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OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
STOCKBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS



INCORPORATED 1739

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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Information and Officers



Original columns with a view of the future Selectmen's Office

General Information of Town of Stockbridge

Chartered	1737
Incorporated	1739
Population	1,855
Registered Voters	1,441
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$6.85
Annual Town Meeting	Third Monday in May

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

John F. Kerry, Boston

CONGRESSMAN

John W. Olver

STATE SENATOR

Benjamin B. Downing

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

William Smitty Pignatelli

Business Hours of Town Offices

ASSESSORS, BOARD OF
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Monday-Friday

**BERKSHIRE HILLS REGIONAL
 SCHOOL COMMITTEE**
 7:30 p.m. 2nd Thursday of
 each month

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 7 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of
 each month

COUNCIL ON AGING
 4 p.m. 1st Tuesday of each month
 at Heaton Court

FINANCE BOARD
 As necessary

HEALTH, BOARD OF
 6 p.m. 1st Thursday of each month

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 As necessary

HOUSING AUTHORITY
 8:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday of each month
 at Heaton Court

PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
 As necessary

PLANNING BOARD
 7:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Tuesday of
 each month

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF
 7 p.m. Monday

TOWN CLERK
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Monday-Friday

TOWN TREASURER
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-Wed & Fri

TOWN COLLECTOR
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Monday-Friday

VETERANS' AGENT
 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday
 Great Barrington Town Hall

WATER and SEWER COMMISSION,
 4:30 p.m. 1st Tuesday of each month

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 As necessary

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Berkshire Hills Regional School District	274-6400
Monument Mountain	528-3346
Monument Valley Regional Middle School	644-2300
Muddy Brook Regional Elementary	644-2350
Council on Aging	298-3118
Fire Department	
Burning Permits	298-5562
Glendale Station	298-3242
Hose Company No. 1	298-4866
Interlaken Station	298-4956
Highway Department	298-5506
Police Department	298-5520 or 298-5530
Town Offices	298-4714
Accountant	298-4534
Assessors	298-3509
Building Inspector	298-3233
Town Clerk	298-4568
Town Collector	298-3890
Treasurer	298-4534
Water and Wastewater Department	298-4067

Town Officers of Stockbridge

Moderator

Gary D. Johnston, 2009

Selectmen

J. Christopher Irsfeld, 2007
Deborah S. McMenemy, 2009
George E. Shippey, 2008

Board of Assessors

William Campbell, 2007
Cecilia K. Killfoile, 2009
John A. Miller, 2008

Town Clerk

Linda Hunt, 2007

Town Collector

Joseph P. Ruggio, 2008 Retired
Nancy Socha

Board of Health

Jonathan R. Aronoff, 2007
Matthew Mandel, 2009
Gregory M. Pilling, 2008

Sewer and Water Commissioners

Donald Schneyer, 2009
Thomas P. Schuler, 2008
Peter J. Socha, 2007

Planning Board

Robert Bartle, 2009

Paul Coates, 2007

Barbara Cohen-Hobbs, 2007
Gary Pitney, 2011
Eric M. Plakun, 2010
Douglas J. Rose, 2009
Eugene Talbot, 2011

Treasurer

Karen Williams, 2008

Tree Warden

Peter Curtin, 2009

Parks and Recreation

Robert Flower, 2008
Mary Hart, 2009
Philip Heller, 2007

Housing Authority

Frances Antoniazzi, 2010
D. Ann Beacco, State Appointee
Pauline Pierce, 2008 - resigned
William A. Selke, 2009
Kenneth Shearn, 2008
Anna O. Smith, 2011

Regional School Committee

Paul Coates, 2010
Martha M. Muir, 2010
Alen Wilken, 2008

APPOINTEES AND COMMITTEES FOR 2006

Accountant

Elaine Markham, 2008

Building Inspector

Ned Baldwin

Veterans' Agent

Al Adams, District Director, 2007

Highway Superintendent

Clinton E. Schneyer, Jr., 2007

Plumbing Inspector

Gregory M. Pilling

Emergency Management

Arthur D. Dutil, Director
Richard B. Wilcox, Deputy Director

Wire Inspector

Nicholoas Fredsill

Town Administrator

Jorja-Ann P. Marsden, 2007

Fire Chief

Louis J. Peyron
C. Joseph Tracy, Deputy

Gas Inspector

Gregory M. Pilling

Local Cultural Council

Jennie Burkhard
Sarah Boyd
Donna Gray
Vlada Rousseff
Lisa Sauer

Advisory Members

Dawn Lane
Allison S. Rachele
Janice Shields

Board of Registrars

Linda Hunt
Anne M. Sparks, 2009
Margaret N. Tracy, 2007
Nancy Ann Wilcox, 2008

Cable Advisory Committee

James Balfanz, 2007
Neil Holden, 2007
David Lane, 2007

Principal Assessor

Michael Blay

Police Chief

Richard B. Wilcox, 2007

Historical Commission

Maria Carr
Linda Jackson, Chairman
Pauline D. Pierce
Martin Torodash
Peter Williams

Memorial Day Committee

Deborah Coleman
Deborah S. McMenamy, Chairman
Jorja Marsden
Tim Minkler
Keith Raftery
Chris Schuler
Skip Whalen

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority

John L. Cronson, Delegate, 2007

Zoning Board of Appeals

Linda Day, 2008
James Murray, 2010
Thomas Schuler, 2007
William Selke, 2011
John H. Spencer, 2009
David Adler, Associate
Patricia Flinn, Associate

Berk. Regl. Planning Commission

Douglas J. Rose, Delegate
Craig Berger, Alternate, 2007

Town Counsel

J. Raymond Miyrares

Conservation Commission

Joseph DeGiorgis, 2007
Don W. Deno, 2007
John Hart, 2008
John J. Pensivy, Commissioner Emeritus
Cathy Plakun, 2008
Steve Shatz, 2007
George Shippey, 2009
Sally Underwood-Miller, 2009

Finance Board

Craig Berger, 2008
Mary Boyce, 2007
James McMenamy, 2008
John Morse, 2009
Keith Raftery, 2008
Holly Rhind, 2007
Jean Rousseau, 2009, Chairman
Charles Murray, 2008, Alternate
Lisa Schneyer, 2007, Alternate

Community Preservation Committee

Thomas Stokes, Chairman, for Selectmen
Jean Rousseau, for Finance
Michael Blay, Treas, for Assessors
David McCarthy, for Selectmen
Douglas Rose, for Planning Board
Sally Underwood-Miller, for Con. Com.
Linda W. Jackson, for Historical Com.
Robert Flower, for Parks and Rec
Ann Beacco, Housing Authority

Constables

Robert F. Nielson, 111, 2007
Louis J. Peyron, Sergeant, 2007
Brian A. Shaw, 2007
Michael J. Stanton, 2007
Bruce J. Stringer, 2007

Council On Aging

Lillian Bender, 2007
Virginia Schwartz, 2007
Joan Selva, 2009
Elizabeth McCormack, Director

Dog Officer

Donald Holmes

Historic Preservation Commission

Carl Sprague, Chairman

Peter Williams, Secretary
Sue Bonak
Gary Johnston
Tom Race
Pam Sandler
Eileen Taft

Transfer Station Recycling

James Balfanz, Chairman
Laura Dubester, Clerk
Mary Boyce
Peter Curtin
Rudy Hoeltzel
Deb McMenamy
Jorja Marsden
Clinton Schneyer
Richard Wilcox

Town Clerk's Report



Portion of Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Population	1,855
Registered Voters	1,442
Number of Births	13
Number of Marriages	33
Number of Deaths	29

At the recommendation of the Registry of Vital Records and the United States Department of State, we will no longer be printing the individual names from vital records in the town report. This will help to protect the privacy of individuals as well as help to curb identity theft.

RAFFLE PERMITS ISSUED

Raffle Permits	3
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DOG LICENSES

Males	24
Neutered Males	96
Females	8
Spayed Females	97
Kennel	0
Replacements	4
Transfers	<u>0</u>
Totals	229

\$1,096.00 Paid to the Town Treasurer for Dog Licenses

Fees amounting to an additional **\$9,861.98** were also turned over to the Town Treasurer for the sale of certified birth, marriage and death records, the filing of marriage intentions and special permits, the recording of business certificates, and the sale of street lists, bylaws, raffles, permits and miscellaneous searches.

FISH AND GAME LICENSES

License Class Issued	Total	Net
Resident Fishing	58	\$1,276.00
Resident Fishing Minor	6	36.00
Resident Fishing 65-69	9	96.75
Handicapped Fishing	18	-0-
Non-Resident Fishing	7	224.00
Non-Resident Fishing 3-day	4	72.00
Resident Fishing 3-day	0	-0-
Non-Resident Minor Fishing	0	-0-
Resident Citizen Hunting	4	88.00
Resident Hunting 65-69	1	10.75
Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	2	188.00
Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	0	-0-
Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	0	-0-
Resident Sporting	41	1,619.50
Resident Sporting 65-69	7	136.50

Resident Sporting over 70	20	-0-
Duplicate Sporting	4	10.00
Archery Stamps	20	100.00
Waterfowl Stamp	8	38.00
Primitive Firearms Stamp	27	135.00
Wild. Conser. Stamp (Res.)	126	630.00
Wild. Conser. Stamp (Non-Res.)	13	65.00
Totals		\$4,725.50

2006 ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS

On May 15, 2006, the Annual Town Election had a turn out of 497 registered voters and the Annual Town Meeting on the same evening had 232 registered voters in attendance. The actual number of registered voters at that time was 1392.

May 22, 2006 brought 190 of the eligible 1401 registered voters to a Special Town Meeting. This meeting was called to transfer from the Sewer Available Surplus a sum to raise manholes along certain roads as well as to appropriate funds to pay costs of remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the former Plain School for municipal purposes, including Town offices and for lease to compatible governmental and/or private entities, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. In addition, there was a vote to raise and appropriate a sum for the Fiscal Year 2007 debt service cost associated with the renovation of the Plain School for municipal purposes including Town offices and for lease to compatible governmental and/or private entities as well as a vote to accept Section 5K of Chapter 59 of the General Laws as amended.

There were 65 registered voters that came out on August 23, 2006 to the Special Town Meeting to amend the Zoning Bylaws Section 6.5 Lake and Pond Overlay District (LPOD), by adding a new subsection 37 and 38 to Section 4.11.A and by adding a new Section 6.26, by adding to Section 2.2, after the definition of "Boathouse", the definition of Body Art and Body Art Establishment, by adding a new Section 6.27, and amend 6.15(a) of the Zoning Bylaws by striking the word "or" therefrom and replacing it with the word "and". Also, to accept the provisions of Chapter 100 of the Acts of 2006, to authorize leasing of a portion of the Plain School to the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, under terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14C of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, and to rescind Article 8 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting regarding funds for utilities at the Plain School.

The State Primary was held on September 19, 2006. There were 576 voters that came out that day. This was from the 1,421 registered voters that were eligible to vote in Stockbridge that day.

On November 7, 2006 we held the State Election and had a turnout of 988 of the 1,449 eligible voters. This number includes the Specially Qualified Voters that vote with Absentee Ballots.

A note for the coming year - We will be using our new voting equipment (the tally machine) and we also anticipate having the new handicapped voter equipment at our next Annual Town Election on May 21, 2007.

In processing the Annual Street List forms that have been coming back, it is still apparent that there is some confusion regarding Glendale, certain Street Names, Unit Numbers in your address when you are living in a separate house, Registration of cats, Party changes and Unenrolled (not called Independent) Voters. Please feel free to contact me if you have **any** questions on these subjects or refer back to the last few years of Town Reports in the Town Clerk section for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA HUNT, **Town Clerk**

In Memoriam of those who have Served the Town

Susan Anderson

Children's Chime Bell Ringer

Rodney Bruce Andrews

Council On Aging Volunteer

Dr. Vincent Barnaba

Council On Aging

1999

Dr. Martin Cooperman

Planning Board

1982-1988

Chester Jirak

Council On Aging Volunteer

John Pensivy

Stockbridge Civil Defense

Conservation Commission

1967-2006

General Services



Drilling of a Geothermal well. This well is just one of three that will provide heat and air conditioning to the building.

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Stockbridge:

Wow, what a busy year Stockbridge has had. The sewer expansion is completed and Clint Schneyer and his able crew spent a good part of the summer repairing driveway aprons, and rebuilding and grading the roadsides. The long awaited speed humps were constructed on Elm Street, and they really seem to work.

After last years' town meeting agreed to the borrowing of funds to convert the Plain School into a true town community building, we really moved into high gear. First we needed to get a bond rating from Standard and Poor's in order to sell municipal bonds on the open market. We received the highest bond rating a community of our size can get; AA minus. The bonds sold very quickly at a terrific interest rate. We put an RFP out on the school project and we chose A.R. Green & Son, Inc. from Holyoke, MA, as our general contractor. Joe Kellogg was named project manager, and we hired Robert Crosky, of Williamstown, as our clerk of the works. This project is completely ADA compliant, energy "green" and boasts a geothermal heating and cooling system. Construction started in August and as of this writing we are about half way through. So far we are on time and on budget and expect to move in this September.

We have been involved with a multi-year project to digitally map the entire town. We awarded a contract to Cartographics and they delivered their finished product to us in the fall. Every parcel of property and every structure have been entered into our computers. Eventually the entire Town's roads, sewers, and water lines will be digitally mapped to be reproduced on our GIS Cartographic system.

Our State Representative Smitty Pignatelli, introduced legislation to lift our part of the deed restriction on the Plain School. The Selectmen paid a visit to the State House for the hearing and the legislation passed our Bill and the Governor signed it into Law.

Much of our summer was consumed with trying to fix the mess at the Talbot Center. A good idea had gone terribly bad and Chief Wilcox finally ordered the center closed for health and safety reasons. We formed a committee to study the situation. Recommendations were made, volunteers were organized and The Talbot Center is back on track. Many thanks to the committee and special thanks to Jim Balfanz.

Two large and complicated special permits which called for multiple hearings and much discussion came before us. The Red Lion Inn embarked on the first phase of rebuilding and refurbishing its back wing and the replacement of the pool. Kripalu presented plans to build an 80 room addition expansion, plus completely relocate and rebuild their parking lots. Many compromises were made and the permits for both of these important projects were awarded.

After we settle into our new offices at the Plain School we plan to move forward with restoration of our Town Hall building back to its original configuration as a large single story meeting hall. Hope Stokes' heirs have generously donated \$500,000 in her memory to get the renovations started. To date we have

almost \$1,000,000 in pledges and gifts committed to this project. We want to again thank the Stokes family for their incredible generosity.

We would also like to thank Clint and his crew for all of the wonderful work they do. We would like to give special thanks to our extremely capable Town Administrator Jorja-Ann Marsden, who keeps us out of trouble.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH S. MCMENAMY, **Chairman**
J. CRISTOPHER IRSFELD
GEORGE E. SHIPPEY

Police Department

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

I hereby submit a report of the activities of the police department for the year 2006:

The untimely death of Jan Stackhouse in 2005 remains a focus of the police department's time and energy. We meet on a regular basis with members of the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit attached to the Berkshire District Attorney's office, as well as District Attorney David Capeless and his staff, and continue to follow-up on all aspects of the investigation.

During June, July and August of 2006 we had four house breaks with a similar MO and during discussion with area police departments we discovered there were 32 house breaks scattered throughout Berkshire County and neighboring New York State that appeared to be connected by MO. A task force was created and through the joint efforts of county police departments, the Mass State Police, the New York State Police and the New York Sheriff's Department, the group was able to solve the breaks, obtain arrest and search warrants, both of which were served, and recover a significant amount of the stolen property.

Sergeant Louis J. Peyron's replacement on the police department, Officer William DeSantis, left the department at mid-year to join the Lenox Police Department. We miss his ready smile, sense of humor and work ethic and we wish him well in his new position. In July, Adelheid Teutsch, one of our special officers, began working full time to fill in for Officer DeSantis and has since been offered a full time position pending successful completion of the police academy. In addition we hired special officer Jesse Norton of Lanesboro for additional part time help. She is currently finishing up a degree in Criminal Justice at Westfield State College.

The addition of speed humps on Elm Street has done more to curb the speeding problem than all the enforcement efforts to date. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from townspeople and will continue to work with the Highway Superintendent and Board of Selectmen regarding the design and location of the speed humps.

