follow-up to ongoing projects and at the request of other town boards and residents.

Twenty-seven (27) legal documents were issued in conjunction with the Commission's responsibility to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act. They consisted of:

Determinations of Applicability – 7
Orders of Conditions – 10
Extended Order of Conditions – 1
Enforcement Orders – 1
Certificates of Compliance – 6
Stormwater Control Permits – 1
Stormwater Control Notice of Violation & Enforcement - 1

The Commission's 2009 Regular Meeting attendance was as follows:

Jeffrey Walsh	11
Mark Coakley	9
Charlene Franz	8
Joe McGrath	8
Chip Burkhart	7
Wendy Lonstein	7
Dan Duffy	4

The following changes took place this year: Jeff Walsh was voted as Chairman for Fiscal Year 2010; Mark Coakley was voted as Vice Chairman; Dan Duffy resigned as a Member.

We would like to thank the residents of Boylston, the Selectmen and the Town Boards for the continued support and cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted by the
Boylston Conservation Commission

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In 2009, the Board of Appeals held 6 hearings on requests for Variances and Findings. The details are as follows:

06/08/09	Robert and Barbara Zaleski	Finding	Approved
06/08/09	Dominic Mungai and Rachel Gacheru	Variance	Approved
06/08/09	Gary Tuthill	Finding	Approved
06/08/09	William and Sue Filsinger	Finding	Approved
01/12/09	Seth Bilazarian	Variance	Approved
10/19/09	Philip Anderson	Finding	Approved

There were no membership changes on the Board this year.

Attendance at ZBA hearings in 2009 was as follows:

	Date	Filsinger		Murphy		Cotter		Campo		Lombardi	
		Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Absent
	1/12/2009	1		1		1		1		1	
	6/8/2009	1		1		1			1	1	
	10/19/2009	1		1		1		1		1	
TOTALS		3	0	3	0	3	0	2	1	3	0
NOTES	Arlene Murphy is an associate member - attendance at the call of the chairman										
	Larry Campo is an associate member - attendance at the call of the chairman										

The ZBA current has two vacancies for Members. Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact either the Board of Selectmen or the Chairman of the ZBA.

The Zoning Board of Appeals can be contacted by calling Bill Filsinger at 508-869-6950 or via e-mail at wfilsinger372@charter.net. Any written requests may be addressed to the ZBA Chairman at 221 Main Street, Boylston, MA 01505.

William Filsinger
Chairman

GAS AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR

The total number of Gas and Plumbing permits issued was 94. All applications were accepted, inspected and completed in a timely manner. Permit fees totaling \$7,214.00 were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Both myself and my assistant, Richard LaPan have completed all necessary continuing education courses and have taken the required OSHA courses.

My hours are whenever needed, preferably 12-4 Monday through Friday. Please leave a message for an inspection.

Applications maybe downloaded from the Boylston web site or maybe picked up at Hillside Town Hall. All applications are to be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Johnson
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

WIRING INSPECTOR

The total of Electrical permit that were issued was 98. All were inspected and completed, with a total of \$5,617.00 being collected in fees, which was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Applications can be downloaded from the Boylston web site or picked up at Hillside Town Hall. Applications and fees are to be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Permit applications are not a request for an inspection.

To schedule an inspection call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-869-2234, please leave a message and included the location of the job.

Jay Morrill
Wiring Inspector

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The total number of permits issued was 213 and breakdown as follows:

Residential

Additions/renovations	67
Roof/siding/windows	133
New single family home	1
Demo building	2
Miscellaneous	

Commercial

New Buildings	1
Renovation	9

This represents a 6.5% increase in permits over last year.

6 Certificates of Occupancy were issued for new single-family homes.

4 Certificates of Occupancy were issued for Commercial properties.

26 Stop work orders were issued to un-permitted jobs.

533 inspections were made.

The above represents a total declared construction value of \$8,761,311.00.

Building Permit fees & fines of \$71,133.00 were collected and turned over to the Treasurer for deposit to the General Fund.

I have maintained my required continuing education credits for 2009.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Boylston and the area contractors for their cooperation in filing for permits on a timely basis and adhering to the Town By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Bertonassi CBO

Building Commissioner

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The purpose of the Historic District is to promote the education, cultural and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of a certain area of the Town of Boylston and The Commonwealth, or their architecture, and through the maintenance and improvement of settings of such buildings and places and the encouragement of design compatible therewith.

No meetings were held in the year 2009.

Members of the Historic District Commission are: Bruce Symonds, Peter Haynes, Gerald Jones, Cathy Richard, Marjorie O'Connell, and Karen Perry.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Symonds, Chair

BOYLSTON TOWN OFFICES

For Emergencies - Police, Fire, Ambulance: CALL 911

Boylston Town Hall	Main phone #
Municipal Offices	221 Main Street
	508-869-0143

Fax: 508-869-6210

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am-2:00pm

Monday evening: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Town Administrator:	Nancy Colbert Puff	Ext. 221
Selectmen's Admin Assist:	Lori Esposito	Ext. 228
Admin. Clerk	Rose Bardsley	Ext. 238
Town Clerk:	Sandra Bourassa	Ext. 231
Asst. Town Clerk	Mary Jasper	Ext. 232
Treasurer/Tax Collector:		Ext. 225
Asst.Treasurer/Collector:	Joe Daigneault	Ext. 224
Bd of Assessors Admin Asst.	Margo Richardson	Ext. 234
	Mary Morrill	Ext. 233
Town Accountant:	Nancy Nykiel	508-869-6041
Board of Health:	Dennis Costello	508-932-0226
	Melanie Rich	Ext. 222
Conservation Comm:	Melanie Rich	Ext. 223
Planning Board:	Melanie Rich	Ext. 227
Parks & Recreation:	Karen Barber	Ext. 230
Council on Aging:	Jane Meegan	Ext. 229
(Hours Mon & Wed 9-2, Tues & Thur 9am -1pm)		
Custodian:	Ken Goodwin	Ext. 237

Town Counsel: Stephen Madaus

Mirick O'Connell

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Steve Golas 508-869-2904

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Superintendent Brian G. McDermott x.108
Admin. Assist: Cheryl Nelson x.107
Pupil Personnel Services: Judith Vaillancourt x.100

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fax 508-869-0175
Principal: Michael Barth x.3017
Nurse: Janet Ramstrom 508-869-9945
Custodian: Rick Noel 508-869-2333

Boylston Elementary School 200 Sewall St.

main 508-869-2200
fax 508-869-6914
Principal (interim): David Hughes x.1
Custodian: John Sullivan 508-869-2200

Elected & Appointed Board Chairmen

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