

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
STOCKBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS



INCORPORATED 1739

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
December 31, 2005

Dedication



Sergeant Louis J. Peyron, Sr.

45 Years of Service in The Stockbridge Police Department
Retired on December 26, 2005



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Information and Officers



The Old Red Schoolhouse, Curtisville
(now home of the Kilner's on North Church Street)
— *Courtesy of Stockbridge Library Historical Collection*



Interlaken School known as Citizens Hall
(now IS183)
— *Courtesy of Stockbridge Library Historical Collection*

General Information of Town of Stockbridge

Chartered	1737
Incorporated	1739
Population	1,822
Registered Voters	1,430
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
Tax Rate	\$6.74
Annual Town Meeting	Third Monday in May

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

John F. Kerry, Boston

CONGRESSMAN

John W. Olver

STATE SENATOR

Andrea Nuciforo

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
7 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., Monday-Wednesday

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, 2006

Selectmen

J. Christopher Irsfeld, 2007
Deborah S. McMenamy, 2006
George E. Shippey, 2008

Paul Coates, 2007
Barbara Cohen-Hobbs, 2007
Gary Pitney, 2006
Eric M. Plakun, 2010
Douglas J. Rose, 2009

Board of Assessors

William Campbell, 2007
Cecilia K. Killfoile, 2006
John A. Miller, 2008

Treasurer

Karen T. Williams, 2008

Town Clerk

Linda Hunt, 2007

Tree Warden

Peter Curtin, 2006

Town Collector

Joseph Patrick Ruggio, 2008

Parks and Recreation

Robert Flower, 2008
Mary Hart, 2006
Philip Heller, 2007

Board of Health

Jonathan R. Aronoff, 2007
Cara B. Davis, 2006
Gregory M. Pilling, 2008

Housing Authority

Frances Antoniazzi, 2010
D. Ann Beacco, State Appointee
Pauline Pierce, 2008 - resigned
William A. Selke, 2009
Kenneth Shearn, appointed
Anna O. Smith, 2006

Sewer and Water Commissioners

Donald Schneyer, 2006
Thomas Paul Schuler, 2008
Peter Socha, 2007

Regional School Committee

Paul Coates, 2006
Martha M. Muir, 2006
Alan Wilkin, 2008

Planning Board

Robert Bartle, 2009
Allan Blau, 2006

APPOINTEES AND COMMITTEES FOR 2005

Accountant

Elaine Markham, 2008

Highway Superintendent

Clinton E. Schneyer, Jr., 2006

Building Inspector

Ned Baldwin

Principal Assessor

Michael Blay

Plumbing Inspector

Gregory M. Pilling

Emergency Management

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

Veterans' Agent

Al Adams, District Director, 2006

Wire Inspector

Robert Clausen, 2005- resigned
Nicholaos Fredsall

Executive Secretary

Jorja-Ann P. Marsden, 2007

Fire Chief

Louis J. Peyron

C. Joseph Tracy, Deputy

Gas Inspector

Gregory M. Pilling

Local Cultural Council

Linda Barbadoro

Shirley Blanchard

Donna Gray

Sarah Horne

Cheryl Hutto

Dawn Lane, Co-Chair

Belle Fox Martin

Julie McCarthy

Allison S. Rachele, Co-Chair

Vlada Rousseff

Janice Shields

Board of Registrars

Linda Hunt

Anne M. Sparks, 2006

Margaret N. Tracy, 2007

Nancy Ann Wilcox, 2008

Cable Advisory Committee

J. Christopher Irsfeld, 2006

Neil Holden, 2006

David Lane, 2006

Police Chief

Richard B. Wilcox, 2007

Historical Commission

Maria Carr

Linda Jackson, Chairman

Pauline D. Pierce

Martin Torodash

Memorial Day Committee

Deborah Coleman

Jake Donovan

Mary V. Flynn

Deborah S. McMenamy, Chairman

Jorja Marsden

Keith Raftery

Chris Schuler

Lindy Searing

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority

John L. Cronson, Delegate, 2006

Zoning Board of Appeals

Linda Day, 2008

James Murray, 2010

Thomas Schuler, 2007

William Selke, 2006

John H. Spencer, 2009

David Adler, Associate

Patricia Flinn, Associate

Berk. Regl. Planning Commission

Douglas J. Rose, Delegate

Craig Berger, Alternate, 2006

Town Counsel

J. Raymond Miyares

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, 2006

Sally Underwood-Miller, 2006

Finance Board

Craig Berger, 2008, Alternate

Mary Bertocci, 2007

James McMenamy, 2008

John Morse, 2006

Keith Raftery, 2008

Holly Rhind, 2007

Jean Rousseau, 2006, Chairman

Charles Murray, 2008, Alternate

Lisa Schneyer, 2007

Community Preservation Committee

Thomas Stokes, Chairman, for Selectmen

Jean Rousseau, for Finance

Michael Blay, Treasurer, 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, III, 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, 2006
Patricia Tarrant, 2006 - resigned
Elizabeth McCormack, Director

Dog Officer

Donald Holmes

Historic Preservation Task Force

Carl Sprague, Chairman
Peter Williams, Secretary
Linda Jackson, Historical Comm.
Jorja-Ann Marsden, for Selectmen
Sue Bonak
Marty Bullwinkel
Everett Jassy
Carole Owens
Pam Sandler
Andrea Savana
Eileen Taft

Town Clerk's Report



Public School, Glendale, MA

— *Courtesy of David and Kathy Vincent*



School House on East Street

— *Courtesy of Stockbridge Library Historical Collection*

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

Population	1,822
Registered Voters	1,430
Number of Births	8
Number of Marriages	21
Number of Deaths	17

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	1
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DOG LICENSES

Males	24
Neutered Males	88
Females	17
Spayed Females	89
Kennel	0
Replacements	3
Transfers	<u>0</u>
Totals	221

\$1,121.00 Paid to the Town Treasurer for Dog Licenses

Fees amounting to an additional **\$8,767.98** 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	51	\$1,122.00
Resident Fishing Minor		-0-
Resident Fishing 65-69	4	43.00
Handicapped Fishing	18	-0-
Non-Resident Fishing	11	352.00
Non-Resident Fishing 3-day	6	108.00
Resident Fishing 3-day	2	14.00
Non-Resident Minor Fishing	1	6.00
Resident Citizen Hunting	5	110.00
Resident Hunting 65-69	1	10.75
Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	2	188.00
Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game		-0-
Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	1	6.00
Resident Sporting	34	1,343.00

Resident Sporting 65-69	6	117.00
Resident Sporting over 70	25	-0-
Duplicate Sporting	1	2.50
Archery Stamps	20	100.00
Waterfowl Stamp	4	19.00
Primitive Firearms Stamp	35	175.00
Wild. Conser. Stamp (Res.)	104	520.00
Wild. Conser. Stamp (Non-Res.)	20	100.00
Totals		\$4,336.25

2005 ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS

We held a Special Town Meeting on January 24, 2005 to adjust the number of members on the Historical Commission to seven (7), to transfer funds from the Stockbridge Bowl Fund associated with permitting activities in connection with the Bowl and to continue to consider alternative uses of the Plain School. There were 52 voters in attendance.