In an effort to be more socially responsible we have replaced one of the Ford Expeditions with a Ford 500. It gets about 10 miles to a gallon in better gas mileage, takes less resources to build, and costs about \$10,000 less to purchase. The vehicle is highly rated for safety. It has all wheel drive and to date we have not had a winter that tests its capability. We have been forced to reduce the amount of equipment we carry and not all of the equipment found in traditional cruisers is currently available, but in the balance we thought it was a worthwhile experiment.

We have continued to work with the FBI regarding the 1978 art theft from the former Michael Bakwin house in Stockbridge. The art work, now valued at around \$35,000,000.00 has all been recovered and charges are pending against a retired Watertown, Mass attorney.

Grant money in general has been greatly reduced in both the law enforcement and Homeland Security areas by the federal government. Stockbridge has been fortunate to have been able to apply for and receive a number of grants. We have just closed out a \$50,000 Buffer Zone Grant from Homeland Security, which resulted in the town being able to purchase a number of pieces of equipment for both police and fire, which will enhance any response required for Tanglewood. The Berkshire County Law Enforcement Council (BLEC), where I serve as President, has finished up installing equipment for round one funding in the amount of \$480,000. We are currently installing equipment based on a \$502,000 round two award. Round three has been approved for an additional \$490,000; all monies have gone to upgrade the communications equipment county-wide and have addressed a number of interoperability issues, as mandated by the federal grant requirements. Again this year I am extremely grateful to R. Michael Kirchner, Retired Police Chief of West Stockbridge, for all his efforts in making this a reality. We also received a Governor's Highway Safety Grant for \$7,500 for seat belt and drunk driving enforcement, a portion of which could be used for the purchase of federally approved equipment. We were able to purchase a number of pedestrian crossing signs, to replace over time the one to three that are victim to motor vehicle contact each year. Once again this year the department was awarded a Community Policing Grant for \$11,299.00 for use in dealing with summer traffic, bike patrols around Lake Mahkeenac, speed enforcement and concert related issues at Tanglewood. The BLEC, with the help of Police Chief Stephen O'Brien of Lenox, our representative to the Western Region Homeland Security Council, had been able to procure two additional grants for a significant number of county police departments. That grant money has unfolded in three phases under a Berkshire County Cross-Agency Working Group concept, which will allow information sharing among all county police departments, the installation of police software upgrades and will allow us to have Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in each cruiser. The grant mon-

ies obtained total \$295,325 is to be somewhat unevenly divided among twelve agencies. I continue to serve as Vice-President of the Western Mass Law Enforcement Council which has received similar, though much larger grant monies, for infrastructure improvements to Hampshire and Hamden counties.

Policing in Stockbridge is a team effort and I would like to recognize the ongoing work of Officers Robert F. Nielson, Michael J. Stanton, Brian A. Shaw, Bruce J. Stringer, Adelheid I. Teutsch and Special Officers Louis J. Peyron, Elizabeth McCormack, Kimberly Shaw, Paul F. Petrescu, and Jesse N. Norton.

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Calls For Service	8,982	8,037	8,327	9,245	9,545	9,913	9,023
Investigations	553	447	423	485	374	436	282
Motor Vehicle Crashes	102	108	136	149	151	142	117
Uniform Crime Rpt Offenses	100	104	95	124	112	115	105
Motor Vehicle Citations	693	753	583	491	280	322	255
Parking Tickets	45	46	45	74	36	79	65
Alarm Calls	580	449	407	517	563	423	346
Doors/Windows Fnd Open	31	34	43	6	14	11	15

**Offenses (State Law)
NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System)**

Lewdness, Open and Gross	2	A&B	6
A&B W/ Dangerous Weapon	1	Assault W/Danger Weapon	2
Assault	2	A&B	5
Witness, Intimidate	1	Teleph Calls, Annoying	10
Threat To Commit Crime	13	Burn Build, Attempt To	1
B&E Building Nighttime For Fel	7	B&E For Misdemeanor	4
B&E Building Daytime For Felon	4	B&E Veh./Boat Day For F	1
Shoplifting \$100+ By Conceal	1	Shoplift By Conceal Mdse	1
Larceny From Building	2	Larceny Over \$250	6
Larceny Over \$250	20	Larceny Over \$250 By Sing Sc	1
Larceny Under \$250	15	Larceny Under \$250 By Sing S	15
Motor Veh, Larceny Of	1	Larceny Over \$250	2
Use Mv Without Authority	1	Utter Counterfeit Note	2
Larceny Over \$250	2	Larceny Over \$250 By False Pre	1
Credit Card, Larceny Of	1	Stolen Property, Refuse Return	1
Receive Stolen Property +\$250	3	Building, Vandalize	1
Vandalize Property	1	Tagging Property	1
Destruction Of Property +\$250,	4	Destruction Of Property +\$250,	7
Destruction Of Property -\$250,	4	Destruction Of Property -\$250,	7
Drug, Dispense Unlawfully	1	Drug, Distribute Class A	1
Cocaine, Distribute	1	Drug, Possess Class A	1
Marijuana, Possess	1	Indecent A&B Child Under 14	3
Larceny By Check Over \$250	3	Larceny By Check Under \$250	2

Accost/Annoy Person Of Opposit	1	Disorderly Conduct	9
Disturbing The Peace	19	Lead,Wanton&Lascivious Cond	1
OUI Liquor	1	School, Fail Send Child To	1
Alcohol In MV, Possess Open Co	1	Animal, Allow To Trespass	9
Trespass	15	Default Warrant	1
Hunt/Fish Without License	1	Wetlands Violation, Inland	1
Dog Ordinance/By-law Violation	1	Dog, Fail Destroy/Confine	1
Dog, Fail Muzzle/Restrained	8	Junk Car	7
Fireworks, Possess Unlawful	3	Abuse Prevention Order, Violat	2
Missing Person	5	Civil Rights Violation	1
Harassment, Criminal	1	Trash, Litter From MV	2
Animal, Cruelty To	7	Fire In Open, Set	1
Abandoned/Stolen MV, Impropr Re	1	Yield At Intersection, Fail	1
Unlicensed Operation Of MV	2	License Not In Possession	2
Speeding	422	Speeding In Viol Special Regul	0
Inspection/Sticker, No	99	Abandon MV	3
License Suspended For OUI, Ope	1	License Suspended, Op MV With	5
Leave Scene Of Property Damage	5	Operating Without A License	48
Negligent Operation Of Motor V	1	Stop For Police, Fail	1
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	5	Number Plate Violation	1
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	4	Dogs Required To Be Restrained	8

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. WILCOX, Chief of Police

Highway Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

This past year has been a long and productive one for our Highway Department. We experienced several heavy weather events which called for extensive tree and branch removal. The long awaited speed humps were installed on Elm Street. They seem to be working very well. The small weed harvester, which has not been operative, has been completely rebuilt including a brand new steel welded bottom. Ninety-five tons of asphalt was put down to finish driveway aprons left undone from the sewer extension.

Our parks, beach and cemetery continued to be maintained to Stockbridge's high standards. Seventy-six dump truck loads of lake weeds were removed from the Bowl. We hired a second compactor attendant and extended the hours of coverage, thus enabling the Town to collect more money for the dumping of construction debris and scrap metal.

Lastly, long time employee, Robert Kay, retired. We wish him well and thank him for all of his years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON E. SCHNEYER
Highway Superintendent



Hidden windows from classroom into hallway

Fire Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the Stockbridge Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 2006.

The Fire Department answered 335 calls during 2006, and they were:

1 Automobile Fire	7 Mutual Aid Calls
2 Motor Vehicle Leaking Gasoline	109 Box and Smoke Alarms
1 Broken Gas Line	74 False Alarms
1 Power Outage Call	1 Tree Down on House
1 Utility Pole Fire	1 Problem with Fireplace
7 C.O. Detector Alarm	3 Oil Burner Problems
7 Brush Fires	1 Rescue from Woods
9 Motor Vehicle Accidents	4 Sprinkler Alarms
2 Odor of Propane Gas in Building	1 Grass Fire
7 Electrical Problem Calls	1 Transformer Fire
1 Dryer Fire	1 Tree Down on Highway
6 Electrical Power Lines & Trees Down	1 Sewer Pump Alarm
80 Medical Calls by EMT's & First Responders	1 Tree Fire – Struck by Lightning
1 Stove Fire	1 Hot Air Balloon having trouble over Lake
1 Dumpster Fire	1 Illegal Burn
1 Grease Fire	

The 335 calls resulted in a total of 1,423 man-hours. During the year the members spent another 1,102 man-hours in training. C.P.R. and First Responders courses as well as DeFib training were also taken. We continue to take training classes with the Massachusetts Fire Academy and in-house training. This has been the most demanding year on record.

The Fire Department Companies again in 2006 awarded monies in scholarships to high school seniors at graduation in June.

Again, I would like to thank all the people who gave donations to the Fire Department during the past year. We continue to upgrade our equipment and replace firefighter's gear with these funds, as needed.

I would like to thank all the surrounding communities for their assistance during the year as well as the staff of dispatchers of the Berkshire County Communications Center for their assistance in answering our emergency calls. I would also like to thank all the active members of Hose Company #1, Glendale Company #3 and the Interlaken Company #4 for their time and cooperation during the year.

Again this year, I am asking the Town to put away the sum of \$50,000.00 in order to have the funds available in a few years for the purchase of a new Fire Engine that will replace a 30 year old engine at that time.

A special thank you to John T. Donovan for his generous donation of an All Terrain Vehicle which will be very helpful for off-road rescues and fires.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS J. PEYRON, **Fire Chief**

Sewer and Water Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

This past year has been one of significant accomplishment. All punch list items were completed on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion and on the Sewer System Expansion projects. These improvements to the Waste Water Treatment Plant keep the system in compliance with all EPA requirements. We acknowledge the tireless efforts of Anthony Campetti, Michael Buffoni, Peter Barenski and Joseph Kellogg who monitored and managed the project for successful completion. We hope to have all homeowners connected to the system within the next twelve months.

In addition preliminary engineering has been completed and a cost estimate has been obtained for the Park St. Sewer Rehabilitation project. This project involves relining the existing sewer main on Park St. The present sewer main is approximately 100 yrs. old and a recent study revealed significant cracks and severe root infiltration. This rehabilitation project, which is scheduled for this summer, is much more cost effective and much less disruptive than the actual replacement of the entire Park St. sewer main.

In other news the Water Dept. has completed the second year of a 5-year program to replace existing water meters with radio read meters. These radio meters, which can be read from the street and do not require the entry into the home, are much more accurate and efficient. At this point 200 meters have been installed. An additional 500 meters will be installed within the next three years.

This fall Water Superintendent, Michael Buffoni prepared a very detailed Emergency Response Plan for the Town's water system for review and approval by the Dept. of Environmental Protection. DEP has approved the plan and is now using this plan as a model for other municipalities.

As part of a 10-year logging plan for the Averic Lake watershed, access roads have been repaired and improved. Skidder bridges to afford stream crossings are being constructed. In 2006 the Water Dept. secured approval from DEP and the Conservation Commission to cut approximately 71 trees around the reservoir. Many of those trees are old and dead and pose a significant possibility of falling in Averic Lake. Plans for 2007 also include the installation of an 8-inch water main for Laurel Lane and Park St.

The Commission also wishes to acknowledge the efforts of our Executive Assistant Denise Schneyer, Tax Collector Nancy Socha and Assistant Tax Collector Kristin Garner.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD C. SCHNEYER, **Chairman**
THOMAS P. SCHULER
PETER SOCHA

Cemetery Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

I submit my annual report for the interments in the cemeteries and monies for perpetual care fund for the year of 2006.

Interments	\$3,840.00
Perpetual Care Fund	<u>\$3,125.00</u>
Grand Total	\$6,965.00
Number of Burials	26

All requests were taken care of pertaining to burials and the index of cemeteries is up to date.

Respectfully submitted,
BILL CAMPBELL, Cemetery Consultant

Parks and Recreation Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town:

The Parks and Recreation Commission is charged with the maintenance and management of the town's parks and recreation facilities. These facilities include the Plain School park, Interlaken park, Park Street park and skateboard park, Pine Street tennis courts, and the Stockbridge Bowl beachfront and dock ramp. The past year has been a successful year for the Commission. The four lifeguards employed by the town kept the town beach safe for the 2006 season. The water quality at the town beach was monitored weekly and continues to improve each year as the geese impact on the beach is reduced, with water samples being tested under the supervision of the Tri-Town Health Department. The Commission continues to inspect and upgrade playground equipment at the Plain School and Interlaken parks. This summer the Stockbridge Bowl Association held a Stockbridge Bowl Day at the town beach. The Association did a terrific job organizing the event to introduce residents of Stockbridge to the town beach and Stockbridge Bowl. The Commission appreciates the efforts of the Stockbridge Bowl Association in this event. The Commission continued with maintenance of the landscaping at the town beach, the area contiguous to the skateboard park, the soccer field and the Little League field. The Commission will install a canoe and kayak rack at the town beach to accommodate eight canoes or kayaks, to be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There will be a small fee to store a canoe or kayak on the rack. The procedure to obtain a permit for the 2007 season will be posted at the Stockbridge Town Hall.

The Commission wishes to thank all of the volunteers who have contributed their efforts toward making the town's parks and recreation facilities first rate. The Commission also thanks Clint Schneyer and his crew for the assistance they provide to the Commission throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT FLOWER, Chair
PHILIP F. HELLER, Clerk
MARY HART

Emergency Management

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

This year the Stockbridge Emergency Management is proud to announce that the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee, which includes the member towns of South County, has met the requirements of state and federal governments. This was made possible by each town completing a Risk Identification Plan, listing its resources, and participating in practice exercises and drills.

Homeland Defense Funds have provided all cities and towns in the state with High Band Radios. They provide a communication system by which local and state government officials can talk to each other during emergencies.

We participated in Mass Emergency Management Agency's Regional Meetings.

We met, and reviewed the MeadWestvaco Plan for the South Lee Mill Dam in the event of a leak and/or failure conditions.

We took part in a Department of Transportation Railroad Safety Training for Emergency Responders.

On September 30th we set up a Shelter-in-Place Information Booth at the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committees' Family Day. We were one of seventeen organizations that provided medical, fire, police, and emergency information to the public.

We received a \$500 compliance cost reimbursement payment from Western Mass Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council for updating and completing the Stockbridge Emergency Management Plan.

Recognizing that a large natural or man-made disaster can overwhelm emergency services, one has to be prepared to take care of himself, his family, and his neighbors. From the websites listed below, you can obtain excellent information on emergency preparedness for your families, schools, and businesses. You can also obtain kits and lists of supplies to have on hand, and information for the care of older Americans, people with disabilities and special needs, and animals.

- www.ready.gov/America
- www.Mass.gov/mema
- www.redcross.org/services/disaster

We all owe special thanks to the Selectmen, to the departments of the town government, to the emergency services for their support in protecting the citizens of Stockbridge, and to Jorja Marsden and Kristin Garner for their many hours of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR DUTIL, Director
CHIEF RICHARD WILCOX, Deputy Director

Transfer Station Review Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Committee was appointed by the Selectmen and began meeting on September 27, 2006. Our directive was to review the entire Transfer Station operation and to establish guidelines for the reopening of the Talbot Center for Good Stuff. The Selectmen approved the guidelines and the Center was reopened in December. The Center is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 to 3:00, weather permitting. Hopefully, it will be open on more days beginning in the spring.

Special thanks go to Frances Antoniazzi, Bill Donovan, Mary Errichetto, Linda Escudero, Mary and Rudy Hoeltzel, GeGe Kingston, Lisa Koldys, Alexandra Swann, Lisa Thorne, Myra and Skip Whalen for braving the extremely cold temperatures during the winter months for volunteering their services to keep the Talbot Center open.

A letter was sent to town residents covering the guidelines and a questionnaire was included to get community feedback. It is recommended that another questionnaire be distributed to town residents in early June to get additional input into the Center's operation.