On May 16, 2005, the Annual Town Election had a turn out of 251 registered voters and the Annual Town Meeting on the same evening had 150 registered voters in attendance. The actual number of registered voters at that time was 1,438.

June 20, 2005 brought 58 registered voters to a Special Town Meeting to transfer from the Certified Free Cash Account to fund unpaid invoices as well as a transfer from Stockbridge Bowl Fund money to meet expenses associated with permitting activities in connection with the Bowl.

187 registered voters came out on October 17, 2005 to the Special Town Meeting to transfer funds from Water Available Surplus for related water expenses and surveys, to transfer from Town Hall Expenses for Janitorial Salary and Insurance, to retain ownership of the Plain school, to renovate the Plain School for Town Offices and lease of space and to transfer funds for a project manager and architectural plans as well as other costs associated with the renovation of the Plain School and Town Hall.

In processing the Street List forms that have been coming back, it is still apparent that there is some confusion regarding Glendale, Street Names, Unit Numbers in your Address, Registration of Cats, Party Changes and Unenrolled Voters. Please contact me if you have any questions on these matters.

Supporting Our Troops in Iraq

On Memorial Day we announced that the Town would be collecting items to be mailed to Matt Osak, a Marine stationed in Iraq, that he could share with the rest of his platoon. Items could be dropped off at the Town Clerk's Office for a month. Nobody could ever have imagined the generosity of the people in Stockbridge and its neighboring towns. Thanks also to the generosity of The Marian Fathers, just before July 4th, 850 pounds of groceries, personal items and other miscellaneous goods were packed and shipped. Within a few weeks, Matt and the rest of his platoon received 22 boxes of great stuff!

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA HUNT, **Town Clerk**

In Memoriam

of Those Who Have Served The Town

David Braman

Finance Committee
Memorial Day Committee
Postmaster for 20 years

Kenneth Hall

Planning Board

Alice Malumphy

Field Driver

Donald Oakes

School Reuse Committee
Library President

Edward Oppermann

Measurer of Coal
Measurer of Wood
Compactor Attendant

Suzanne Sheridan

Library Board

Robert Wallace

Finance Committee
Interim Tax Collector
Interim Treasurer
Selectman

General Services



Glendale Chemical Engine and Ladder Co. #1 c. 1905

—*Courtesy of Glendale Hose Company #3*



Current Stockbridge Engine 3, Glendale Station,
1986 GMC- Pierce 4 wheel drive 1,000 G.P.M. Pumper

—*Courtesy of Glendale Hose Company #3*

Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Stockbridge:

We mourn the passing of Robert Wallace this past year. In 1992, Bob was appointed to the Finance Committee where he served until 1995. He then moved his financial acumen to the tax collector and treasurer's offices, acting as interim, until permanent officials were elected. At that time, in 1996, Bob was elected Selectman where he served, two years as chair, until 2001. He shared his business experience, intelligence, good humor and extreme common sense with us for the years he spent in Stockbridge. Bob lived a full and productive life; we were fortunate to have enjoyed a part of it.

Life goes on in Stockbridge, and the pace does not seem to slow down. At long last the sewer expansion project is ready to roll and homeowners will be going online this spring. The construction project was extensive, disruptive, noisy, messy and aggravating. The good news is that, with a few small details, the project is complete and Town neighborhoods most in need of sewer systems, have them.

The Stockbridge Bowl is a great resource over which we must remain vigilant and exercise appropriate maintenance. Heavy fall rains inhibited the planned five-foot draw down at the lake, but the Town, with the Stockbridge Bowl Association, will continue to work together to acquire necessary DEP permits and keep the Bowl vibrant.

Our Town Counsel, Ray Miyares, has been busy advising us in the ever-increasing legal complexities of municipal life. The Town has two land court cases pending: one regarding a development on Dugway Road and another regarding renovations to a historic property on Yale Hill Road. Both cases require us to defend our bylaws in an atmosphere that must allow contemporary growth but maintain the village character we hold dear. Several large properties with development potential have come on the market and we are ever watchful of their impact on the future of our Town. Fortunately, Stockbridge is home to several civic-minded legal professionals who are willing to work with Town Counsel to review and strengthen our bylaws.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the newest affordable housing in town happened this spring at Pine Woods on Route 102. This 30-unit, mixed income project was made possible by a remarkable collaboration of public and private organizations and we are thrilled to see occupancy begin. The Stockbridge Land Trust fronted the down payment and secured a Conservation Restriction on the 102 frontage, so Construct, Inc. would be able to purchase and develop the site, which the Stockbridge Housing Authority will oversee and give tenant preference to Stockbridge residents and workers. Pine Woods is a giant step in our effort to satisfy Executive Order 418, placing our Town in the forefront of Berkshire County- as well as the state of Massachusetts- and we are, deservedly, proud.

Police Sergeant and Town icon, Louis Peyron, retired from the department this year after faithful service to the Town for over 40 years. His professional competence, community knowledge, steadfast presence and calm demeanor was an inspiration to his colleagues and a role model to the children of our Town. We miss seeing him on Main Street and wish him a long and happy retirement.

The biggest issue on the table right now is the future of two buildings: the Plain School and the Town Hall. In September the school district returned the Plain School building to the Town. What was once a thriving hub of activity for the children in the district is now a large attractive building, empty by day, but still host to a variety of basketball, volleyball and training events by night. A Special Town Meeting in October gave overwhelming support to a plan that would maintain the building as Town property and solicit architectural bids to renovate it as Town Offices. Joe Kellogg, a municipal consultant, was hired to steer us through the process and another Special Town Meeting will take place this spring to approve, or not, funding for such renovations.

If Town Offices are moved to the opposite end of Main Street, the future of our present Town Hall must be decided. Use of the building is complicated by the fact that the Congregational Church owns the land upon which the building sits as well as much of the surrounding parking space. The Town is presently meeting with representatives from the Church, and the Golf Club – who also share the parking space - to address these concerns.

The Selectmen envision a restoration of the building that would return it to a large hall, suitable for meetings and functions for the Town as well as outside groups who would subsidize use of the space. Renovation costs would be raised from federal and state grants as well as private donations. Again, support for this plan must be given at the Special Town Meeting.

This year, summer storms, heavy rains and construction projects put enormous demands on our highway department, who, once again, answered the call to keep our roads safe and clear. We thank them for their fine work.

The Selectmen are especially grateful to Jorja-Ann Marsden for always going the extra mile to serve the Town and help us do our job. Everyone in Town should give thanks to all the employees and volunteers, department, committee and board members who work so diligently to make this the Town we are so proud to call home.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH S. McMENAMY, Chair
J. CRISTOPHER IRSFELD
GEORGE E. SHIPPEY

Police Department

I hereby submit a report of the activities of the police department for the year 2005:

To quote Charles Dickens, *"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..."*

1960, Sergeant Louis J. Peyron's first year on the Stockbridge Police was President Dwight D. Eisenhower's last year in office. Forty-five years later, on December 26, 2005 Sergeant Peyron retired. His career and experiences could never begin to be fairly represented in this report. Perhaps, more important, the number of years spent are not half as important as how they were spent. Sergeant Peyron was certainly the personification of the Norman Rockwell police officer and a reflection of what the term community policing really means. We already all miss his loyalty, his steady hand, and his incredible work ethic. Please see the police department web site for additional memories of Sergeant Peyron's time with the Stockbridge Police.

In April 23, 2005, Officer Michael Stanton responded to and investigated a bar room stabbing, involving a person with New York City connections, who was charged with Assault with Intent to Murder and Mayhem. We were provided additional evidence that we are increasingly unable to isolate and insulate ourselves from urban crime problems. There is considerable discussion in law enforcement circles currently about the issues of "mobile criminals" and how far people travel to commit crimes.

On May 1, 2005 at 1:30 in the afternoon, Officer Bruce Stringer was dispatched to a call on Dugway Road where it later became clear that Stockbridge was facing its first homicide since April 24, 1991, when the body of 52 year old **Jan Stackhouse**, of Brooklyn, New York was found on the edge of the road. As the lead investigator for the Stockbridge Police, Officer Stringer spent countless hours working on the investigation. We appreciate Sergeant Peyron's response that day and as the investigation unfolded. Officer Brian Shaw provided many hours of additional help. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the help of Chief Karl Cooper of West Stockbridge and Officer Victor Zucco of Great Barrington, as well as Stockbridge EMT Dan Weston, along with other members of the Lee ambulance squad. We are extremely grateful to all the members of the Berkshire State Police Detective Unit attached to the District Attorney's office and in particular, lead investigator Trooper Brian Berkel and the unit commander Lt. Richard Smith, for their patience, tenacity and expertise. Finally, our thanks to District Attorney David Capeless for his thoughtful advice and guidance throughout this difficult process. The untimely and tragic death of **Jan Stackhouse** remains an open and active investigation. We regret that the integrity of the investigation continues to result in the sharing of very limited information with the citizens of Stockbridge and we very much appreciate your patience and understanding.

On May 16, 2005 Officer William DeSantis had just finished a dayshift and was driving his personal vehicle on Main Street near the Plain School when he witnessed a bike rider hit a parked car. Jumping out of his vehicle he ran to the rider and held together a 12 inch cut to bike rider William Clayton's neck. Medical personnel later stated that if Officer DeSantis had not been there Bill Clayton would have bled to death in a short time. Bill works for **Seitz Corporation** in

Torrington, Ct, makers of precision thermoplastic drive components. More important we learned that it is a business with a very big heart. In June, Seitz Corporation sent a limousine to Stockbridge to bring Officer DeSantis along with family and department members to a luncheon in Torrington where Bill was toasted by the Mayor of Torrington, the local State Representative and officers of the company. We are extremely grateful to Chairman of the Board Alan Seitz, President/CEO Bill McClane, and the employees of Seitz Corporation for such a wonderful recognition of Officer DeSantis' heroic act.

Donations made to the **Stockbridge Police Department** have been converted into **File of Life** cards, which are designed to hold emergency medical information and be placed on refrigerators or in wallets. We were able to purchase 1,000 of each and they are available at the police department. The Stockbridge Police Association, will, I am sure, report by letter, on their annual acts of kindness, based on donations to them. Sheffield Police sponsored a **Kops & Kidz Week** in July and Officer Brian Shaw and William DeSantis spent a great deal of time helping with the day to day operation of the camp.

We applied for and were awarded an \$8,400.00 grant from the **Governor's Highway Safety Bureau** for enforcement, education and equipment related to reducing drinking and driving and increasing seat belt use. We also applied for and were awarded a Community Policing Grant in the amount of \$11,299.00. We applied for and received a federal Homeland Security **Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant** for Tanglewood, one of twenty-one in the state, in the amount of \$50,000.00, sharing some of the monies with the Stockbridge Fire and the Lenox Police and Fire Departments. The Berkshire Law Enforcement Council received \$510,000 for infrastructure improvements to the countywide public safety communications system during calendar year 2005. We are grateful to retired Chief of Police Michael Kirchner for all his efforts on behalf of the BLEC without whose help we would not have received, nor been able to keep track of this grant money.

I declined a reappointment by Governor Romney to the Massachusetts Police Training Committee so that I could accept a seat on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police. I continue to serve as the Deputy Director of the Stockbridge Emergency Management under able leadership of Arthur Dutil. I continue to serve as President of the Berkshire Law Enforcement Council and Vice-President of the Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council.

I would like to recognize Officer Robert Nielson and Officer Michael Stanton for their enforcement and educational efforts with the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau Grant. Funded by the Community Policing Grant, Officer Nielson was able to provide occasional bike patrols during the summer months, around the Stockbridge Bowl. During the year we added two part time officers, Paul Petrescu and Heidi Teutsch, both to bring us up to a full complement of part time officers, but also to experiment with the use of part time officers for cruiser duty in an attempt to ease some of the scheduling problems and in the hope of reducing overtime costs. We continue to enjoy the help of Special Officers Beth McCormack and Kim Shaw who have frequently come to the rescue during the year. Finally, thanks to Administrative Assistant Kristin Garner who keeps the office running smoothly.

We are indebted to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for their rapid response and ongoing support during a demanding and unpredictable year.

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

Offenses (State Law)

NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System)

Murder	1	Credit Card, Larceny uf	2
Indecent A&B on Child Under 14	2	Identity Fraud	1
Lewdness, Open and Gross	1	Larceny under \$250	1
Mayhem	1	Rmv Document, Possess/Use Fals	1
Assault W/Dangerous Weapon	3	Vandalize Property	11
Assault To Murder, Armed	1	Destruction of Property +\$250,	8
A&B	5	Destruction of Property -\$250,	4
Bomb Threat, False	1	Destruction of Property -\$250,	1
Telephone Calls, Annoying	7	Motor Veh, Malicious Damage to	3
Telephone Calls, Obscene	2	Cemetery, Vandalize	3
Threat to Commit Crime	8	Park, Vandalize Improvement As	1
B&E Building Nighttime For Fel	8	Drug, Possess Class D	1
B&E Vehicle/Boat Nighttime Fel	2	Indecent A&B on Child under 14	1
B&E For Misdemeanor	2	Indecent A&B on Person 14 Or O	1
B&E Building Daytime for Felony	4	Sexual Intercourse, Drug for	1
B&E Vehicle/Boat Daytime for Fel	1	Larceny by Check Over \$250	2
Enter Dwelling At Night for Fel	3	Larceny by Check Under \$250	1
Larceny from Person	2	Accost/Annoy Person of Opposit	4
Larceny from Person	1	Disorderly Conduct	14
Larceny from Building	10	Disturbing the Peace	7
Larceny over \$250	11	Indecent Exposure	1
Larceny over \$250 By Single Sc	1	OUI Liquor	1
Larceny under \$250	1	School, Fail Send Child to	1
Larceny over \$250	18	Liquor, Person under 21 Posses	1
Larceny over \$250 By Single Sc	2	Trespass	5
Larceny under \$250	21	Trespass with Motor Vehicle	2
Motor Veh, Larceny of	5	Chins	1
Use MV Without Authority	1	Hunt/Fish Without License	1
Forgery of Check	2	License under 131 Violation	1
Utter False Check	2	Hunt/Fish on Posted Property	1
Innkeeper, Defraud, Over \$100	2	Dog Ordinance/By-law Violation	3
Larceny over \$250	1	Fireworks, Possess Unlawful	2
Larceny over \$250 by Single Sc	1	Elder Abuse, Fail Report	2
Larceny under \$250	1	Missing Person	2
Larceny under \$250 by Single S	1	Harassment, Criminal	2
Larceny Over \$250 by False Pre	3	Trash, Litter	2