Three limiting factors were determined as to the overall Transfer Station – Space, Environmental and economical. The Committee reviewed transfer station services, recycling rates, traffic flow, oversight by attendants, safety and fee structure. We recommend making appropriate changes, if needed, when the compactor motors break down and are replaced. Disposal fees for some items may be minimally increased, and additional signs to direct residents to the appropriate disposal areas will be installed. The attendant's building will be moved to a more central location allowing for better management of the Transfer Station, including the Talbot Center.

The Committee recommends an increased effort to educate all town residents of the value of recycling. While many residents are doing a great job, we can all do better. We will accomplish a tremendous cost savings to the town by improving our overall separating/recycling efforts. Each ton of recyclables separated from household waste gives Stockbridge a net financial benefit of \$98. In just the last 6 months of 2006, Stockbridge received actual income of \$17,799 from recyclables.

It is our goal to add collection opportunities to make it easier for residents to safely dispose of items containing mercury and other toxics such as batteries and oil based paints and stains.

Thank you to Pliny Hunt and Larry Kurber for their cooperation and input into the overall process, as well as to Clinton Schneyer and the entire highway crew. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

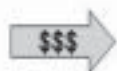
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JORJA MARSDEN
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Separating & recycling saves energy and water
&
Reduces greenhouse gas emissions



Separate
bottles, cans
&
paper

Separating & recycling reduces your tax bill
In 2006 Stockbridge separated & recycled
632 tons



Stockbridge received \$17,799

GIS/IT Information Technology Director

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The digital mapping project is complete, and the Assessors Department is converting to the new maps for the upcoming fiscal year. Ongoing support and training from the vendor has eased this transition considerably. The public comment sessions in December brought an excellent turnout, and many residents took advantage of the opportunity to see and get printouts of their lots. As time goes on, additional data layers will be added to this database, and more town departments will be able to utilize this resource.

The Water Department is one of the first to jump on the GIS bandwagon. In conjunction with Weston and Sampson, they are digitizing their entire inventory of water main maps, some of which have been around since the early 20th century. Added to the actual map data will be notes and observations of the department personnel, making it that much quicker and easier for information to be found when necessary.

Two separate projects in the Police department are coming to fruition. First, as a member of the Berkshire County Cross-Agency Working Group, officers are now able to immediately reference information with other local towns. Second, with grant money from the US Department of Homeland Security, we have purchased ruggedized laptop computers for each of the Town's police cruisers. Officers on patrol will use these computers in their cruisers to quickly obtain information from other local towns as above, as well as the Registry of Motor Vehicles and other Commonwealth and federal law enforcement agencies. Finally, the officers can also complete reports and do other recordkeeping without having to return to the station.

Many of you have taken advantage of the Town's online bill payment capability. Real Estate Tax, Personal Property Tax, and Water and Sewer payments can be made from the comfort of your own home by going to the Town website (<http://www.townofstockbridge.com>) and clicking on the "Online Bill Payment" link on the left-hand side of the page. Just beneath that link is another link allowing you to receive copies of public notices in your email, as well as a third link to send us your comments. Finally, most standing Town committees continue to provide copies of meeting minutes which are also posted on the Town website.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST LOWELL

Information Technology Director

Health, Education and Social Services



Future home of the Boards and Committees Office

Tri-Town Health Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year 2006:

Title 5 On-site Wastewater Disposal: Health Department responsibilities associated with Title 5 requirements continues to increase year after year. The review and approval of plans, issuance of permits, inspections of repairs and upgrades and witnessing of percolation tests and soil evaluations for the site suitability are often challenging as more and more sites are built near environmentally sensitive areas and proposed plans incorporate new alternative technologies. In an effort to maintain our service levels, I plan to cross train two more employees in Title 5 requirements including certification in soil evaluation training as soon as training slots are available.

Food Service Sanitation Program: Massachusetts has seen a substantial rise in food borne illness particularly those associated with Hepatitis A. To address this concern, office staff attended a number of state sponsored seminars on Hepatitis A and passed this information on to area food establishments. In addition, we stepped up our inspections to a minimum of four (4) per year, with staff Inspectors rotating to a different Town every quarter.

Pool & Spa Monitoring Program: Health Inspector Jim Wilusz has done an exceptional job in ensuring that all facilities meet minimum bacteriological standards and owners of such facilities have properly trained Certified Operators to oversee and maintain these facilities. He is now concentrating on working with facility owners to confirm that any necessary upgrades to facilities are completed.

Tobacco Awareness Program: Our program continues to be the only state funded Board of Health program in Berkshire County thanks to the great work and oversight by Program Administrator Kimberly Kelly. Kim's responsibilities include coordinating inspectional activities, conducting retail store compliance checks, providing training programs, complying with state budgeting and reporting requirements and effectively communicating program objectives and activities to local Boards of Health and the State Public Health Department.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge Boards of Health for their continued support and assistance and the Tri-Town Health Department staff for their extraordinary dedication in maintaining our public health prevention programs.

Permits Issued: (Stockbridge only)

Permit Type	Numbered Issued
Food Service	44
Retail Food	18
Catering	18
Mobile Food	2
B & B	9
Bakery	2
Special Event Food Permit	24

Tobacco	3
Indoor Pool	2
Outdoor Pool	10
Hot Tubs	6
Frozen Desert	2
Milk/Cream Store	5
Milk/Cream Vehicle	0
Milk/Cream Dealer	2
Pasteurization	0
Disposal Works Installers	15
Septage Hauler	5
Garbage Hauler	7
Rec. Children's Camp	3
Motel/Hotel/Cabin/Trailer	0
Massage Practitioner	74
Massage Establishment	2
Biological Wastes	1
Disposal Works Construction	20
Well Permit	11
Beaver Permits	2

Inspections:

Food Service Inspections:	220	Children's Camps:	2
Misc. Complaints/Nuisances	6	Housing Inspect/Chapter II	5
Quality Control	194	Ice Sampling	5
Pool & Hot Tub Testing	97	Pool & Hot Tub Inspect:	15
Water Testing Performed- Beaches	81	WWTP Sampling	0
Well Sampling	8		

Budget Revenue Information Fiscal 2006

Total budget:	\$ 33,327.36	Revenue generated:	\$ 21,889.94
Breakdown:			
	Permits	\$ 18,300.00	
	Water Testing	1,462.54	
	Septic	1,396.60	
	Training	730.80	
	Total	\$ 21,889.94	

Respectfully submitted,
PETER J. KOLODZIEJ R.S.
Director/Sanitarian

Board of Health

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

During the year 2006, the Board of Health changed their meeting time from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month. In addition to monthly meetings the Board met quarterly with Tri-Town Health Department.

Cara Davis, Chairperson of the Board, stepped down from the Board in May of 2006 after completing her three year term. Matthew Mandel was elected to the Board in May 2006 to fill Cara's position. Greg Pilling became Chairperson and Jonathan Aronoff continues to serve as Secretary of the Board.

In addition to the Board's duties of reviewing and following-up on all complaints regarding health related issues, the Board continued working closely with Tri-Town on matters involving restaurant and Bed and Breakfast establishments and renewing massage licenses.

The Board welcomes Matthew Mandel and extends their appreciation to Cara Davis for her commitment and hard work as Chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN R. ARONOFF, PH.D.

MATTHEW MANDEL, M.D.

GREGORY M. PILLING, **Chairman**

Lee Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The following is a report of the services performed in the Town of Stockbridge during 2006.

HOME VISITS	VISITS	
Skilled Nursing	293	
Physical Therapy	158	
Occupational Therapy	59	
Speech Therapy	0	
Medical Social Work	18	
Maternal Child Health	10	
Nutrition Services	0	
Home Health Aide	294	
NON-BILLABLE HOME VISITS	3	
CLINICS	SESSIONS	ATTENDANCE
Flu/Pneumonia	3	141/0
Blood Pressure	12	74
Immunizations	0	71

Respectfully submitted,

PAULA SCHUTZMANN

Executive Director

Brien Center For Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Inc.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Brien Center remains committed to providing high-quality, fully licensed mental health and substance abuse services to Berkshire County, primarily through counseling and treatment centers located in North Adams, Great Barrington and Pittsfield. We provide a continuum of care that includes crisis care, psychiatric services, outpatient therapy and residential and rehabilitation services.

Of the individuals served by Brien Center, 25% either lack health insurance or are not fully covered for the services they need. We are ever more dependent on local United Ways and your funding to continue to provide needed treatment for these individuals. Your annual contribution assists us in developing and offering services that are responsive to the needs of Berkshire County, including those 92 individuals we are serving in Stockbridge. Your town's contribution is very important to us.

In addition, the Commonwealth Care program is a major change, which will occur, and we are unsure of how it will impact the Brien Center as an employer and as a service provider. According to change mandates, all residents of the Commonwealth will be required to obtain health insurance by July 1, 2007. At this juncture, the regulation specifics are still being scrutinized and determined. It is unclear how this program will affect subsidized care. It is anticipated that many individuals will have difficulty with the required premium contributions and co-payments that are associated with certain levels of coverage plans. In addition, many people who are privately insured continue to struggle with deductibles, co-payments and coverage limitations for mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Thank you for your past and continued support. Please call me at 413-499-0412 if you have any questions about our agency and its services.

Respectfully submitted,

ARLENE BIRCH
Chief Executive Officer

Education

Report of the Charles Denton Treadway Scholarship Fund

The Trustees of the Charles Denton Treadway Scholarship Fund awarded scholarships of \$200.00 to the following

Sheli Chabon	Dartmouth College
Ashlynn Haywood	Central Connecticut State University
Sophia Murray	University of Massachusetts-Amherst

The Trustees of the Charles Denton Treadway Scholarship Fund awarded a scholarship of \$100.00 to the following:

Patrick Blanchard	Endicott College
Matthew Campbell	Western New England College
Christopher Cardillo	Berkshire Community College
Zaviere Drumm	Maryland Institute of Art
Max Feuer	Berkshire Community College
James Killfoile	Schenectady County Comm. College
Jakub Linde	Berkshire Community College
Matthew McNear	Berkshire Community College
Justin Osak	Berkshire Community College
Nicoline Steinert	Bentley College

As of December 31, 2006, there was \$97,666.58 in an account at Berkshire Bank, and in an investment and stock account managed by Smith Barney Citigroup. Respectfully submitted,

KAREN T. WILLIAMS, **Treasurer**

Report of the Williams High School Scholarship Fund

The Trustees of the fund awarded \$500.00 scholarships to each of the following:

Patrick Blanchard	Stockbridge	Endicott College
Matthew Campbell	Stockbridge	Western New England
Ashlynn Haywood	Stockbridge	James Madison University
Nicoline Steinert	Stockbridge	Bentley College
Christopher Pultorek	West Stockbridge	Western New England

As of December 31, 2005, there was \$66,852.11 in an account at the Berkshire Taconic Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SPENCER, **Treasurer**
JOHN F. CANNING, **Trustee**

Report of the Williams Academy Scholarship Fund

The Trustees of the Williams Academy Scholarship Fund awarded scholarships of \$400.00 to the following:

Patrick Blanchard
Matthew Campbell

Endicott College
Western New England College

As of December 31, 2006, there was \$22,742.84 in accounts at the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA MUIR

Report of the Charles M. Owen School Fund

The Williams High School Scholarship Committee as Trustees of the Charles M. Owen School Fund awarded scholarships of \$500.00 to the following Stockbridge residents:

Sheli Chabon
Sophia Murray

Dartmouth College
University of Massachusetts-Amherst

As of December 31, 2006, there was \$30,170.29 in accounts at Berkshire Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN T. WILLIAMS, **Treasurer**

Elderly and Disabled Tax Aid Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Town's newly adopted by-law provides for aid to qualifying elderly or disabled residents of low income on Real Estate taxes for their homes. The program, established in 2003, is funded by voluntary taxpayer donations and is being administered by an appointed committee which will evaluate applications and distribute aid up to 50% or \$1,000 of a qualifying property tax bill.

Applications are available at Town Hall and assistance in filling out the applications is available.

The FY2006 donations from generous taxpayers amounted to \$3,928.46 for a cumulative total of \$7,072.37. In 2006 a total of 12 residents received \$6,500.00 in tax relief through this program.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN BENDER
JOHN MILLER
JOSEPH RUGGIO
NANCY SOCHA
KAREN WILLIAMS

Stockbridge Housing Authority

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Housing Authority continues to administer housing programs for low-income seniors, families, and people with special needs.

With the successful lease-up of all thirty affordable rental units at Pine Woods located at 3 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge Housing Authority has ended its role as management agent as of 12/31/06. Ongoing management duties are in the capable hands of Kim Gosselin, Property Manager, for Construct, Inc., the owner of the property.

SHA manages Heaton Court, situated on the hill at 5 Pine Street. Heaton Court is state-assisted housing for low-income elderly, and disabled under 60 years of age. There are currently forty-nine one-bedroom apartments and a four-bedroom/four-bath congregate apartment at Heaton Court. All one-bedroom apartments are filled and a waiting list is in place. Stockbridge residents receive preference. There is also priority given to emergency applicants as per state regulations.

In 2006, the congregate apartment became empty. The congregate living concept has not been an easy sell in recent years, and SHA's plan is to renovate this space into two handicap-accessible units: a one- and a two-bedroom unit. There is already a waiting list for both apartments. We are seeking funding from various sources to complete this project as soon as possible.

In the past year, SHA also requested assistance from the state to replace the aging, unreliable, and inefficient heating system at Heaton Court. The Dept. of Housing and Community Development Emergency Committee granted assistance to replace heating and hot water pipes only, and will require the Heaton Court reserves fund to be utilized significantly to achieve this. This project will take place in spring 2007.

Three Stockbridge residents and five other applicants became tenants at Heaton Court in 2006. Two were emergency applicants. Applications and information regarding housing at Heaton Court may be obtained by calling the SHA office at 298-3222.

Stockbridge Housing Authority also assists low-income families and individuals through the federal Section 8 rental assistance program, administering 41 vouchers. A voucher entitles the participant to a portion of their rent being paid every month based on their income. Preference is given to those who live or work in southern Berkshire County. Priority is given to homeless applicants that live or work in southern Berkshire County.

In 2006, eighty-six people applied for Section 8 rental assistance at SHA. One was from Stockbridge. Six residents of southern Berkshire County were issued Section 8 vouchers in 2006. Currently, there are five program participants living in Stockbridge.

Stockbridge Housing Authority joined the Massachusetts NAHRO Centralized Section 8 Waiting List in 2006. When an applicant completes and submits the pre-application for assistance, they are placed on Section 8 Waiting Lists at

over sixty housing authorities throughout the state. Information and pre-applications may be received online at www.massnahro.org or by calling SHA at 298-3222.

Stockbridge Housing Authority also serves as the landlord for an eight bedroom facility at 7 Pine Street that is rented to the state's Department of Mental Retardation for housing and services to assist severely disabled adults.

Residents who have housing concerns are encouraged to contact JoAnne Redding, Executive Director, at 298-3222. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to the dedicated staff and to the town fire and police departments for their kind assistance to the residents at Heaton Court.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA OWENS SMITH, **Chairman**
WILLIAM SELKE, **Assistant Treasurer**
KENNETH SHEARN, **Treasurer**
FRANCES ANTONIAZZI
D. ANN BEACCO, **State Appointee**

Council On Aging

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The following is a report on the services and activities provided by the Council on Aging for the senior citizens of Stockbridge during 2006.

Transportation for shopping, medical appointments and personal needs continues to be a very important part of the Council on Aging's service. Other services provided by the COA include the Brown Bag Food Program, monthly blood pressure clinics provided by the Berkshire Visiting Nurses Association, and bi-monthly clinics by the Countryside Nurse. The Moving Into Well-Being Exercise Program continued its Thursday classes, as well as the weekly community luncheons held at Heaton Court. Meals-on-Wheels were available to those in need of this service. Advocacy and referrals to appropriate agencies remained important services.

Stockbridge seniors were guests of Monument Mountain Regional High School for the annual Senior Fall Festival and Senior Dinner in the Spring. This year ended with another fine Holiday luncheon at the Red Lion Inn generously given by the Fitzpatrick Family.

The COA wishes to thank all who volunteered their services in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH MCCORMACK, **Director**
LILLIAN BENDER, **Chairperson**
VIRGINIA SCHWARTZ
JOAN SELVA

Stockbridge Library Association

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

It has been a busy and productive year for the Stockbridge Library Association. In 2006 the Library had an attendance of over 55,000 with a total circulation of 57,645, with about 50 interlibrary loans per week. The Library continues to offer year-round Children's programming and a summer reading program. The Library currently has 4,600 registered patrons and a mailing list of over 1,500.