Trash, Litter From MV	2	Inspection/Sticker, No	42
Animal, Cruelty to	3	Abandon MV	3
Attempt to Commit Crime	1	License Suspended, Op MV With	6
Fishing Without License in Pos	1	License Suspended, Op MV With,	1
State Hwy Signal/Sign/Marking	1	Registration Revoked, Op Mv Wi	1
Load Unsecured/Uncovered	1	Registration Suspended, Op Mv	1
Crosswalk Violation	2	Leave Scene of Property Damage	3
Marked Lanes Violation	3	Negligent Operation of Motor V	4
Seat Belt	25	Reckless Operation of Motor Ve	3
Unlicensed Operation of MV	3	Stop for Police, Fail	2
School Bus, Fail Stop For	1	Accident Report, Fail File	1
Operation of Motor Vehicle, Imp	1	Uninsured Motor Vehicle	18
Speeding	517	TOTAL:	880

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. WILCOX, Chief of Police

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, 2005.

The Fire Department answered 222 calls during 2005, and they were:

- 2 Structure Fires
- 2 Broken Water Pipes
- 1 Broken Gas Line
- 3 Odor of Propane Gas
- 2 Chimney Fires
- 1 C. O. Detector Alarm
- 2 Brush Fires
- 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 1 Odor of Natural Gas
- 4 Electrical Fires
- 1 Fuel Oil Tank Leak
- 9 Electrical Power Lines and Trees Down
- 79 Medical Calls answered by EMTs & First Responders
- 1 Stove Fire
- 1 Motor Vehicle Leaking Gasoline
- 1 Plastic Material Fire
- 6 Mutual Aid Calls
- 48 Smoke Alarms
- 43 Box Alarms
- 1 Missing Person
- 1 Lifting Assistance
- 5 Oil Burner Problems
- 1 Rescue from Hiking Trail

The 222 calls resulted in a total of 763 man-hours. During the year the members spent another 1,163 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 busiest year on record.

The Fire Department Companies again in 2005 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 (470) 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.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS J. PEYRON, **Fire Chief**



Glendale Birthday Cake

Made by Stephanie Adler for the Annual Fire Department Picnic

Highway Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

This past year was a busy one for the Highway Department. We followed closely behind the sewer expansion construction crew with our paving equipment. We have resurfaced the lake road going north from Beachwood Road around to Kripalu. We also were able to rebuild and pave Goodrich Street and Cherry Hill Road. We continued our yearly program of weed harvesting and removal of weeds on Stockbridge Bowl. Our Parks, beach and cemetery continue to be maintained to Stockbridge's high standards.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON E. SCHNEYER
Highway Superintendent

Parks and Recreation Commission

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Stockbridge:

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 three lifeguards employed by the town kept the town beach safe for the 2005 season. The water quality at the town beach was monitored weekly and has continued to improve each year as the geese impact on the beach has been reduced, with water samples being tested under the supervision of the Tri-Town Health Department. The tennis stanchion at the Plain School tennis court will be repaired this spring. The Plain School was turned over to the Town of Stockbridge by the School Department on September 19, 2005. The athletic programs will continue at the school during the winter of 2005-2006 and will be monitored by the Commission, but may be discontinued based upon the proposed renovation of the school into town offices. There has been major upgrading of the landscaping at the town beach and the area contiguous to the skateboard park. Dying trees at the town beach were removed under the supervision of the town tree warden. The Commission continues to study a prospective Housatonic River canoe access and hiking trail.

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. As always, a special thanks to Clint Schneyer and his crew for a great job.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 2005.

Interments	\$3,225.00
Perpetual Care Fund	<u>2,500.00</u>
Grand Total	\$5,725.00
Number of Burials	20

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

Respectfully submitted,

BILL CAMPBELL
Cemetery Consultant

Water and Sewer Commission

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

This past year has been one of significant accomplishment. Work has been completed on the Waste Water Treatment Plant expansion and on the Sewer System Expansion projects. This project extends the Town sewer system to the Mahkeenac, Glendale and Goodrich areas of Town.

We are quite pleased to report the project was completed on time and on budget. We acknowledge the tireless efforts of Tony Campetti, Mike Buffoni, Pete Barenski and Joe Kellogg who monitored and managed the project for a successful completion.

Indeed homeowners may now begin connecting to the system. For those homeowners who need grinder pumps, the Town has negotiated a guaranteed price from a supplier and this price will remain firm until April 30, 2006.

In other news, our Water and Sewer Department was selected by the Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association to host a training session this Spring. This is in recognition of the departments efforts to improve water and waste water quality.

Plans for 2006 include the installation of new water meters throughout the Town as well as the installation of an 8" water main from Laurel Lane to Park Street.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD SCHNEYER, Chairman
THOMAS SCHULER
PETER SOCHA

Emergency Management

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

This year the Stockbridge Emergency Management has been active with the Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee. We have attended meetings, classes and drills which have allowed us an opportunity to get to know those from South County towns who will respond to an area emergency, learn what resources will be available for all of us to share, and meet the State and Federal requirements for a regional EPC.

Elected and appointed members of town government, as well as town employees, are in the process of taking State and federally mandated classes in the Incident command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS is an emergency management system which uses a common language and procedures for controlling an emergency when multiple agencies of different disciplines are involved.

Chief Wilcox and I continue to attend the state and regional Massachusetts Emergency Agency meetings and have provided them with the required information for the Town of Stockbridge's Emergency Management Plan.

This past year's local and national, natural and man made disasters have shown us that there may be events, which, during and after, the local emergency management agencies will not be able to provide services to all that require help. We encourage all citizens to take First Aid training, have first aid supplies, food and water in their home in preparation of being sheltered at their home or with neighbors.

A special thanks to the Selectmen and departments of town government for their support in protecting the citizens of Stockbridge, and most especially to Jorja Marsden and Kristin Garner for their many hours of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR DUTIL

Emergency Management Director

Information Technology Department

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

The mapping project progresses apace. Last summer the Town was overflown and high-resolution digital color orthophotographs made, the basis for the maps our Assessors will soon use. Parcel information on any property that has transferred ownership since 1985 is available electronically from the Berkshire County Registry of Deeds. In February a representative from the contractor (Cartographic Associates Inc. of Littleton, NH) came to the Town offices and collected information for all properties that have NOT transferred ownership since 1985. Once this raw data is put together, field teams will actually go out and verify any information that is in question, and finally the Town will have complete, accurate, and up-to-date Assessor maps of each parcel, showing boundaries, landmarks, and other pertinent information.

This year both the Water & Sewer and Fire Departments joined the high-speed internet world with the installation of DSL service. Both Departments are finding that email communications with various Commonwealth agencies are more efficient, and there is a lot of information on the World Wide Web they use to enhance day-to-day operations as well as for training and support.

The Collector, Assistant Collector, Treasurer, Accountant, and Assessor's Office are now using their new software, which after some initial aches and pains is running rather smoothly. We are now printing our own tax bills, contributing to a substantial savings.

We're continuing to update and freshen the Police Department website (<http://www.rnetwork.com/~police>), as well as creating a faster and more efficient information flow between local, Commonwealth, and Federal law enforcement agencies. One project in the planning stages, with grant help from the Commonwealth, is to add mobile capabilities so officers on patrol will have direct access to RMV and NCIC information, in addition to completing their recordkeeping duties while still in the cruiser.

In the past year most standing Town committees have provided current and archival copies of meeting minutes which are posted on the website (<http://www.townofstockbridge.com>). We are also working to keep the Meeting Calendar updated. Finally, on the home page you will find a link to receive a copy of public notices in your email, as well as one to send us your comments!

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST LOWELL
Information Technology Director

Health, Education and Social Services



Plaque from front of Williams High and
Stockbridge Plain School Building

Board of Health

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

The Board of Health met on the first Thursday of every month, and members met quarterly with Tri-Town Health Department. The application for a Massage License was modified again this year, making the requirement for a CORI optional for new licensees.

Local kitchens, both for profit restaurants and not for profit organizations/institutions that serve meals to the public were inspected throughout the year to see that all were brought up to standard codes, and that all facilities had at least one person with current training in food management to be present when serving meals. Several establishments were asked to make changes to their kitchens to meet the code, and all establishments, even those who serve few meals or have financial hardships, have worked together with the Board of Health to comply with code requirements.

Budget cuts to the Tobacco Awareness Program of the Tri-Town Health Department threaten this program in the tri-town community.

More than 10 new massage licenses were approved this year, and all other Stockbridge licensees renewed in a timely fashion. The Board of Health responded to one complaint of farm animals roaming outside the confines of their enclosures into neighbors' yards, and continued to follow the progress of yard clean-up and home repair to a residence at risk of standard health and safety code violations.

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN R. ARONOFF, M.D.
CARA B. DAVIS, **Chairman**
GREGORY M. PILLING

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 2005.

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, inspection of repairs and upgrades and witnessing of percolation tests and soil evaluations for site suitability are often challenging as more and more sites are built near environmentally sensitive areas and proposed plans incorporate new alternate 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 inspection frequency to 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 Pool 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.

EPA Air Quality Conference: Peter Kolodziej, Department Director and Kimberly Kelly Department Administrator/Health Inspector were invited to attend a national conference in Washington DC, sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Environmental Health Association on public health issues associated with indoor air quality.

Max (Pops) Bookless, Health Inspector Retires: Max Bookless retired from the Health Department in December of 2004 after 22 years of dedicated service to the Health Department and communities of Lee, Lenox and Stockbridge. Max was honored for his many contributions and valued service as an employee of the Tri-Town Health Department but also for his persistence and perseverance in promoting public health prevention initiatives. He was passionate in advocating minimum training requirements for food service employees as a necessity in the prevention of food borne illnesses. His

efforts led to local regulations requiring such training and a few years later the State Public Health followed suit. His philosophy of promoting and enhancing public health through education first and enforcement as a last resort is now a key component of the health department mission. We will miss Max (Pops) and wish him many happy and healthy years in retirement.

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 staff for their extraordinary efforts and dedication in serving our member communities.

Permits Issued: (Stockbridge only)

Permit Type	Numbered Issued
Food Service	45
Retail Food	3
Catering	10
Mobile Food	3
B & B	10
Bakery	2
Special Event Food Permit	23
Tobacco	3
Indoor Pool	3
Outdoor Pool	8
Hot Tubs	5
Frozen Desert	2
Milk/Cream Store	4
Milk/Cream Vehicle	1
Milk/Cream Dealer	2
Pasteurization	1
Disposal Works Installers	12
Septage Hauler	4
Garbage Hauler	7
Rec. Children's Camp	3
Motel/Hotel/Cabin/Trailer	0
Massage Practitioner	81
Massage Establishment	3
Biological Wastes	1
Disposal Works Construction	20
Well Permit	17
Beaver Permits	1

Soil Evaluations for On-Site Septic Systems (Stockbridge) 18

Inspections: (Stockbridge)

Food Service Inspections:	135		
Misc. Complaints/Nuisances	6	Housing Inspections/Chapter II	1
Quality Control	321	Pool & Hot Tub Testing	142
Water Testing Performed- Beaches	123	Ice Sampling	8
Well Sampling	16	WWTP Sampling	0

Budget Revenue Information 2005 (Stockbridge)

Total budget:	\$ 28,449.94	Revenue generated:	\$ 22,971.42
Breakdown:	Permits	\$ 19,120.00	
	Water Testing	\$ 2,641.82	
	Septic	\$ 1,209.60	
	Total	\$ 22,971.42	

Respectfully submitted,

PETER J. KOLODZIEJ R.S.
Director/Sanitarian

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 the calendar year 2005:

Home Visits	Visits
Skilled Nursing	184
Physical Therapy	102
Occupational Therapy	68
Speech Therapy	3
Medical Social Work	0
Maternal Child Health	2
Home Health Aide	0
Nutrition Services	0
Non-billable Home Visits	3

Clinics	Sessions	Attendance
Flu/Pneumonia	3	107/1
Blood Pressure	11	95

Respectfully submitted,

PAULA SCHUTZMANN, RN, MSN
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. We recently dedicated the new Patrick Miller Youth Substance Abuse Program in response to the increased needs in our communities.

Of the individuals served by the 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 87 individuals we are serving in Stockbridge. Your town's contribution is very important to us.

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,
MARJORIE COHAN
Executive Director

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 2005, Lee Ambulance Service responded to a total 757 requests for medical assistance, of which 151 of those responses were to the Town of Stockbridge.