To meet the financial needs of the library and to continue our valuable services to the town of Stockbridge, our fundraising efforts have continued apace. In 2006 held or participated in such fundraising events as the Annual Appeal, our annual July Book Sale, participation with Earth Angels, the Lenox Library/Stockbridge Library Golf Challenge, the Valentine's Day Book Party, and a special event called Magic for Mary, which honored past Board of Trustees President Mary Harrison. In addition, we offered beautiful Holiday Cards for patrons who wished to make a donation in a loved one's name for the holiday season.

The Historical Room had record attendance this year, and offered two particularly interesting events. In June the Historical Room offered the "Shades of Stockbridge" event. Four talented actors helped bring prominent former citizens of Stockbridge (Agrippa Hull, Charles Butler, Catharine Sedgwick, and Henriette Des Portes Field) to vivid life at their gravesites in the Town Cemetery. This family-friendly and historically based event helped truly bring these figures alive to those who attended. In September, the Historical Room held a weekend-long seminar called "All This and Hitty, Too." The seminar centered on Hitty, a small doll that once belonged to author Rachel Field and was the inspiration for her Newbery Award-winning children's novel, *Hitty: Her First Hundred Years*. Hitty resides in the permanent collection of the Historical Museum and Archives of the Stockbridge Library. The seminar boasted attendees from as far away as Texas and featured speakers who spoke about the Field family, children's literature, and dolls.

Thanks to the dedicated staff and volunteers of the Library and Historical Room, our patrons, and the service of the members of the Board of Trustees, the Stockbridge Library Association continues to admirably serve the needs of the citizens of Stockbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA HUDSON, President
Board of Trustees

District Department of Veteran's Services

FISCAL YEAR 2006

DDVS MGL Ch 115 Benefits Provision:	District	
Town		
Expenditures	\$21,274.27	\$5,120.90
Reimbursements from Veterans	22.82	.00
Projected OCVS Reimbursements (75%)	\$15,934.59	\$3,840.68

	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	REMARKS
SALARIES:			
Director	\$42,745.00	\$42,745.00	\$ -0-
Treasurer	2,334.00	2,334.00	-0-
TOTAL	\$45,079.00	\$45,079.00	\$ -0-
EMPLOYEES BENEFITS:			
Retirement	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 8,322.00	\$ 878.00(S)
Insurance	15,800.00	12,942.92	2,857.08(S)
Medicare	655.00	653.64	1.36(S)
TOTAL	\$25,655.00	\$21,918.56	\$3,736.44(S)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Rent	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 560.00(S)
Telephone	2,000.00	1,950.51	49.49(S)
Supplies	500.00	164.35	335.65(S)
Postage	500.00	506.57	6.57(O)
Insurance	400.00	494.00	94.00(O)
Dues	95.00	60.00	35.00(S)
Travel	3,000.00	2,037.10	962.90(S)
Miscellaneous	600.00	1,700.08	1,100.08(O)
Machine Service	300.00	-0-	300.00(S)
TOTAL	\$9,395.00	\$ 8,352.61	\$1,042.39(S)
GRAND TOTAL	\$80,129.00	\$75,350.17	\$4,778.83(S)

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

During FY2006, DDVS activities totaled 8,290. This number included 207 office visits and 1,575 field functions involving 6,923 miles of travel. As previously, volume of services requested/provided continues at high levels. In a related vein, three, four drawer filing cabinets were purchased to address the current situation thereby passing from seven to ten.

There are Ch 115 cases receiving benefits within the District. These benefits coupled with grave marker flag provisions have amounted to \$21,274.27 a decrease of 10% over FY 05. Once again I must remark on the dearth of flag reimbursement applications as well as the confusion surrounding such applications. Timely reminders and hopefully clarified procedures will be forthcoming.

The Director attended the WMVSOA Spring Meeting in Holyoke and will be attending training offered by the Secretary's Office in September. A unique approach to this particular session is the invitation extended to town "CEOs and

CFOs”. If maintained as a position over time, this may prove a beneficial inclusive effort, dependent on administrator availability and interest.

As mentioned in previous reports, we strongly urge recipients of long standing VA Compensation claims to consider reviewing such claims with DDVS in order to address the possibility of reopening for re-evaluation as appropriate. Additionally, those individuals with questions regarding Veteran status or viability of claim filing even decades after separation from service should contact DDVS.

Worth mentioning are the large number of queries regarding VA/Assisted Living applications for both Compensation and Pension bases. These now far outstrip routine claim issues and, not unusually, are received from parties throughout the Central and Western counties in addition to the District proper and the provider facilities therein.

Respectfully submitted,
AL ADAMS, **Director DDVS**

Lee Ambulance Service

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

I hereby present the annual report of the Lee Ambulance Service.

In 2006, Lee Ambulance Service responded to a total 833 requests for medical assistance, 153 of those responses were to the Town of Stockbridge.

The breakdown of those calls is as follows:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	21 responses
Non motor vehicle injuries	37 responses
Medical/illness	66 responses
Cardiac/Respiratory	17 responses
Miscellaneous	2 responses
Non transport (refusals)	10 responses

Our continued appreciation to our members who are residents of Stockbridge: Harold French, Scott Muir, Roxanne McCaffrey, Tim O’Brien, and Dan Weston. We would always welcome residents of Stockbridge to join us as first responders or EMT’s. A portion of our annual request for funding is for continuing education of our current Stockbridge members as reimbursement for some of the costs of new member initial training. Please contact us for more information.

We extend our gratitude to the Stockbridge Police Department and to the Stockbridge Fire Department for their continued support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
LISA BREAUULT, EMT-P
Service Director

Planning and Aesthetics



First Floor Meeting Rooms

Planning Board

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The courts in this Commonwealth have well-settled the proposition that the local planning board, with “home-grown” knowledge about the history and purpose of a town’s zoning by-law and familiarity with local conditions, can deal understandably with questions arising under the by-law and are thus entitled to due deference by the judiciary. *Duteau v. Zoning Board of Appeals of Webster*, 47 Mass.App.Ct. 664, 669 – 670 (1999). Your Planning Board continues its vigilant oversight of real estate development in our Town, and utilizes its collective experience and knowledge of land-use activities, as well as its familiarity with the purpose and intent of our zoning and subdivision by-laws, to regulate and promote the orderly and prudent administration of this aspect of Town government.

This past year, the Planning Board addressed several novel by-law revisions, modifications, and additions, and considered a new historical preservation by-law scheme, amendments to the “Cottage Era Estate” provisions, amendments to the “Lake and Pond Overlay District” by-law, and new prescriptions in the zoning by-law for the regulation of “Body Art” purveyors, and those for the distribution of “Adult Entertainment” goods and services in our Town.

The Planning Board’s usual docket was occupied with a host of applications for recommendation of approval of renovations and rebuilding of existing structures, several “Form ‘A’” property divisions, and a few important commercial use development issues, including the prospect of new facades and signs for the Red Lion Inn, a significant expansion of the occupancy of the Kripalu facility (along with new signage for the center), a retail art gallery on Elm Street, and a new salon on South Street.

With respect to the controversial Pixley Hill subdivision, we are pleased to report that the developer remains mired in his multi-leveled appellate litigation efforts, that no significant progress has been made by the developer in that litigation, and that another year has passed with the property remaining in its unspoiled condition. We anticipate that the Land Court and Superior Court justices considering the developer’s many challenges to the Planning Board’s denial of this subdivision will defer to the “home-grown” wisdom of this dedicated group of municipal planners and regulators.

We welcome Dr. Eugene Talbot to the Planning Board, and commend our secretary, Jaimy Messana, on the completion of her first full year of service to the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted:

DOUGLAS J. ROSE, J.D., M.B.A., **Chairman**
GARY PITNEY, **Vice-Chairman**
ROBERT BARTLE, **Clerk**
ERIC PLAKUN, M.D.
BARBARA HOBBS
PAUL COATES
EUGENE TALBOT, M.D.

Tree Warden

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

Over the past 18 months I have been working with Kenneth Finch and his 3 arborists, Mike, Pat and Laura. They identified several trees in town for removal. A few of the trees I did not want removed because of their size and location. We agreed to keep and re-trim them. They were very professional. The tree crews were accommodating and easy to work with. I believe they have saved the town considerable money, which was done under the National Grid ACT Program. Whatever small debris is left will be cleaned up in the spring. I hope everyone is as satisfied with their work as I was. At the same time the regular line pruning was done. Main and Church Street as well as other streets are still doing well.

I would like to thank Ben Handy for excellent tree service, Steve Adams for Main Street pruning and Ron Yaple for fertilizing.

Thank you to the townspeople for letting me serve. I have enjoyed the job, and keeping Stockbridge streets safe and scenic.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER CURTIN
Tree Warden

Conservation Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

It has been a busy but stable year for the Conservation Commission. We have had time to consider how we can best serve our town and the environment in the future. In that vein, we have made a giant technology leap into the 21st century. The Commission is going digital! In this way, we will be able to better document site visits and subsequent changes in our local environment through the use of a digital camera. We are also beginning to digitally file all applications, and are on the road toward mapping the wetlands, rivers, streams, vernal pools and other resource areas through information provided to us from the state, applicants, and our own observations. We welcome input from all citizens in Town who are interested in aiding us with these projects.

Respectfully submitted,

SALLY UNDERWOOD-MILLER, **Chairman**
JOE DEGIORGIS
DON DENO
JOHN HART
CATHY PLAKUN
STEVE SHATZ
GEORGE SHIPPEY

Building Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The following building permits were issued and fees collected for the year 2006:

Permit Category		Value
1 & 2 Family Dwelling	8	\$3,304,215.00
Additions & Alterations	112	17,752,081.00
Decks & Porches	19	273,868.00
Garages & Outbuildings	7	391,080.00
Foundation Permits	4	135,600.00
Pools & Pool Houses	6	286,800.00
Repairs	42	121,500
Total Construction Spending		\$9,816,931.75
Building Permits	155	\$58,646.19
Annual Inspections	38	1,333.00
Certificate of Occupancy	33	1,155.00
Wood Stove Permits	8	80.00
Demolition Permits	1	35.00
Total Permits Issued	235	
Total Permit Fees Collected		\$61,449.19

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD (NED) BALDWIN, **Building Inspector**

Historic Preservation Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

Stockbridge voters approved the new Historic Preservation and Demolition Delay bylaw by a large majority at the 2006 Town Meeting. After a final review by the State Attorney General's office, the bylaw is now in effect. This fall the Selectmen duly appointed the Historic Preservation Commission to administer the new bylaw.

The Commission has been meeting regularly since September, usually at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall on the first Monday of each month. So far we have reviewed six applications, and all have been approved. We have also responded to a number of informal inquiries about the scope of the new bylaw, and about the possible historic significance of various properties and plans. There has also been some very gratifying interest in the bylaw from neighboring towns facing the same preservation issues that concern us here in Stockbridge.

So far the bylaw appears to be working very much as anticipated, and we believe that it provides important protections for the Town's historic buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL SPRAGUE, **Chairman**
PETER WILLIAMS, **Secretary**
SUE BONAK
GARY JOHNSTON
TOM RACE
PAM SANDLER
EILEEN TAFT

Zoning Board of Appeals

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

2006 was a quiet year for the Board of Appeals. Several minor variances were given including signs for the various eating establishments at the Red Lion Inn.

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA DAY
JAMES MURRAY
TOM SCHULER
WILLIAM SELKE
JOHN SPENCER
DAVID ADLER, **Associate**
PATRICIA FLINN, **Associate**

Stockbridge Historical Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

During the first several months of 2006, the Historical Commission continued to collaborate with the Town's Historic Preservation Task Force in preparing a revised Historic Preservation and Demolition Delay bylaw adopted by the Town at the 2006 Town Meeting. The new bylaw places administrative responsibility for that bylaw on the new Historic Preservation Commission. Pursuant to the bylaw one member of the Historical Commission, Peter Williams, was appointed to the new Commission.

Pending the effective date of the new bylaw, during 2006 the Historical Commission continued to act as the administrator of the "old" Demolition Delay bylaw. In that capacity the SHC held public hearings with respect to an application by the Boston Symphony Orchestra to demolish the original groundskeeper's cottage (c. 1875) of the Tanglewood estate. The SHC denied that application, and the BSO sued the Commission contesting the denial. A settlement of that lawsuit was reached in September 2006. Following the settlement the Commission is optimistic that the historic Tanglewood groundskeeper's cottage will be preserved.

Also in 2006, the SHC held a public meeting with regard to The Red Lion Inn's ongoing restoration project and application for tax credits. The Commission reported to the Massachusetts Historical Commission the SHC's findings that The Inn is a "qualified historic structure" that is being restored in a manner consistent with federal guidelines for the restoration of historic properties. Finally, the SHC retained the services of a professional to continue the SHC's work to research and survey the historic buildings and areas in the Town. (The Town allocated funds for this work at the 2005 Town Meeting.) The focus will be on certain areas around Lake Mahkeenac, now over 50 years in age, vulnerable to demolition.

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA JACKSON, **Chairman**
MARIA CARR
PAULINE PIERCE
MARTIN TORODASH
PETER WILLIAMS

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

In 2007 the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) enters its 41st year of providing professional planning assistance to Towns and Cities in Berkshire County. No regional issues affecting the Town of Stockbridge arose in the past year.

- In July 2006 BRPC performed a minor study of traffic volumes on Main Street between Yale Hill Road and the Lee town line.
- At the request of the BRPC alternate Commission member Craig Berger we assisted the Town in reviewing our 2004 study of the Stockbridge Industrial Park and provided Mr. Berger with sample materials for preparation of a Request For Proposal to perform further studies of the site.
- In August 2006, BRPC responded to the Board of Selectmen's inquiry regarding status of the South Street Improvement Project in the Town of Stockbridge.
- Additionally during the year, the Town of Stockbridge utilized the services of the Berkshire Conservation Agent, a program sponsored by BRPC.

In July of 2006 the Town remitted its BRPC assessment for Fiscal Year 2007, in the amount of \$1,377.46. We look forward to our next opportunity to assist the Town of Stockbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. FRANCOMANO, Senior Planner

Center for Ecological Technology (CET)

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

Stockbridge Supports Clean Energy.

In 2006, more than 3.6% of Stockbridge residents and small businesses demonstrated their environmental leadership by "greening up" the electricity they use. Thirty-six Stockbridge households, one small business and St. Paul's Church are enrolled in New England GreenStart, a renewable energy offering of the Center for Ecological Technology (CET), a non-profit community organization. In turn, as of December 31, 2006, the Town of Stockbridge has earned more than \$8,772 toward a renewable energy project for the town. These funds are through Clean Energy Choice, a Massachusetts program that matches residents' voluntary support for renewable energy with grants for their towns.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA DUBESTER, CET

Memorial Day Committee

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The stage for Memorial Day 2006 was set with propitious summer weather, abundant participation of local veterans, exorbitant demonstrations of vehicular splendor, exuberant excesses of enthusiastic children, as well as appropriate appreciation and acknowledgment of the invaluable service and sacrifice provided by our military personnel.

The annual parade stepped off from the Plain School at Noon and marched to the Town Hall accompanied with a flyby of A – 10 fighter jets from Barnes Air Force Base in Westfield, Mass. Donald Bernstein played Taps and Father Matt Lamoureaux from the Marian Fathers said prayers and blessings at our war memorials along the route.

Every year the gravesites of our local veterans are adorned with special markers. On Memorial Day morning at 11:00 AM, just prior to the parade, Taps and special blessings are offered at both town cemeteries to honor those deceased. The service is simple and quite lovely. All are welcome.

Local resident and former Marine Reserves veteran, Jean Rousseau, was the featured program speaker addressing “The Blessings of Liberty”. Acapella songs were provided by Quintessential using an amplification system that brought their inspiring music to many more ears this year. Stockbridge students Harry Wilken, Fiona Brown and Krissy Williams from Monument Valley Middle School, shared patriotic readings with the attentive audience.

The ceremony was followed by a delightful potluck picnic served under a tent on the Town Green. Special thanks to Chris Marsden and the Fire Department as well as Peter DelGrand and his Stockbridge Sportsmen Club crew.