The breakdown of those calls is as follows:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	17 responses
Non motor vehicle injuries	35 responses
Medical/illness	55 responses
Cardiac/Respiratory	25 responses
Miscellaneous	19 responses
Total	151 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 have increased our request for funding this year due to an increase in providing quality patient care. We would always welcome residents of Stockbridge to join us as first responders or EMT's. A portion of this 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 BREault, EMT-P
Service Director

Education

Report of the Charles Denton Treadway Scholarship Fund

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

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

Emily Brown	Swarthmore
Kimberly Coates	Santa Clara
Lauren Codwise	UMass - Amherst
Jordan Kaye	St. Leo University
Alison Maloof	UMass - Amherst
Margot Wise	Long Island University - Friends Program

The Trustees of the Charles Denton Treadway Scholarship Fund awarded a scholarship of \$300.00 to the following:

Rachel Morrison	Northwestern Connecticut Comm. College
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As of December 31, 2005, there was \$78,658.91 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 Charles M. Owen School Fund

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

Emily Brown	Swarthmore
Margot Wise	Long Island University - Friends Program

As of December 31, 2005, there was \$30,070.85 in an account at Berkshire Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN T. WILLIAMS, **Treasurer**

Report of the Williams High School Scholarship Fund

The Trustees of the William High School Scholarship Fund awarded \$2,600.00 in scholarships to the following:

Kimberly Coates	Stockbridge	Santa Clara
Lauren Codwise	Stockbridge	UMass - Amherst
John Kruszyna	West Stockbridge	UMass - Amherst
Alison Maloof	Stockbridge	UMass - Amherst
Rachel Morrison	Stockbridge	N. Western C. C.
Ethan Oberwager	West Stockbridge	Bowdoin
Brian Webber	West Stockbridge	McGill

As of December 31, 2005, there was \$61,055.00 in an account at the Berkshire Taconic Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. CANNING, Trustee

Report of the William Academy Scholarship Fund

The Trustees of the William Academy Scholarship Fund awarded scholarships of \$250.00 to the following:

Alison Maloof	UMass - Amherst
Margot Wise	Long Island University - Friends Program

As of December 31, 2005, there was \$21,187.91 in accounts at the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA MUIR

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 2005.

Transportation for shopping, medical appointments and personal needs remained an important service to Stockbridge elders. Ongoing services, monthly blood pressure clinics and bi-monthly footcare clinics continued as did the brown bag food program and dance movement exercise program. Twice weekly community luncheons were held at Heaton Court and meals-on-wheels were available to those in need of the service. Advocacy and referrals to appropriate agencies remained important services and assistance with medical billings resulted in savings for low income elders.

Stockbridge seniors were guests of Monument Mountain Regional High School twice – for the annual senior dinner in the spring and the Senior Fall Festival.

Another superb holiday luncheon was given by the Red Lion Inn to complete the years' events. We express our thanks and appreciation to the Fitzpatrick family and their staff.

We thank all who volunteered their services in 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH McCORMACK, **Director**
PATRICIA TARRANT, **Co-Chair**, Resigned
LILLIAN BENDER, **Co-Chairperson**
VIRGINIA SCHWARTZ
JOAN SELVA

Stockbridge Library Association

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

In 2005 The Stockbridge Library celebrated another year of service to the community. Our circulation, registered patrons and attendance remains high despite the closure of the Stockbridge Plain School.

While we are a small library, we afford many of the advantages of a larger library. Daily hours are offered Tuesday through Saturday as well as two week-day evenings. The Children's Room provides two weekly reading and craft programs. Internet service and broad access to book and materials are available through the interlibrary loan system.

The Historical Room has been very busy. A generous donation from the Williams High School Alumni Association was received. The collection provides a detail account of school activities dating back to the 1800's.

The Historical Room also initiated two fund raising projects: the "Stockbridge Walking Tour" and the "Stockbridge Ramble Walking Book and Biking, Tour Guide."

The Stockbridge Library continues to face financial challenges. This year we experienced skyrocketing oil prices and increased expenses associated with maintaining a two hundred year old structure.

In addition to the financial support from the Town of Stockbridge, the Library diligently pursues its fundraising efforts. This year our activities have included: Annual Appeal, July Book Sale, participation with the Earth Angels, Lenox Library/Stockbridge Library Golf Challenge, Valentine's Day Book Party and Library Tote Bag sales. In November we successfully added "The Singing Bee" event.

Sadly, we lost a friend and fellow Board member, Suzy Sheridan. Suzy volunteered tirelessly on countless library events and projects. We will miss her. In recognition, the 2006 Valentine's Day Book Party is dedicated in her honor.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend our appreciation to our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors and Town of Stockbridge for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

**CHRISTINE H. SCHULER, President
Board of Trustees**

Stockbridge Housing Authority

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

The Stockbridge Housing Authority continues to manage housing programs for low-income seniors, families, and people with special needs, and grew dramatically this year with the addition of Pine Woods.

As you know, in 2004 Stockbridge Housing Authority entered into an agreement with Pine Woods LLC to act as management agent of the 30-unit housing facility to be built at 3 West Stockbridge Road. Construction began and continued throughout 2005. The Authority hired Kim Gosselin as Property Manager for Pine Woods, and the marketing and outreach for and screening of its first tenants was in full swing. There were many delays in the development and construction phase of this complex property preventing the lease-up of any units in 2005, but initial Certificates of Occupancy have been issued in early 2006 and we expect the remaining COs and resulting occupancy to occur at a consistent pace.

Pine Woods will offer the area much-needed affordable housing. There are apartments set aside for households that are at 30%, 50%, and 60% of the median income level. There are also five market-rate units at Pine Woods. The rent levels directly reflect the level of income. Applicants who live or work in Stockbridge, or who are an immediate relative of a Stockbridge resident receive preference. People who live or work in southern Berkshire County receive a preference after Stockbridge applicants have been processed. Applications and information may be obtained by calling Stockbridge Housing Authority at 298-3222.

Heaton Court, situated on the hill at 5 Pine Street, is state-assisted housing for low-income elderly, and disabled under 60 years of age. There are 49 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 and federal regulations.

One Stockbridge resident and five other applicants became tenants at Heaton Court in 2005. One Stockbridge applicant was denied housing at Heaton Court due to CORI (Criminal Offender Records Information). Move-outs were due to tenants transitioning to assisted living or skilled nursing facilities, or to move in with family. Applications and information may be obtained by calling 298-3222.

Stockbridge Housing Authority 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 that live or work in southern Berkshire County. In 2005, one Stockbridge resident applied for Section 8 assistance. Currently, there is one Section 8 program participant living in Stockbridge. 28 participants live in other southern Berkshire county towns. 12 have had to move to

Pittsfield to find affordable housing that will work within the program parameters.

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
KENNETH SHEARN, Treasurer
WILLIAM SELKE, Assistant Treasurer
D. ANN BEACCO, State Appointee
FRANCES ANTONIAZZI

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.

For the FY 2005 donations from generous taxpayers amounted to \$4,430.43 for a cumulative total of \$10,422.87. In 2005 a total of 11 residents received \$7,150.75 in tax relief through this program.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN BENDER
JOHN MILLER
JOSEPH RUGGIO
JOHN TARRANT - Resigned
KAREN WILLIAMS

District Department of Veterans' Services

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

DDVS MGL Ch 115 Benefits Provision:	DISTRICT	TOWN
Expenditures	\$20,319.98	\$6,446.83
Reimbursements from Veterans	.00	00
Projected OCVS Reimbursements (75%)	15,239.99	4,835.12

DDVS Funded Provision:		
Office Operations (All Types)	8,058.00	699.00
Administrative Budget	\$77,872.19	\$8,565.94

Department of Veterans' Affairs Provision:		
Burial Flags	47	2
Grave Markers	25	2

DDVS Administrative Expenses

Salaries: Director/Treasurer	\$45,045.02
Rent (Great Barrington)	1,420.00
Travel	2,062.60
Insurance Benefits	13,486.98
Medicare Benefits	653.16
Berkshire County Retirement	8,332.00
Telephone	1,822.61
Postage	554.90
Machine Maintenance Contract	355.00
Liability/Workers Comp Insurance Bond	490.00
Organizational Dues	60.00
Supplies	596.50
Miscellaneous	752.51
TOTAL	\$75,621.28

Respectfully submitted,

AL ADAMS
Director DDVS

Planning and Aesthetics



Early View of Williams High School and Stockbridge Elementary School
— *Courtesy of David and Kathy Vincent*

Planning Board

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

The Planning Board remains a bastion against the onslaught of overdevelopment of our Town's precious real estate resources. As the regulatory gatekeepers, we collectively purpose to be "strict constructionists" concerning the interpretation of zoning and subdivision by-laws we are sworn to uphold, and strongly disfavor deviations from the prescriptions and proscriptions of those by-laws. In that spirit, the Planning Board this year most significantly issued its final, unequivocal denial of the controversial, waiver-laden subdivision proposed to develop a hundred pristine, forested, ridgeline acres on Pixley Hill into nine "McMansion" houselots. That denial was predictably appealed by the disgruntled applicant, joining the numerous other lawsuits brought against our Town in both the Land Court and Superior Court Departments by this most litigious out-of-state real estate developer.

We heartily thank the Townspeople for your approval of the financial resources to stand up to this developer's legal bullying. The Planning Board did this year approve two small subdivisions in the Stockbridge Bowl area, both of which conformed to our by-laws and needed no waivers, and we fielded a significant number of permits to build and rebuild houses within the Lake & Pond Overlay Districts.

Finally, we note with some regret the resignation of our long-time secretary, Kim Raftery, but wish a warm welcome to our new secretary, Jaimy Messana. The Planning Board will strive to continue its vigilant safeguarding of the trust to which we have been elected.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS J. ROSE, J.D., M.B.A., **Chairman**

GARY PITNEY, **Vice-Chairman**

ROBERT BARTLE, **Clerk**

ERIC PLAKUN, M.D.

PAUL COATES

BARBARA HOBBS

ALLAN BLAU, Ed.D.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

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

The activities of the BRPC have been primarily focused on:

- Training for local Planning Boards
- Transportation issues for North Berkshire County and Lee, MA.

No issues affecting the Town of Stockbridge have arisen this year and none are anticipated for the coming year. The Stockbridge contribution will increase from \$1,374 to \$1,386 for the next fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BERGER, **Alternate**

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

2005 was another quiet year for the Board of Appeals. The board held hearings on two appeal applications. The first appeal was unanimously approved. The second appeal was continued, pending possible mutual settlement between the parties and withdrawal of the appeal application.

A hearing was also held to review proposed changes to the low and moderate housing project, which was originally approved via Comprehensive Permit in 2003. By unanimous vote, the outlined changes were deemed as not significant, thus eliminating the need for a further public hearing.

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 past year, the Stockbridge Historical Commission worked to identify issues of concern relating to historic preservation for the Town. The Chairman continued as a member of the Task Force on Historic Preservation, participating in discussions about replacing the existing Demolition Delay Bylaw with a broader preservation regulation. The Stockbridge Historical Commission has continued to work with the representative of the Massachusetts Historical Commission on the Preservation Planning Direct Assistance grant. The final report of this Preservation Planning Survey will provide direction for local historic preservation planning initiatives.

A new member, Peter Williams, was added to the Commission. During the summer, he and the Chairman attended a meeting of the MHC in West Springfield which laid out preservation strategies for rural communities, including alternatives to Local Historic Districts. In addition, requests for information about local historic properties were fulfilled.

Respectively submitted,

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

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 2005.

Permit Category		Value
Single Family Dwelling	8	\$2,741,467.00
Two – Family Dwelling	4	640,000.00
Six Unit Multi-Family	1	460,000.00
Additions & Alterations	79	4,617,209.00
Decks & Porches	10	309,000.00
Garages & Outbuildings	7	337,800.00
Foundation Permits	1	50,000.00
Pools & Pool Houses	4	96,384.74
Roofs & Repairs	40	514,771.00
Wireless Telecommunication	1	50,000.00
Total Construction Spending		\$ 9,816,931.75
Building Permits Fees	155	\$ 58,646.19
Annual Inspections	38	1,333.00
Certificate of Occupancy	33	1,155.00
Wood Stove Permits	8	280.00
Demolition Permits	1	35.00
Total Permits Issued	235	
Total Permit Fees Collected		\$61,449.19

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD (NED) BALDWIN, Bldg. Inspector

Tree Warden

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

Trees are still being removed as there are insects, disease and storm damage. This year, Mohawk Lake Road lost several trees in the summer due to high winds.

As I drive through town and see a tree in distress, we try to get it down before it comes down on its own. Since I don't travel some roads as much as others, I would hope residents would feel free to notify me if you see a tree in question so that I can give it my attention.

Trees have been pruned, fed and mulched on Main and Church Streets. In other locations, some American Elms are still being treated for disease.

Thank you for your support and patience as some trees are scheduled to be removed but make take a back seat as other trees are deemed a greater risk.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER CURTIN, Tree Warden

Conservation Commission

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

Just when we think we're "in the groove," new state regulations come along to keep us on our toes. This year, we were grappling with the ramifications of the new Stream Crossings provision of the Wetlands Protection Act. Landowners, conservation commissions and engineers will be required to take a closer look at how stream and river crossings may impact wildlife corridors and passageways. Though somewhat complicated, this is a long-overdue revision to the Act.

In addition, there is a new and somewhat simplified filing form for certain projects that are entirely outside of the 50' buffer zone. Applicants are required to meet certain criteria in order to avail themselves of this filing form.

Once again, we must express how grateful we are for the availability of our Berkshire County Conservation Agent, Terry Eucker, who has continued to be a significant resource and comfort as we grapple with these ever-more-complicated regulations and projects.

We welcome suggestions, input and participation from all citizens of the Town so that we may help you through your permitting process and answer questions you may have regarding the requirements of the Wetlands Protection Act and Scenic Mountains Act. Please come and see your Conservation Commission at work. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Center for Ecological Technology

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

Stockbridge Supports Clean Energy

In 2005, more than 2% of Stockbridge residents and small businesses demonstrated their environmental leadership by "greening up" the electricity they use. 28 Stockbridge households, 1 small business and 1 church 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, 2005, the Town of Stockbridge has earned more than \$3,200 towards a renewable energy project for the town. These funds are through Clean Energy Choice, a Massachusetts program that matches residents' voluntary support for renewable with grants for their towns.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURA DUBESTER, **CET**

Stockbridge Cultural Council

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

The Stockbridge Cultural Council received 24 Local Cultural Council Grant applications and 2 PASS Grant applications that were seeking funds for this year's grant cycle totaling \$8,495. The council had a total allocation of \$2,500 to disperse for funding for 2006. The council had an additional amount of \$350.00 that was left over from unclaimed grants that was re-granted for this funding cycle.