It was a wonderful day and we look forward to another one May 28, 2007. Volunteers are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

The Memorial Day Committee

DEBORAH COLEMAN

JORJA MARSDEN

TIM MINKLER

KEITH RAFTERY

SKIP WHALEN

DEB MCMENAMY, **Chair**

Community Preservation Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Community Preservation Committee completed its fourth grant cycle since adopting the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The Committee's mission is to enhance historic preservation, open spaces, outdoor recreation, and affordable housing through the judicious allocation of CPA funds. To this end, we held a public informational meeting, prepared and distributed a request for proposals, reviewed the proposals, and presented our funding recommendations to Town Meeting, which passed unanimously.

To date the Town has allocated \$711,000 in CPA funds — half has been collected through our local tax surcharge and the other half was matched by the State Community Preservation Trust. As more towns adopt the CPA, the state match will become less than 100%, but we expect the full match to continue for at least another couple of years. In Berkshire County, Williamstown adopted the CPA the same year we did, and in 2006 Lenox voted it in and Pittsfield voted it down.

For historic preservation projects in 2006, the Town approved \$113,000 in CPA funds for the restoration of the slate roof and the cupola of the Plain School building (the new Town Hall) and \$65,000 for the Procter Hall Restoration campaign. The CPA funding for the roof restoration allowed the town to maintain the more historic (but more expensive) slate, rather than replacing it with synthetic roofing material. (\$75,000 of these funds had been set aside from the previous fiscal year.) The CPA funds for the Procter Hall project will help leverage private funding, and help insure the project maintains appropriate historical standards.

For affordable housing, \$50,000 was allocated to the Pine Woods project, bringing our total contribution to date up to \$250,000. This is less than 5% of the construction costs, but the CPA involvement has had a significant role in leveraging other funds, and building community support for this project, which after a number of hurdles, is finally being recognized as a successful complement to our community.

For open space and outdoor recreation the committee approved \$47,000 for that reserve fund; \$28,000 to the Stockbridge Land Trust for assistance in building a walkway to Pine Wood; and \$5,000 to Park and Recreations for basketball court improvements.

The committee wishes to thank the taxpayers of Stockbridge for providing Community Preservation funds, our citizens for a remarkable sense of civic stewardship, and our Town Officials and personnel for their gracious help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. STOKES, Chairman, representing the Selectmen

CRAIG BERGER, Vice-Chairman, Finance Committee

MICHAEL BLAY, Treasurer, representing the Assessors

ANN BEACCO, Housing Authority

DAVID MCCARTHY, representing the Selectmen

EUGENE TALBOT, Planning Board

LINDA W. JACKSON, Historical Commission

ROBERT FLOWER, Parks and Recreation

SALLY UNDERWOOD-MILLER, Conservation Commission

Laurel Hill Association

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

In 2006, the oldest existing village improvement society in the United States celebrated its 153rd anniversary. In 1853, Mary Hopkins Goodrich inspired and founded the Laurel Hill Association. Today, the Association and its officers work to continue the original purpose of the organization: to do “*such things as shall serve to improve the quality of life and of the environment in the Town of Stockbridge.*”

Properties and Trails - Laurel Hill maintains over 400 acres throughout the Town which are available for recreation. The properties and trails include: the Laura’s Tower Trail, the Ice Glen Trail (owned by the Town), the Upper and Lower Bowker’s Woods Trails, the trail on Laurel Hill itself, and, since 2003, the Mary V. Flynn Trail.

Indeed, the Mary V. Flynn Trail, which extends over a mile (round-trip) from the Goodrich Memorial Bridge along the banks of the Housatonic River, is the finest handicap-accessible **nature** trail in the Berkshires.

One significant parcel owned by the LHA is the acreage currently on 10-year lease to the Stockbridge Golf Club: Dwight Meadow north of West Main (present holes 2, 3, and 4); Tuckerman Meadow south of West Main (present holes 1, 13, 14, and 15); and the Deely Parcel along Cherry Street (the 11th hole).

Activities - In December 2005, the Association restored the scenic view from the Butler Seat at the crest of Laurel Hill. The original vista west to Monument Mountain can be enjoyed once again.

In April 2006, board member Anna Smith organized a clean-up of town roadways to commemorate Earth Day. This was quite successful.

Also in the spring, Laurel Hill agreed to permit the American Chestnut Foundation to plant chestnut trees in the Beacco Preserve (between Route 7 and the wetlands south of town.) We hope this ten-year-selective-breeding experiment will successfully help reintroduce the chestnut to the northeast.

This past summer, the Goodrich Memorial Bridge was re-decked.

In August, the LHA celebrated the 154th Laurel Hill Day. Our guest speaker, former LH President and distinguished educator, Dr. Homer Meade II gave an inspiring talk about the history and traditions of the LHA. Dr. Meade also challenged LHA members to play a more active role in addressing larger environmental issues such as global warming.

In addition to maintaining the trails mentioned above for the use of residents of Stockbridge and other visitors, Laurel Hill maintains the flowers and plantings at the Post Office, the Cat & Dog Fountain, the War Memorial, and the Jonathan Edwards Monument. Laurel Hill also arranges for the holiday decorations at Town Hall as well as for the decoration of the town Christmas Tree at the Cat & Dog triangle.

Participation - We welcome suggestions, input and participation from everyone in Town, so that we can better fulfill our mission to improve and serve our community. To become a member of the Laurel Hill Association, please contact a member or the LHA at PO Box 24, Stockbridge, MA 01262.

We wish to thank our members and benefactors for their past and continued support. We welcome the opportunity to continue our efforts to preserve the quality of life in Stockbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS SCHULER, **President**

Stockbridge Cultural Council

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Cultural Council received 26 Local Cultural Council Grant applications and 2 PASS Grant applications that were seeking funds for this year's grant cycle totaling \$10,605. The council had a total allocation of \$4,000 to disperse for funding for 2007. The council had an additional amount of \$300.00 that was left over from unclaimed grants that was re-granted for this funding cycle.

Fifteen projects were selected and approved for partial or full funding by the council. The recipients are as follows:

Bazaar Productions Inc., (Berkshire Fringe Festival) – LCC Grant
Berkshire Theatre Festival (BTF PLAYS! School Residency Program) – LCC Grant
Castle Hill Theatre Company (Rumplestiltskin) – LCC Grant
Children's Health Program (Trip to the Berkshire Botanical Gardens – PASS Grant
Community Access to the Arts (CATA Artist in Residence) – LCC Grant
Flying Cloud Institute (Environmental Educators Network) – LCC Grant
Flying Cloud Institute (Math and Science Through Ceramics) – LCC Grant
IS183 Art School of the Berkshires (Making Art Together) – LCC Grant
Mass Audubon Society (Housatonic River Watershed Project) – LCC Grant
Muddy Brook Elementary School (Ashley House Visit) – PASS Grant
John Root (Feeling the Beat, Feeling the Spirit) – LCC Grant
Sculpture Now (3-D Exploration of Sculpture) – LCC Grant
Shakespeare & Company (Fall Festival of Shakespeare) – LCC Grant
Stockbridge Library Historical Room (Shades of Stockbridge) – LCC Grant
Stockbridge Sinfonia (Free Community Concerts) – LCC Grant

If you are interested in making a contribution to the Stockbridge Cultural Council to help support the many worthwhile projects in our community please send to Stockbridge Cultural Council, c/o Town Hall, P.O. Box 417 – Stockbridge MA 01262 or contact a member of the Council for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE BURKHARD JADOW, **Chair**
VLADA ROUSSEFF

Advisory Members

DONNA GRAY
ALLISON RACHELE BAYLES
LISA SAUER
DAWN LANE
SARAH BOYD
JANICE SHIELDS

Stockbridge Land Trust

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

The Stockbridge Land Trust is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving open space and the nature of the land surrounding Stockbridge. It also seeks to facilitate the creation of affordable housing in the Town. Current target areas for priority protection include the approaches to town, our mountain ridges and our water resources.

In 2006 the Land Trust, under leadership of Carl Sprague completed a map which shows all the conserved land in the Town and lands where public access is permitted. Conserved lands are protected by public ownership, private ownership by conservation organizations, private conservation restrictions, and Chapter-61 (a State program under which the landowner covenants to maintain land for agriculture, forestry or open space for a specified period of time, in exchange for tax benefits). The map has been sent to all members.

The Land Trust continues to work with property owners who seek to protect their lands. Member volunteers completed annual monitoring of the lands which are subject to conservation restrictions.

Representing the Land Trust, Craig Moffatt secured assistance from the American Chestnut Foundation to establish a chestnut orchard which members of the Trust and the Laurel Hill Association planted on the old Beacco property south of Town. The two organizations had acquired the land east of Route 7 to protect the southern approach to Stockbridge. Trees in the orchard are backcrossed with Chinese chestnuts which are blight resistant. It is anticipated that after one more back cross, a truly disease resistant chestnut will be propagated which can repopulate our woodlands.

The Land Trust is grateful to members whose support has allowed it to pursue open space initiatives for the last 20 years. It can only be successful through the help of property owners who seek to safeguard their land for the future. Deeding property to conservation organizations is one way to preserve property. Another method is to give a conservation restriction covering all or a portion of the property to the Land Trust. This allows the owner to preserve and occupy the land, achieve a substantial tax deduction, and maintain ownership of the land.

To become a member of the Land Trust or learn about more ways to preserve property contact the Stockbridge Land Trust at PO Box 1063, Stockbridge MA 01262.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER A. A. BERLE, President
JENNIFER KERWOOD, Clerk,
SALLY BEGLEY, PHIL DEELY,
ERIC EGAN, SHEP EVANS,
JOHN HYSON, TIM MINKLER,
CRAIG MOFFATT, JESSICA MURRAY,
JIM MURRAY, CARL SPRAGUE,
TOM STOKES, CLOVER SWANN

Stockbridge Bowl Association

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

In 2006, the Stockbridge Bowl Association celebrated its 60th birthday. The Association was formed in 1946 by Anson Phelps Stokes and other concerned citizens of Stockbridge to conserve the natural beauty and ecology of the Stockbridge Bowl and its watershed. For over half a century, the SBA, with the assistance of the Stockbridge Selectmen, has worked toward that goal.

The year 2006 was a “watershed” year for the Association with many accomplishments. In 2004, the SBA formed its Strategic Planning Committee. The main goal of this committee is to promote the implementation of the Lake Management Program adopted by the Town of Stockbridge in 1996. During the 10 years since the program was adopted, many studies of the lake were required by the Commonwealth and local authorities. The studies highlighted problems caused by the continuous build up of silt and weed growth, particularly the invasive Eurasian Milfoil. Left uncorrected, the lake will become an unsightly bog.

One goal of the program is a 5 1/2 -foot winter drawdown to kill the shoreline weeds. This full drawdown only can occur as part of a coordinated “3-D Program,” which entails building a Diversion Drain, then Dredging, and finally a Draw-down. A diversion drain is needed in the outlet to allow lake water to pass beneath the existing Tenneco pipelines and the Town sewer lines that constrict the outflow. Tenneco already has given much of the funding for the diversion drain. Also, about 85,000 cubic feet of silt must be dredged out of the lake.

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) created “Saving Stockbridge Bowl,” a DVD that graphically shows the present deterioration of the lake and explains the 3-D program. This DVD has been widely presented on Community Access TV and at the very successful first annual Stockbridge Bowl Day sponsored by the SBA and the Town at the Public Beach on August 5th. In addition, the SPC prepared a brochure highlighting the plight of the lake that was distributed at the Stockbridge Library and throughout the Town. This brought public awareness to the lake. Both the *Berkshire Eagle* (“The Incredible Shrinking Lake”) and the *Record* (“Milfoil Explosion Threatens Stockbridge Bowl”) published photos and newspaper articles about the deteriorating condition of the lake.

The SPC presented copies of the DVD and the brochure to the Stockbridge Conservation Commission, which in November 2006 approved the 5 1/2-foot drawdown. Since the Town received no objection from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the drawdown can go forward. The SBA and the Selectmen are now proceeding to apply for the diversion-drain permit.

Success has been a long time coming, but relief from the silting in and invasive weeds is in sight. The SBA, the Selectmen, and the Stockbridge citizens need to raise the funds to rescue our invaluable natural resource. The glaciers and rain forests may be disappearing but together WE CAN SAVE STOCKBRIDGE BOWL.

Respectfully submitted,

The Strategic Planning Commission:

R.J. MCDONALD, **Chair**;

SHIRLEY BLANCHARD; JOAN KOPPERL;

CRIS RAYMOND; PEGGY REISER;

RICHARD SELTZER

GARY KLEINERMAN, **SBA President**

Finances



Walls removed to studs looking at the new home of the Treasurer.

Town Accountant's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2006.

Please find that the report consists of the following:

- Combined Balance Sheet
- Special Revenue Fund Statement
- Capital Projects
- Fixed Assets
- Trust Fund Statement
- Agency Fund Statement
- Statement of Revenues
- Statement of Expenses

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE MARKHAM
Town Accountant

Town of Stockbridge
Balance Sheet June 30, 2006

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				FIDUCIARY FUNDS			Totals
	General Fund	Major Revenue Funds	Other Spec Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	
ASSETS								
Cash	2,441,664	646,214	663,409	324,521	3,328,654	81,734		7,486,197
Receivables:								
Personal Prop. Taxes FY2006	942							942
Personal Prop. Taxes Prior Years	1,368							1,368
Real Estate Taxes FY2006	142,478							142,478
Real Estate Taxes Prior Year	34,351							34,351
Motor Vehicle Taxes	59,521							59,521
Tax Liens	3,244							3,244
Farm Animal Excise								0
Chapter 90 Roads Receivable								0
Community Preservation Rec.			2,734					2,734
Overlays	(80,754)							(80,754)
Water Rates and Special		27,749						27,749
Sewer Rates and Special		34,568						34,568
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax								
Fixed Assets							32,426,903	32,426,903
Amounts to be provided for							6,956,571	6,956,571
Due from Stabilization								0
TOTAL ASSETS	2,602,814	708,531	666,143	324,521	3,328,654	81,734	32,426,903	47,095,872

<u>GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>							<u>FIDUCIARY FUNDS</u>			
	General Fund	Major Revenue Funds	Other Spec. Rev Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	Totals	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
Liabilities										
Water Treatment Plant Loan								1,267,240	1,267,240	
Sewer Expansion Project Loan								5,689,331		
Due to Capital Projects	161,150	62,317	2,734						0	
Deferred Revenue	161,150	62,317	2,734	0	0	0	0	6,956,571	1,493,441	
TOTAL LIABILITIES										
FUND EQUITY										
Reserved for Expenditures		148,794							148,794	
Reserved for Encumbrances		81,999							81,999	
Reserved for Encum/Spec. Arts.		1,055,662								
Reserved for Deficits										
Reserved-Investment & Prop										
Reserved			550,264	324,521	3,328,654	81,734		32,426,903	32,426,903	
Unreserved	1,304,003	465,219	113,145						4,285,174	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	2,441,664	646,214	663,409	324,521	3,328,654	81,734	32,426,903	0	39,913,100	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	2,602,814	708,531	666,143	324,521	3,328,654	81,734	32,426,903	6,956,571	47,095,872	

(Notes: MAJOR Special Revenue Funds include WATER & SEWER Funds)

(Notes: OTHER Special Revenue Funds include COMMUNITY PRESERVATION, REVOLVING FUND, ELECTIONS, LOCAL REVOLVING, POLICE GRANTS, GIFTS)

Special Revenue Funds

For year ending June 30,2006

WATER & SEWER

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expend- itures	Ending Balance
Water	\$254,455	\$157,463	(\$195,225)	\$216,693
Waterline Gift	20,652		(\$20,652)	0
Sewer	394,981	405,599	(371,060)	429,520
Total Water & Sewer	670,088	563,062	(586,937)	646,213

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expend- itures	Ending Balance
Reserved: Open Space	42,485	75,000		117,485
Reserved: Historic Resources	3,250	77,500		80,750
Reserved: Community Housing	0	50,000	(50,000)	0
Gifts	1,100			1,100
Undesignated Fund Balance	93,106	221,511	(202,573)	112,044
Total Community Preservation	139,941	424,011	(252,573)	311,379

GRANTS

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expend- itures	Ending Balance
Emergency Mgmnt Grant/State	1,410			1,410
Arts Lottery Grant	2,435			2,435
Elder Affairs	10,054	3,833	(1,512)	12,375
Library Grant	0	4,046	(4,046)	0
Lake/Pond Grant	5,000			5,000
Highway Safety Grant	225	7,236	(6,561)	900
Community Police Grant	(275)	22,598	(11,538)	10,785
MA DARE Grant	912		(740)	172
Other Police Grants	0	26,171	(26,171)	0
FID Card Collections	13	2,338	(1,888)	463
Total Grants	19,773	66,222	(52,455)	33,540

OTHER REVOLVING FUNDS

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expend- itures	Ending Balance
CATV Local Broadcast	5,100			5,100
Wetland Protection Act	20,863	4,612	(5,556)	19,919
Conservation Erosion Books	40		(40)	0
Contaminated Fix/Equip Disposal	812	313		1,125
Total Other Special Funds	26,815	4,925	(5,596)	26,144

OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expend- itures	Ending Balance
Receipts resvd for appr-Real Estate	0	200,000		200,000
Tenneco Gas	67,725			67,725
Tree Gift	350			350
Streetscape Project Gifts	200			200
Police Gifts	1,251	645	(1,003)	893
Prime Outlets Traffic Mitigation	937	8		945
Gifts to Aid Elderly/Disabled	3,186	6,410	(6,500)	3,096
Procter Hall Restoration	0	2,904		2,904
Total Gifts	73,648	209,967	(7,503)	76,112

Capital Projects**For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance
Water Treatment Plant	62,064			62,064
Sewer Treatment Expansion	6,821	1,380,029	(1,386,841)	(0)
Town Offices/Plain School	0	595,000	(332,543)	262,457
Total Capital Projects	68,876	1,380,029	(1,386,841)	62,064

Fixed Assets**CAPITAL ASSET SUMMARY
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006**

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying Amount
Land	4,709,600		4,709,600
Other Improvements	332,543		332,543
Buildings	5,368,600	(3,726,152)	1,642,448
Vehicles & Equipment	9,237,098	(4,465,219)	4,771,879
Infrastructure	49,003,879	(28,033,446)	20,970,433
Totals	68,651,720	(36,224,817)	32,426,903

Trust Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Transfers in	Transfers out	Ending Balance
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$374,082	\$18,408			\$392,491
Conservation Trust Fund	23,292	928			24,220
War Memorial Trust Fund	1,121	44			1,165
DD Field Chime Tower	1,256	50			1,306
Stockbridge Bowl Fund	94,957	4,225	5,000		104,182
Merwin Trust	37,095	1,478			38,573
Treadway Scholarship Fund	79,086	6,754		(1,600)	84,240
Owen Fund Scholarship	29,536	1,070		(1,000)	29,606
Stabilization - Unreserved	2,013,797	103,374			2,117,171
Stabilization - Reserved	585,700	150,000		(200,000)	535,700
Totals	3,239,923	286,331	5,000	(202,600)	3,328,654

Agency Funds

Year ending June 30, 2006

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance
Federal Withholding Tax	\$ 0	\$ 141,355	(\$141,355)	\$ 0
FICA Withholding Tax	0	6,012	(6,012)	0
Medicare Withholding Tax	0	14,195	(14,195)	0
State Withholding Tax	0	62,983	(62,983)	0
Retirement Withholding	1,693	89,051	(88,941)	1,803
Def. comp Withholding	0	51,080	(51,080)	0
Insurance Withholding	2,438	76,101	(75,871)	2,668
Life Insurance Withholding	(148)	13,987	(13,917)	(79)
Union Dues Withholding	90	4,822	(4,815)	97
United Way	20	211	(199)	32
Court Ordered Deductions	0	20,800	(20,800)	0
Performance Bonds	2,557	64,079	(2,632)	64,004
Sub-totals	6,650	544,675	(482,799)	68,526
Police Outside Detail	28,902	50,870	(66,564)	13,208
Totals	\$35,552	\$595,545	(\$549,363)	\$81,734

Revenues

Year ending June 30, 2006

General Property Taxes

Personal Property Current Year	\$ 192,193
Prior Years	969
Real Estate Current Year	4,672,344
Prior Years	78,722
Tax Liens Redeemed	
Motor Vehicle Excise Current Calendar Year	208,950
Prior Years	66,264
Farm Animal Excise	
Classified Forest Land	2,000
In Lieu of Taxes	50,500
Interest on Taxes and Excise	30,017
Hotel and Motel Tax	355,172

Sub-total General Property Tax

Totals

5,657,132

Charges for Services

Cemetery	4,075
Building Permits	98,311
Plumbing Permits	3,812
Electrical Permits	8,060
Gas Permits	2,528
Fire Permits	690
Special Permits	3,800
Board of Health Permits	21,833
Other Licenses/Permits	
Room Rental Permits	190

Fees

Municipal Lien Fees	2,475
Telephone Booth Commissions	
Cable Television	512
Compactor Fees	31,776

Other Charges for services

Compactor Stickers	19,545
Conservation Commission	
Zoning By-Laws	405
Board of Appeals	400
Photocopies	768
Town Clerk	2,237
Street Lists	88
Beach	65
Parking clerk:Fines	455
Handgun Permits	788
Police Reports	350
Council on Aging	0
Other Fees	108

Sub-total Charges for Services

203,270

Other Licenses and Permits

Dog licenses	1,064
Alcoholic	8,890
Tag Sale	250
Retail, restaurant	640
Other Licenses	3,930

Sub-total Licenses and Permits

14,774

Revenues from State (Cherry Sheet)

Abate-Vets,Blind,Surv Spouse	11,643
Abatements to the Elderly	3,012
State Owned Land	8,757
Lottery, Beano, Charity	104,544
Highway Fund	
Highway Reconstruction	75

Sub-total State Revenues

128,031

Revenue from Other Governments

Fines and Forfeits	7,570
District Court Fines	1,510
Compactor Recycling Reimbursement	7,389
Veterans' Reimbursement Benefits	6,255
Highway Dept. reimbursement	

Sub-total Other Government Revenue 22,723

Miscellaneous Revenue

250th Anniversary Books	175
Earnings on Investments	128,449
Rentals	305
Other Miscellaneous	30,017

Sub-total Miscellaneous Revenue 158,946

Total General Fund Revenues 6,184,876

Special Revenue Funds

Water User Fees	144,445
Water Special	12,639
Water Interest & Penalties	686
Water Liens added to tax	0
Water Connection Fees	400
Water Application Fees	700
Water Other Fees	3,184

Total Water Fund Revenues 162,054

Sewer User Fees	203,709.72
Sewer Special	116,856
Sewer Interest & Penalties	370
Sewer Connection Fees	70,660
Sewer Application Fees	5,900
Sewer Other Fees	415

Total Sewer Fund Revenues 397,911

Community Preservation Tax	110,080
Community Preservation Interest & Penalties	469
Community Preservation State Funds	101,571
Community Preservation Investment Income	9,671

Total Community Preservation Revenues \$221,791

Total Revenues \$6,966,633

Expenses

Year ending June 30, 2006

General Government

Moderator	
Salary	177
Dues/Subscriptions	
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	177
Selectmen	
Salaries	12,379
Legal Advertising	6,991
Printing	75
Postage	2,500
Cable Advisory	115
Petty Cash	74
Other Expenses	723
Meetings/Travel	2,481
Dues & Memberships	1,077
School/Training	433
Carryover from Prior year	772
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	27,621
Town Administrator	
Salary	50,149
Finance Committee	
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	0
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	0
Town Accountant	
Salary	39,891
Postage	50
Audit	9,450
Office Supplies	80
Other Charges & Expenses	110
Meetings/In-State Travel	300
Dues/Subscriptions	105
School/Training	2,003
Carryover from Prior year	422
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	52,411
Digitize Assessor Data	
ATM Special Article	47,400
Assessors	
Salaries	74,319
Registry of Deeds	38
Maps	1,146
Postage	500
Office Supplies	546
Forms	9

Meetings/Travel	1,508
Dues & Subscriptions	867
Certification Fee	1,000
Carryover from Prior year	1,994
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	81,927
Assessors Property Revaluation	
ATM Special Article	15,900
Treasurer	
Salary	18,860
Repairs/Maintenance	595
Bank Service Charges	206
Payroll Service	4,289
Postage	700
Office Supplies	21
Forms	48
Other Charges	150
Meetings/Travel	1,229
Dues/Subscriptions	55
School/Training	125
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	26,278
Collector	
Salaries	54,312
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	463
Postage Meter Rental	1,850
Service	2,637
Postage	2,500
Office Supplies	146
Forms	857
Other Charges and Expenses	261
Meetings/Travel	963
Dues/Subscriptions	55
School/Training	546
Certification Fee	1,000
Interest on Refunded Taxes	123
Purchase of Equipment	225
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	65,939
Tax Collection Software	
ATM Special Article	3,526
Legal Department	
Town Counsel	29,000
Legal Expenses	250
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	29,250
Municipal Group Purchasing	
ATM Special Article	400
Bylaw Review Consultant	
ATM Special Article	1,237

Town Clerk	
Salary	29,809
Printing	53
Postage	206
Supplies	234
Meetings/Travel	2,074
Dues/Subscriptions	220
School/training	240
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	32,836
Elections & Registration	
Salaries	2,279
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	275
Printing	798
Postage	700
Voting Machine Ballots	810
Forms	0
Other charges expenses	78
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	4,939
Plain School Maintenance Exp.	
ATM Special Article	73,825
Town Record Book Preservation	
ATM Special Article	535
Conservation Commission	
Salary	4,630
Postage	154
Legal Advertising	1,214
Scenic Mt. Act	0
Mapping	75
Dues/Subscriptions	100
School/Training	501
Purchase of Equipment	225
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	6,899
Planning Board	
Salary	4,758
Advertising	2,015
Postage	1,000
Supplies	35
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	0
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	7,808
Zoning Board	
Other Charges and Expenses	50
Legal Fees for Zoning Defense	
ATM Special Article	68,479
Town Offices/Repairs & Improvements	39,916
ATM Special Article	

Town Hall	
Salaries	29,472
Electricity	9,327
Fuel	11,691
Building Repairs	2,990
Custodial Expense	8,428
Litigation	27,065
Maintenance Contracts	1,306
Supplies	5,398
Janitorial Supplies	1,365
Carryover from prior year	4,206

101,248

Town Report 5,439

Geographic Information Systems

Salary	31,519
Telecommunication	46,357
Computer Service Contracts	29,909
Computer Supplies	6,760
GIS Supplies	1,098
School/Training	944
Purchase Equipment	2,192
Purchase Computers	3,782
Purchase Software	8,399

130,960

Plain School Re-Use
ATM Special Article 1,924

Total General Government

877,072

Public Safety

Police

Salaries	443,071
Repairs: Radio	797
Repairs: Vehicles	1,168
Uniforms	3,597
Communications	5,944
Office Supplies	3,636
Supplies	6,420
Gasoline	16,367
Meetings/Travel	1,409
Dues/Subscriptions	1,615
School/Training	8,959
Purchase of Equipment	3,762

496,745

Police Cruiser
ATM Special Article 32,345

Fire	
Salaries	8,820
Electricity	4,431
Fuel Oil	11,523
Repairs	6,805
Repairs: Radio	2,039
Repairs: Building	5,837
Painting	819
Uniforms	1,683
Janitorial Supplies	49
Gasoline	1,769
First Aid Supplies	1,003
Dues/Subscriptions	175
Carryover from prior year	3,272
Hose	1,326
Purchase of Equipment	3,686
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	53,237
Fire Hose & Equipment	
ATM Special Article	9,388
Lee Volunteer Ambulance Squad	
Service Contract	7,000
Animal Control Officer	
Salary	4,071
Veterinary Charges	0
Supplies	82
Other Charges & Expenses	113
Kennel Operation	0
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	4,266
Building Inspector	
Salaries	22,335
Other Charges & Expenses	239
Meetings/Travel	3,594
Dues/Subscriptions	60
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	26,228
Gas Inspector	
Salaries	1,070
Other Charges & Expenses	740
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	1,810
Plumbing Inspector	
Salaries	4,523
Other Charges & Expenses	825
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	5,348
Electrical Inspector	
Salaries	5,130
Other Charges & Expenses	800
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	5,930

Emergency Management		
Salary	1,074	
Repairs/Maintenance	573	
Local Emerg. Planning	0	
Other Charges & Expenses	0	
School/Training	499	
Purchase of Equip.	0	
	<hr/>	2,145
Tree Warden		
Salary	1,560	
Tree Removals	24,845	
Planting, Feeding	8,668	
School/Training	138	
Carryover from prior yr	6,610	
	<hr/>	41,820
Tree Purchase & Feeding		
ATM Special Article	220	
Total Public Safety		<hr/> 686,482
Education		
Berkshire Hills Regional School District		
Assessment	2,180,067	
Berkshire Hills Regional School District		
Construction	415,305	
Total Education		<hr/> 2,595,372
Public Works		
Reconstruction of Town Roads	330,960	
ATM Special Article		
Highway Department		
Salaries	274,407	
Electricity	4,141	
Fuel Oil	3,977	
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	367	
Radio Repairs	0	
Building Repairs	0	
Engineering Services	12,118	
Rentals	530	
Uniforms	3,145	
Harvester Rental	3,175	
Harvester Expenses	1,957	
Sidewalks	3,488	
Roads	71,063	

Licenses	415	
CDL Drug Testing	765	
Woodwaste	900	
Carryover from prior year	30,760	
		<u>411,208</u>
Snow and Ice Control Service	35,000	
Street Lights Electricity	30,711	
Machinery		
Vehicle Repairs	23,084	
Supplies	5,866	
Gasoline	22,121	
Tires	375	
Plow Blades	2,207	
Purchase of Safety Equipment	0	
		<u>53,654</u>
Compactor		
Salaries	11,955	
Repairs	1,174	
Hauling	117,557	
Carryover from prior yr	9,976	
		<u>140,662</u>
Rubbish Removal Service	3,000	
Landfill Closure ATM Special Article	21,711	
Hazardous Household Waste Removal ATM Special Article	2,478	
Hydrant Rental		
Stockbridge	11,400	
Housatonic	1,430	
		<u>12,830</u>
Cemetery		
Salaries	19,246	
Repairs/Maintenance	166	
Repairs: Mowers	0	
Supplies	355	
Gas/Oil	1,200	
Purchase of Mowers/Trimmers	0	
		<u>20,966</u>
Total Public Works		<u>1,063,180</u>

Public Health

Board of Health	
Salaries	2,843
Printing	0
Postage	0
Health Education	0
Meetings/Travel	0
Dues/Subscriptions	50
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	2,893
Tri-Town Health Officer	33,811
Lee Visiting Nurse	6,864
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Svc.	2,987
Council on Aging	
Salaries	14,525
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	32
Garage Rental	0
Postage	0
Recreation Supplies	0
Supplies	256
Meetings/Travel	149
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	14,961
Veterans' Services	
District Service	8,264
Benefits	5,121
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	13,385

Total Public Health

74,902

Culture and Recreation

Library	
Stockbridge Library Association	92,575
Chime Tower	
Salary	736
Stockbridge Bowl Fund	
ATM Special Article	14,815
Tourist Development	1,500
ATM Special Article	
Parks and Recreation	
Salaries	15,244
Electricity	848
Water	200
Repairs/Maintenance	1,405
Sand	0
Special Needs Recreation	0
Signs	0

Site Improvements	5,961	
Equipment	83	
Carryover from prior year	2,677	
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	26,417	
Beach House Renovations	3,939	
ATM Special Article		
Historical Commission		
Consulting/Advisory	0	
Photography	0	
Office Supplies	0	
Supplies	159	
Meetings/Travel	0	
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	159	
Memorial Day Committee		
Grave Markers	0	
Other Charges & Expenses	515	
Carryover from prior yr	850	
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	1,365	
Historic District Committee		
Other charges & expenses	362	
Total Culture & Recreation		<hr/>
		141,868
Debt Service		
Project Admin Fees	8,710	
Debt Princ - Sewer Expansion	234,490	
Debt Int - Sewer Expansion	160,679	
Debt Princ - Water Treatment	60,345	
Debt Int - Water Treatment	59,741	
Total Debt Service		<hr/>
		523,966
State and County Charges		
State Assessments		
Motor Vehicle Excise	900	
Mosquito Control	34,709	
Air Pollution Control District	1,006	
Berkshire Regional Transit Auth.	28,695	
State Strap Assessment	14,765	
Total State & County Charges		<hr/>
		80,075
Miscellaneous Expenses		
Retirement Benefits		
Assessment	171,654	
Employee Insurance		
FICA(Town Portion)	20,204	
Life Insurance	2,123	
Health Insurance	256,509	
Employee Insurance Reimb.	5,667	
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	284,503	

Insurance		
Insurance Coverage	61,912	
Police/Volunteer Firemen's	13,885	
Insurance deductible	2,500	
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	78,297	
Stabilization Fund		
Transfer into	150,000	
Tax Refunds/Other Expense		
Personal Property	167	
Real Estate	9,034	
Motor Vehicle	6,097	
Other Revenue refunded	0	
Berkshire Regional Planning	1,344	
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	16,641	
Total Miscellaneous		701,095
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		<hr/> 6,744,011 <hr/>

Water Department	
Salaries	60,409
Electricity	48,180
Fuel Oil	1,590
Telephone	2,488
Repairs/Maint Equipment	4,809
Repairs Radio	92
Repairs Vehicles	512
Uniforms	546
Pumping Station	0
Water Testing	2,987
Sludge Composting	0
Postage	625
Forestry	5,820
Calibration for Valves	0
Calibration for Charts	0
Generator Service	794
Meters	5,145
Office Supplies	659
Supplies	14,931
Gasoline	1,514
Chemicals	9,207
SDWA Assessment	655
Intermunicipal Agreements	216
School/Training	1,025
Carryover from prior yr	2,623
Purchase of Safety Equipment	654
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	165,480

New Water Meters		
ATM Special Article	20,711	
Waterline Replacement		
ATM Special Article	5,275	
Water Main Cut-off Valves		
ATM Special Article	3,760	
Refunds/Gifts		
Water Refunds	7,183	
Waterline Gift Expense	20,651	
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	27,834	
Total Water		<hr/> 223,059
Sewer Department		
Salaries	85,394	
Electricity	49,749	
Fuel Oil	4,623	
Telephone	4,084	
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	15,457	
Repairs Vehicles	1,372	
Maintenance Contracts	1,492	
Uniforms	1,100	
Sludge Composting	59,403	
Postage	0	
Supplies	18,294	
Ultraviolet Light Bulbs	1,102	
Gasoline	2,773	
Intermunicipal Agreements	859	
School/Training	801	
Purchase of Safety Equipment	0	
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	246,502	
Lawn Mower-Sewer		
ATM Special Article	7,630	
Maintain Park Street Lift Station		
ATM Special Article	635	
Sewerline Repairs	7,322	
ATM Special Article		
Sewer Pump Repair	9,487	
ATM Special Article		
Refunds		
Sewer Refunds	3,618	
Total Sewer		<hr/> 275,193
Total Expenses All Departments		<hr/> 7,242,263

Board of Assessors

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The tax rate of \$6.85 for Fiscal Year 2007 was set and approved on December 4, 2006. There was an increase of \$ 0.11 in the Fiscal Year 2007 tax rate from the Fiscal Year 2006 tax rate.

The Tax Rate Recapitulation for Fiscal Year 2007 is as follows:

Gross Amount to be Raised	\$ 7,710,913.26
Total Est. Receipts and other Rev Sources	<u>2,144,476.00</u>
Tax Levy (net amt to be raised by taxation)	5,566,437.26

Real Property Valuations	781,974,500.00
Personal Property Valuations	<u>30,644,077.00</u>
Total Valuation	812,618,577.00

Tax Rate - \$6.85 per one thousand of value

Real Property Tax	5,356,525.33
Personal Property Tax	<u>209,911.93</u>
Total Taxes Levied on Property	5,566,437.26

Total Number of Parcels, Real Estate	1776
Total Number of Personal Property Assessments	726
Total Number of Parcels, Exempt	171

In Fiscal Year 2007, the Assessor's Office conducted a state mandated interim year adjustment analysis on all classes of property. Property sales were analyzed in the years 2005 and 2006 and property assessments were changed to reflect market value. It is now a requirement that all cities and towns in the Commonwealth perform a market analysis every year to determine if assessments need to be adjusted to reflect market value. A three-year property revaluation will be conducted for Fiscal Year 2008.

The Assessor's maps have now been updated by Cartographic Associates Inc. The Board of Assessor's hope to work closely with Cartographics in the future to maintain the new maps and to allow the public to view the maps, as well as other assessment data information over the internet. The end result of this mapping project is a true Geographic Information System, that with proper maintenance, will become a major tool that can be utilized by many departments and organizations within the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. MILLER, Chairman
CECILIA K. KILLFOILE
WILLIAM D. CAMPBELL
Board of Assessors

Town Collector's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

Collections during the Fiscal Year 2006 remained strong with an excess of 97% of property taxes collected to date for the current year and nearly 100% for prior years.

Contributing to this was the use of taxpayer payment agreements which allow delinquent taxpayers to avoid Tax Title proceedings by paying taxes and penalties within a specified time period. It was not necessary at this time to place any new taxpayers in Tax Title during the preceding year.

Overall collections by the town Collector's Office are \$633,555.59 higher than the previous year. The higher level of Real Estate, Personal Property and Water/Sewer collections accounted for the preponderance of increased revenue.

The following information is provided to enable you to review major collection activity for the town:

Receipts For The Year Ending 6/30/06

Personal Property Tax:		
FY '04	303.39	
FY '05	563.73	
FY '06	192,226.08	
Total Personal Property Tax:		193,093.20
Real Estate Tax:		
FY '04	7,001.67	
FY '04 CPA	100.25	
FY '05	69,773.97	
FY '05 CPA	1,558.26	
FY '06	4,673,582.74	
FY '06 CPA	108,516.18	
Total Real Estate:		4,860,533.07
Motor Vehicle Tax:		
FY '04	5,783.35	
FY '05	60,481.09	
FY '06	208,950.21	
Total Motor Vehicle:		275,214.65
Water Receipts:		
Water Rates	144,445.00	
Water Special	12,638.89	
Water Application/Conn. Fees	1,100.00	
Total Water Receipts:		158,183.89
Sewer Receipts:		
Sewer Rates	203,709.72	
Sewer Special	116,856.25	
Sewer Application/Conn. Fees	77,860.00	
Total Sewer Receipts:		398,425.97
Total Water and Sewer Utility Receipts:		556,609.86

Payment in Lieu of Taxes:		
Austin Riggs Center	15,000.00	
Boston Symphony Orchestra	24,000.00	
Kripalu (2 Payments)	10,000.00	
St Paul's Church	500.00	
Berkshire Taconic Comm. Foundation	1,000.00	
Total Payment in Lieu of Taxes:		50,500.00
Other:		
Aid To Elderly & Disabled	6,410.01	
Tri Town Board Of Health	21,833.06	
Compactor Fees/Stickers	40,292.05	
Municipal Liens	2,475.00	
Int. & Demand - Real Estate	22,378.30	
Int. & Demand - Motor Vehicle	7,638.54	
Int. & Demand - Water & Sewer	1,156.01	
Interest CPA	469.08	
Forest Lands Tax	2,000.00	
Room Tax	355,172.00	
Total Other:		459,824.05
TOTAL RECEIPTS:		6,395,774.83

Real Estate Tax Review
(Including CPA-Community Preservation Act)

FY -06 Receipts	\$4,782,098.92
Exemptions/Abatements	22,795.69
Refunds	-6,268.19
Tax Title	0.00
Payments due as of 6-30-06	<u>413,842.07</u>
Total FY '06	4,942,468.49
FY -05 Receipts	4,535,709.31
Exemptions/Abatements	27,622.82
Refunds	-17,921.72
Tax Title	0.00
Payments due as of 6-30-06	<u>33,126.87</u>
Total FY '05	4,578,537.28
FY -04 Receipts	4,012,266.64
Exemptions/Abatements	19,895.00
Refunds	-9,929.11
Tax Title	202.94
Payments due as of 6-30-06	<u>13.04</u>
Total FY '04	4,022,448.51

Personal Property Tax Review

FY -06 Receipts	192,226.08
Exemptions/Abatements	281.31
Refunds	(103.65)
Tax Title	0.00
Payments due as of 6-30-06	<u>941.85</u>
Total FY '06	193,345.59
FY -05 Receipts	180,616.32
Exemptions/Abatements	348.74
Refunds	(302.57)
Tax Title	0.00
Payments due as of 6-30-06	<u>523.10</u>
Total FY '05	181,185.59
FY -04 Receipts	285,535.23
Exemptions/Abatements	503.22
Refunds	(173.45)
Tax Title	0.00
Payments due as of 6-30-06	<u>509.19</u>
Total FY '04	286,374.19

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Review

FY -06 Receipts	209,726.46
Exemptions/Abatements	4,909.88
Refunds	(1,452.22)
Tax Title	0.00
Payments due as of 6-30-06	<u>29,441.91</u>
Total FY '06	242,626.03
FY -05 Receipts	269,093.26
Exemptions/Abatements	9,064.15
Refunds	(3,651.72)
Tax Title	0.00
Payments due as of 6-30-06	<u>9,241.52</u>
Total FY '05	283,747.21
FY -04 Receipts	273,605.96
Exemptions/Abatements	9,652.70
Refunds	(4,808.88)
Tax Title	0.00
Payments due as of 6-30-06	<u>3,842.51</u>
Total FY '04	282,292.29

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY SOCHA,
Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2006

Treasurer's Cash:

Berkshire Bank	(\$206,822.93)	
Berkshire Bank Money Market	2,117,782.84	
Berkshire Bank Arts Money Market	2,707.90	
Berkshire Bank CPA Money Market	311,397.98	
Berkshire Bank Elderly	3,590.56	
Berkshire Bank Prime Outlets	944.84	
M.M.D.T.	393,357.93	
Citizens Bank	116,959.11	
Berkshire Bank Procter Hall M.M.	2,903.80	
TD Banknorth	471,437.27	
UBS	677,402.07	
Legacy Banks CD	219,229.54	
Total Treasurer's Cash		4,110,890.91

Stabilization Fund:

M.M.D.T.	15,562.96	
Legacy Banks CD	148,184.82	
Berkshire Bank	57,720.44	
Webster Bank	1,837,236.42	
Citizens Bank	594,166.31	
Total Stabilization Fund		2,652,870.95

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund:

Webster Bank	392,490.69	
Total Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		392,490.69

Custodial Accounts:

Webster Bank	233,449.83	
Berkshire Bank Owen Fund	29,606.38	
Berk. Bank/Smith Barney (Treadway)	84,190.17	
Total Custodial Accounts	347,246.38	

TOTAL TREASURER'S INVESTMENTS 7,503,498.93

CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS (Detail)

Conservation Fund:

Beginning Balance	23,291.70	
Interest	928.04	
Ending Balance		24,219.74

D.D. Field Chime Tower Fund:		
Beginning Balance	1,255.50	
Interest	50.04	
Ending Balance		1,305.54
Stockbridge Bowl Fund:		
Beginning Balance	104,957.12	
Transfer (from General Fund)	5,000.00	
Transfer (to General Fund)	(10,000.00)	
Interest	4,224.80	
Ending Balance		104,181.92
War Memorial Fund:		
Beginning Balance	1,120.61	
Interest	44.64	
Ending Balance		1,165.25
Merwin Trust:		
Beginning Balance	37,095.42	
Interest	1,478.07	
Ending Balance		38,573.49
Performance Bonds:		
Beginning Balance	2,557.37	
Deposits	62,828.00	
Withdrawals	(2,632.10)	
Interest	1,250.62	
Ending Balance		64,003.89
Charles D. Treadway Scholarship Fund		
Beginning Balance	79,086.49	
Withdrawal	(1,100.00)	
Maintenance Fee	(50.00)	
Interest/Dividends	6,253.68	
Ending Balance		84,190.17
C.M. Owen Scholarship Fund		
Beginning Balance	29,536.44	
Withdrawal	(1,000.00)	
Interest	1,069.94	
Ending Balance		29,606.38
TOTAL CUSTODIAL FUNDS		\$347,246.38

Respectfully submitted,
KAREN T. WILLIAMS
Treasurer

Report of the Finance Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Stockbridge:

The financial condition of the Town of Stockbridge remained sound during the fiscal year 2006. Town expenditures were well in line with adopted budget figures in all departments. The Certified Free Cash amount as of July 1, 2006 (FY2007) is \$1,269,702 and the Stabilization Fund balance \$2,667,171.

Further moderate escalation in local property values in concert with continued restraint in Town spending resulted in a tax levy rate of \$6.85 for FY2007, a small decrease from the FY2006 rate. Passage of the \$6,900,000 bond issue for the renovation of the Plain School building and its conversion to Town offices and other uses will cause the FY2008 tax rate to increase. The Finance Committee continues to weigh the need for maintenance of the Town's infrastructure against the desire to maintain a moderate property tax burden in considering all proposed capital projects.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN ROUSSEAU, Chairman

CRAIG BERGER

MARY BOYCE

JAMES MCMENAMY

JOHN MORSE

KEITH RAFTERY

HOLLY HUGGINS RHIND

CHARLES MURRAY, Associate

LISA SCHNEYER, Associate

Town Warrant



First floor of the future Police Station

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BERKSHIRE COUNTY

To one of the constables of the Town of Stockbridge in said county.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB 24 WEST STOCKBRIDGE ROAD

in Stockbridge on **MONDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY 2007** at six-thirty o'clock in the evening Eastern Daylight Time, for the following purposes, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the following Town Offices viz: one Selectman for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one Town Clerk for three years; one Town Collector for one year; one member of Board of Health for three years; one member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for three years; two members of the Planning Board for five years; one member of the Sewer and Water Commission for three years.

All of said officers are to be voted for using the official ballots furnished the voters at the polls. The polls will be opened at Town Hall, 6 Main Street, at 8:00 o'clock a.m. and may be closed at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

Action on the other articles in the warrant will be taken up at 6:30 o'clock p.m. at the Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club, 24 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement and participate with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to support the following resolution:

Resolution to Impeach President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney conspired with others to defraud the United States of America by intentionally misleading Congress and the public regarding the threat from Iraq in order to justify a war in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 371; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush has admitted to ordering the National Security Agency to conduct electronic surveillance of American civilians without seeking warrants from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, duly constituted by Congress in 1978, in violation of Title 50 United States Code, Section 1805; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney conspired to commit the torture of prisoners in violation of the “Federal Torture Act” Title 18 United States Code, Section 113C, the UN Torture Convention and the Geneva Convention, which under Article VI of the Constitution are part of the “supreme law of the land”; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney acted to strip American citizens of their constitutional rights by ordering indefinite detention without access to legal counsel, without charge and without the opportunity to appear before a civil judicial officer to challenge the detention, based solely on the discretionary designation by the President of a U.S. citizen as an “enemy combatant”, all in subversion of law; and

WHEREAS, In all of this George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney have acted in a manner contrary to their trust as President and Vice President, subversive of constitutional government to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Petitions from the country at large may be presented by the Speaker of the House according to Clause 3 of House Rule XII;

Be it resolved that George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney, by such conduct, warrant impeachment and trial, and removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States;

Be it resolved further by the Town of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, That our senators and representatives in the United States Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to cause to be instituted in the Congress of the United States proper proceedings for the investigation of the activities of the George W. Bush and Richard B. Cheney, to the end that they may be impeached and removed from such office.

Be it resolved further, That the Clerk of the Town of Stockbridge, Massachusetts be, and is hereby, instructed to certify to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, under the seal of the Town of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, a copy of this resolution and its adoption by the Town of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, as a petition, and request that this petition be delivered to the Office of the Clerk and entered in the United States Congressional Journal. The copies shall be marked with the word “Petition” at the top of the document and contain the original authorizing signature of the Clerk, Town of Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. PETITION ARTICLE:

Article/petition for 2007 Stockbridge Annual Town Hall Meeting.

STOCKBRIDGE SUPPORTS 911 FAMILIES

Where as; the town of Stockbridge supports the victim’s families of September 11, 2001.

Where as; the Town of Stockbridge supports the 911 Families public plea for “America to stand behind us in demanding a new independent 911 Investigation.”

Where as; this petition/article will be sent to all state/federal governmental representatives requesting a new Independent 911 Investigation.

ARTICLE 5. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen at the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6. To hear the report of any Town Officer or Committee, and to see if the Town will vote to accept all printed reports, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws as amended: Moderator, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Collector, Board Of Assessors, Board of Health, Tree Warden, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the following purposes, or to take any other action in relation thereto:

- Section 1. MODERATOR
- 2. SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT
- 3. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
- 4. FINANCE DEPARTMENT
- 5. RESERVE FUND
- 6. ACCOUNTANT
- 7. ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT
- 8. TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT
- 9. TOWN COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT
- 10. LEGAL DEPARTMENT
- 11. TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
- 12. ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS
- 13. CONSERVATION COMMISSION
- 14. PLANNING BOARD
- 15. BOARD OF APPEALS
- 16. TOWN HALL AND TOWN OFFICES
- 17. TOWN REPORT
- 18. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR
- 19. POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 20. FIRE DEPARTMENT
- 21. LEE AMBULANCE SERVICE
- 22. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
- 23. BUILDING INSPECTOR
- 24. GAS INSPECTOR
- 25. PLUMBING INSPECTOR
- 26. WIRE INSPECTOR
- 27. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- 28. TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT
- 29. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
- 30. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

31. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
 - a.) MACHINERY
 - b.) COMPACTOR
 - c.) CEMETERY
32. STREETLIGHTS
33. TRASH REMOVAL
34. SEWER DEPARTMENT
35. WATER DEPARTMENT
36. HYDRANT RENTAL
37. HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 - a) BOARD OF HEALTH
 - b) HEALTH OFFICER
38. LEE REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION
39. MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
40. COUNCIL ON AGING
41. VETERAN'S SERVICES
42. STOCKBRIDGE LIBRARY
43. CHIME TOWER
44. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
45. HISTORICAL COMMISSION
46. MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE
47. HISTORIC DISTRICT & HISTORIC PRESERVATION
48. LONG-TERM DEBT & SHORT-TERM DEBT
49. BERKSHIRE REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
50. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
51. BERKSHIRE COUNTY INSURANCE GROUP
52. INSURANCE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the assessment of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money toward the Berkshire Hills Regional School District's capital cost of constructing the new school buildings, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for moving expenses related to moving from Town Hall to the new offices at the Plain School, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase a vehicle for the Police Department, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase two defibrillators and two pulse-oxygen meters for the Police Department, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to increase the Stabilization Fund, which sum is specified for the purchase of a fire truck, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to paint the Glendale Fire Station, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for resurfacing selected Town roads as determined by the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Superintendent, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase a new truck for the Highway Superintendent, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be added to the Stockbridge Bowl Fund, established by Article 22 of the 1990 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, to be used, upon further appropriation, for maintenance, dredging, cleaning or improvement of the Stockbridge Bowl; public access thereto; retaining walls, piers, wharves or moorings thereof; or law enforcement or fire prevention in connection therewith, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Stockbridge Bowl Fund for expert and legal fees and related expenses associated with contracting for, designing, and obtaining the necessary permits and approvals for installation of a bypass pipe located in the outlet channel thereof, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the construction of a new water storage tank, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Available Surplus, a sum of money to be used for the repair and replacement of water lines, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Available Surplus, a sum of money to be added to sums previously transferred for the water meter program, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Available Surplus, a sum of money to clean the water storage tanks, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Available Surplus and Sewer Available Surplus, a sum of money to digitalize the mapping of the water and sewer lines within the Town, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Available Surplus, a sum of money to engineer and fix the Screen House at the Pumping Station, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Available Surplus, a sum of money to be added to the General Fund to reimburse the Reserve Fund, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to reduce the principal on the Water Treatment loan at the USDA with a sum of money that is left at the end of the completion of the project, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Available Surplus, a sum of money to study and plan for a new water tank and water main improvements, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus, a sum of money to provide for a portion of the cost of the debt service payment (principal and interest) of the Sewer System Expansion and Update Project authorized by Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of April 1, 2002, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus, a sum of money to be added to the funds appropriated at the May, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, Article 21 for the Park Street Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus, a sum of money to purchase a new truck for the Sewer Department, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus, a sum of money to install safety railing around the oxidation ditches, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus, a sum of money to be added to the General Fund to reimburse the Reserve Fund, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to meet the Town's share of the cost of participating with other communities for the collection of household hazardous waste, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, to:

- a. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to provide financial assistance for the Pine Woods project for affordable housing purposes;
- b. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to the CPA Open Space Reserve Fund for open space purposes; and a sum of money for Lake Management;
- c. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to the CPA Historical Preservation Reserve Fund for the renovation of Procter Hall; a sum of money for the preservation of archival of photographs for the Norman Rockwell Museum; a sum of money for Citizens Hall exterior restoration and architectural services at IS183; and a sum of money for Chesterwood to conserve its plaster molds of wreaths on light posts for South Street Bridge.
- d. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money for the Community Preservation Committee's Administrative budget to be used for general department expenses, and to hire technical expertise or engage other services to advise the Community Preservation Committee and the Town on anticipated projects involving CPA funds.

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to resurface the Tennis Courts, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to update the digitalized mapping for the Town, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for legal and expert witness fees and related expenses associated with defending against actions filed in court challenging the Town's Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Regulations or seeking judicial review of decisions made thereunder, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase furnishings for the Senior Center at the new Town Offices, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a used van for the Council on Aging, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept, for all types of adjudicatory hearings held by Town boards, Chapter 39, Section 23D of the General Laws, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 4A of the General Laws to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into mutual aid agreements with other area governmental units for the provision of public health, public works, animal control, inspectional services, emergency management and emergency medical services, in accordance with an inter-municipal mutual aid agreement to be entered into between the Town and the governmental units, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 30B, Section 12(b) of the General Laws, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for up to ten years with a telephone service provider for the provision of telephone services to Town departments, said contract to be made on terms and conditions as the Board shall determine, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by:

- (a) Striking from Section 2.2 thereof the definition of "Building Height" and replacing it with the following:

BUILDING HEIGHT: The vertical distance to the highest point of flat or mansard roofs including the top of a parapet or, in the case of pitched roofs, to the highest point of the ridge or top of the roof from the lowest existing grade that is both within six (6) feet of the walls of a building and more than six (6) feet from a creek, river, stream, pond or lake.

And

- (b.) adding to Section 5.5 thereof a new footnote appurtenant to the lines pertaining to the Residence R-4, Residence R-2, Residence R-1, Residence R-C, and Business B Districts as follows:
 - (i) In the event that a building is less than six (6) feet from a creek, river, stream, pond, or lake, the maximum building height shall be two and one half stories and 25 feet.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by

- A. Adding, in appropriate alphabetical order, a new definition to section 2.2 as follows:

TEMPORARY STRUCTURE: Any tent, membrane structure, car port, storage unit, rigid canopy or similar portable or demountable structure, supported in whole or in part by members resting on the ground and lacking a permanent foundation, of a size and design sufficient and appropriate to allow the parking of an automobile therein.

- B. Adding new section 4.11.B.23 as follows:

[B. Accessory Uses]	[R-4]	[R-2]	[R-1]	[R-C]	[B]	[M]
23. Temporary Structures erected for a period of less than 180 days	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for the passage of a Special Act substantially as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Notwithstanding section 8C of chapter 40 of the General Laws, the board of selectmen of the town of Stockbridge may appoint two alternate members of the conservation commission of the town for staggered terms not to exceed three years.

The chairmen of the conservation commission may designate any of the alternate members to sit on the commission in the case of absence, inability to act or conflict of interest on the part of a member of the commission or, in the event of a vacancy on the conservation commission, until the vacancy is filled in accordance with said section 8C of said chapter 40.

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of lowering the property tax rate, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to increase the Stabilization Fund as defined in section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 49. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

This is an unofficial copy of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 21, 2007 at the Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club, 24 West Stockbridge Road. The official Warrant will be issued at a later date in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 39, section 10.

Article 8

Appropriations Recommended For 2007/2008

	Approved Budget 7/1/06 to 6/30/07	Recommended Budget 7/1/07 to 6/30/08
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
1 Moderator	182	187
Moderator Expense	25	25
2 Selectmen-Salaries		
Chairman	4,834	4,979
2 Members	7,916	8,154
Clerical Salary	see Town Hall	27,447
3 Selectmen Expenses	13,450	53,450
Town Administrator	53,757	55,370
4 Finance Committee	2,500	2,500
5 Town Reserve Fund	100,000	100,000
6 Accountant-Salary	41,088	42,321
Accountant Certified Pay	0	1,000
Accountant Expenses	12,300	12,700
7 Assessors-Salaries		
Chairman	3,473	3,577
2 Members	5,560	5,726
Assistant Assessor	42,948	44,236
Ass't Assessor Certified Pay	1,000	1,000
Clerk	24,568	25,305
Assessor Expenses	4,650	3,825
8 Treasurer-Salary		
Treasurer	25,345	26,105
Assistant Treasurer	542	558
Treasurer Expenses	8,645	8,645
9 Town Collector-Salaries		
Collector	35,416	36,478
Assistant Collector	23,764	24,477
Clerical	1,500	1,500
Town Collector Expenses	12,330	12,830
10 Legal Retainer	29,870	30,766
Legal Expenses	250	500
11 Town Clerk-Salary	30,703	31,624
Town Clerk Expenses	3,100	3,100
12 Election and Registration Salaries	6,515	6,711
Election and Registration Expenses	8,900	8,900
13 Conservation Commission	7,500	7,000
14 Planning Board	7,900	7,900
15 Board of Appeals	50	50
16 Town Hall Salaries	40,842	0
Town Hall Expenses	74,850	16,000

New Town Offices-Salary	0	50,000
New Town Office Expenses	0	88,400
17 Town Report	5,500	5,500
18 Information Technology Director Salaries	32,465	33,439
Information Technology Director Expenses	<u>99,000</u>	<u>104,500</u>
Total General Government	773,238	896,785

PUBLIC SAFETY

19 Police-Salaries	430,979	454,020
Police Expenses	57,055	60,000
20 Fire Salaries	9,084	9,356
Fire Expenses	48,375	52,814
21 Lee Volunteer Ambulance Service	9,000	9,000
22 Animal Control Salary	4,193	4,319
Animal Control Expenses	1,500	1,500
23 Building Inspector-Salary	24,675	34,532
Building Inspector Expenses	4,475	4,475
24 Gas Inspector-Salary	1,102	1,135
Gas Inspector Expenses	1,150	1,150
25 Plumbing Inspector-Salary	4,659	4,799
Plumbing Inspector Expenses	1,250	1,250
26 Wire Inspector-Salary	5,284	5,443
Wire Inspector Expenses	1,500	1,600
27 Civil Defense/Emergency Management	1,450	1,450
28 Tree Warden Salary	1,607	1,655
Tree Warden Expenses	<u>39,000</u>	<u>41,000</u>
Total Public Safety	646,338	689,498

EDUCATION

29 Vocational Education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Vocational Education	0	0

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

30 Engineering	0	0
31 Highway Department Salaries	305,420	267,370
Highway Department Expenses	114,210	114,210
Highway - Snow and Ice	40,000	40,000
Highway Machinery	62,500	62,500
Highway Compactor-Salaries	21,076	28,000
Highway Compactor Expenses	121,500	125,100
Highway Cemetery-Salaries	25,420	22,148
Highway Cemetery Expenses	5,700	5,700
32 Streetlights	44,800	44,800
33 Trash Removal	3,000	3,000
34 Sewer Department-Salaries	88,904	82,483
Sewer Department Expenses	209,758	209,758
35 Water Department -Salaries	62,582	73,729
Water Department Expenses	131,100	131,100
36 Hydrant Rental	<u>12,900</u>	<u>12,900</u>
Total Public Works & Facilities	1,248,870	1,222,798

HUMAN SERVICES

37	Board of Health-Salaries		
	Clerk	649	668
	2 Members	1,298	1,336
	Animal Inspector	718	740
	Agent	262	270
	Board of Health Expenses	592	592
	Health Officer-Tri-Town Health	38,393	39,437
38	Visiting Nurses Association	6,864	7,208
39	Berkshire Mental Health Center	2,987	2,987
40	Council on Aging-Salaries	14,856	15,197
	Council on Aging Expenses	3,100	3,100
41	Veterans Services-District	<u>14,412</u>	<u>16,748</u>
	Total Human Services	84,131	88,283

CULTURE AND RECREATION

42	Library	92,575	94,080
43	Chime Tower	800	800
44	Parks & Recreation Commission-Salaries	19,200	19,200
	Parks & Recreation Commission Expenses	9,690	9,480
45	Historical Commission	750	750
46	Memorial Day Committee	2,000	2,000
47	Historic District	500	50
	Historic Preservation Commission	<u>0</u>	<u>450</u>
	Total Culture and Recreation	125,515	126,810

DEBT SERVICE

48	Loans-Interest (Water)	57,026	54,310
	Principal (Water)	60,345	60,345
	Loans-Interest (Sewer)	116,741	112,950
	Principal (Sewer)	179,640	183,443
	Admin Fee (Sewer)	8,354	9,991
	Loan-Interest (Plain School)	0	281,856
	Principal (Plain School)	<u>0</u>	<u>365,000</u>
	Total Debt Service	422,106	1,067,895

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

49	Berkshire County Retirement	178,305	199,113
50	Unemployment Insurance	0	0
51	Berkshire County Employees Insurance	<u>306,200</u>	<u>357,899</u>
	Total Employee Benefits	484,505	557,012

UNCLASSIFIED

52	Insurance	88,500	93,500
53	Police Annuity	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total Unclassified	88,500	93,500

	Total Recommended	3,873,203	4,742,581
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Warrant Articles For FY08

1. Election of Officers	
2. US Mayor's Climate Protection & ICLEI Climate Protection	
3. Resolution	
4. Petition Article	
5. Choose Officers for ATM	
6. Town Report	
7. Fix Salary & Compensation	
8. Overall Budget	4,742,581
9. BHRSD – Operating Budget	2,276,105
10. BHRSD-Capital Budget	203,785
11. Moving Expense	25,000
12. Police – New Cruiser	35,000
13. Police- 2 Defib & 2 Pulse-oxygen	6,000
14. Fire – Stabilization addition for new truck	50,000
15. Fire – Painting of Glendale Station	5,500
16. Highway – Road Work	124,090
17. Highway – New Truck	38,560
18. Stockbridge Bowl-add to fund	5,000
19. Stockbridge Bowl take from fund	35,000
20. Water Tank Storage	100,000
21. Water-Waterline Replacement	5,000
22. Water-Meter Program	15,000
23. Water- Storage Tank Cleaning	6,900
24. Water & Sewer - Digital Mapping	35,000
25. Water-Screen House Engineering	4,000
26. Water- Transfer from Water Surplus to Gnl Fund	1,900
27. Water Treatment Loan at USDA reduce the principal	62,063.97
28. Water- Study and plan for new water tank & water main improv	10,000
29. Sewer-Debt Payment	98,797
30. Sewer-Park Street Rehab transfer to another line	90,000
31. Sewer-New truck	28,574
32. Sewer-Safety railing @oxidation ditches	10,600
33. Sewer-Transfer from Sewer Surplus to Gnl Fund	11,521
34. Hazardous Waste	2,000
35. Community Preservation	250,000
36. Parks-Resurface Tennis Courts	10,000
37. Digitalized Mapping Update	12,100

38. Legal and Expert Witness Fees To Defend Zoning/Subdivision	60,000
39. Council On Aging Furnishing for new center	10,000
40. Council On Aging New Van	18,000
41. Accept Chapter 39, Section 23D (reg. hrgs of municipal bds)	
42. Municipal Aid Agreement	
43. Contract for phone service longer than 3 years	
44. Amend Zoning Bylaws- Building Height	
45. Amend Zoning Bylaws-Temporary Structures	
46. Conservation Commission-Home Rule for Alternates	
47. Lower Tax Rate	
48. Stabilization	
49. Other	
TOTAL	8,388,076.97



Future home of the Tax Collector's Office



Arch detail on second floor.