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

Bazaar Productions Inc., (Berkshire Fringe Festival) – LCC Grant

Berkshire Children's Chorus (Spring Concert) – LCC Grant

Berkshire Talking Chronicle (Community Access Programming) – LCC Grant

Berkshire Theatre Festival (BTF PLAYS! School Residency Program) – LCC Grant

Children's Health Program (Trip to the Berkshire Botanical Gardens – PASS Grant

IS183 Art School of the Berkshires (Making Art Together) – LCC Grant

Mass Audubon Society (Housatonic River Watershed Project) – LCC Grant

Sculpture Now (Sculpture in Public Schools) – LCC Grant

Shakespeare & Company (Shakespeare in Action) – LCC Grant

Stockbridge Sinfonia (Free Community Concerts) – LCC Grant

Upper Housatonic Heritage Area (African American Guide) 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,

ALLISON RACHELE BAYLES, **Co-Chair**
DAWN LANE, **Co-Chair**
LINDA BARBADORO, **Council Treasurer**
SHIRLEY BLANCHARD
SARAH HORNE
CHERYL HUTTO
BELLE FOX MARTIN
JULIE MCCARTHY
JANICE SHIELDS

Stockbridge Historic Preservation Task Force

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

At the 2003 Town Meeting the Town established the Historic Preservation Task Force to develop an historic preservation proposal for Stockbridge. For more than two years this group has met regularly to explore the Town's options. We have researched what other communities have done and conducted an informative voter survey. We have worked closely with the Massachusetts Historical Society and consulted with our Selectmen, Building Inspector, Planning Board, Historical Commission and Town Counsel.

At present the Town of Stockbridge provides no legal protection at all for significant historic buildings, other than the recently enacted one year Demolition Delay Bylaw. We propose to revise and improve this bylaw by including a review of major alterations to significant buildings and by extending protection for more than one year. At the request of the Stockbridge Historical Commission, we also propose that responsibility for administering the bylaw shift to the Planning Board and to a new Historic Preservation Commission, advisory to the Planning Board.

This new bylaw proposal appears in the 2006 Town Warrant. We have worked hard to lay out a process whereby our most important historic buildings can be saved from destruction or detrimental alteration, while minimizing the procedural burden on property owners or Town board members. This is a looser and broader type of regulation than the usual Historic District model, and we feel it is a better fit for Stockbridge.

Most people assume that the Town already has meaningful historic preservation regulations and are astonished to learn that there are none. We have tried to keep the proposed bylaw as short and simple as legal language allows. Please give it your close attention, and feel free to contact us with suggestions or concerns. Although there have been several public discussion meetings and at least one more will take place this Spring, we welcome any questions that may arise. This proposal certainly won't answer them all, but we feel it may help answer the sad question, "How did they let that happen?"

Respectfully submitted,

CARL SPRAGUE, **Chairman**
PETER WILLIAMS, **Secretary**
LINDA JACKSON, **Historical Comm.**
JORJA-ANN MARSDEN, **for Selectmen**
SUE BONAK
MARTY BULLWINKEL
EVERETT JASSY
CAROLE OWENS
PAM SANDLER
ANDREA SAVANA
EILEEN TAFT

Memorial Day Committee

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

To quote esteemed Stockbridge resident, William Selke of Larrywaug Crossroad, in regard to Memorial Day 2005: "...the celebration was the essence of Stockbridge. It was something anyone who was there regards as a highlight – maybe the highlight – of the year." Uniformed veterans, bagpipes and drums, marching bands, American flags, children on bicycles, meaningful prayers, mournful taps, magnificent jets, fire trucks, patriotic songs, poignant remembrances, hot dogs, potato salad, family and friends – all of these, many parts of the whole that make Memorial Day in Stockbridge memorable.

Reverend Steve Bridges from the First Congregational Church gave the invocation and benediction, Stockbridge students from the final graduating class at Searles Middle School: Keelyn Harris, Matthew Boudreau, and Alanna Astion read excerpts from historic texts, Quintessential stirred patriotic pride with their music and Raymond Blair, who served in the 15th Army Air Force during WWII, shared stories with our assembled audience.

Special recognition and thanks were extended to Miss Mary Flynn during this year's ceremony. Mary's service to the Town has been legendary and extensive with leadership roles on the Board of Selectmen, the Laurel Hill Association, Stockbridge Library, the Stockbridge Land Trust, and especially, recognition of Stockbridge war veterans. She has been an integral member of the Memorial Day Committee for many years and her contributions were publicly honored.

Longtime Memorial Day Committee member and Chairman, David Braman, passed away this year. David distinguished himself with service to our country in the military during World War II, our Town by also serving on the Finance Committee, and our community as Postmaster for many years. We miss him.

The Committee plans to continue the events as organized in recent years: the morning gravesite ceremonies, the Noon parade, the Town Hall Program and the pot luck picnic on the Town Green. Veterans are encouraged to attend, volunteers are needed to help, and all are welcome to join the celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

DEBORAH COLEMAN
JAKE DONOVAN
JORJA MARSDEN
DEBORAH MCMENAMY, **Chairman**
KEITH RAFTERY
LINDY SEARING
CHRIS SCHULER

Stockbridge Community Preservation Committee

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

The Stockbridge Community Preservation Committee completed its third year of allocating grants, afforded by our adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA). We recommended and Town Meeting approved the following: \$77,500 for historic preservation, \$75,000 for open space, and \$50,000 for affordable housing. Additionally, we granted the Committee \$3,500 in administrative funds to be set aside for professional assistance, if needed, in evaluating the feasibility of potential projects. One half of the Community Preservation funds were from our local CPA revenue, and the other half were from the State Community Preservation Trust.

For historic preservation, the major allocation was \$75,000 set aside for the anticipated renovations of the Plain School building and Procter Hall. The CPA hopes to assist the Town in maintaining the historic and esthetic integrity of these landmark buildings. Additionally, \$2,500 was granted to Chesterwood toward the reproduction of their historic lantern.

For the preservation of open space, \$75,000 was added to \$36,000 already in that reserve fund.

And for affordable housing, \$50,000 was granted to Construct, Inc for the construction of the Pine Woods project. This brought to the CPA contribution for this project to \$200,000, a relatively small percentage of the total budget. But CPA funds have had a significant role in leveraging other construction funds.

Once again, 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
DAVID McCARTHY, Vice-Chair, representing the Selectmen
MICHAEL BLAY, Treasurer, representing the Assessors
ANN BEACCO, Recording Secretary, Housing Authority
CRAIG BERGER, Finance Committee
ROBERT FLOWER, Parks and Recreation
LINDA W. JACKSON, Historical Commission
DOUG ROSE, Planning Board
SALLY UNDERWOOD-MILLER, Conservation Commission

Laurel Hill Association

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

In 2005, the oldest existing village improvement society in the United States celebrated its 152nd 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.” 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 Laurel Hill trails, 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.

In addition to maintaining these trails 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 Christmas Tree.

This fall, the Association also restored the scenic view from the Butler Seat at the crest of Laurel Hill. Our plans for 2006 include re-decking the Goodrich Memorial Bridge, sponsoring the annual Ice Glen Walk in the fall, and celebrating Laurel Hill Day in August.

We welcome suggestions, input and participation from all citizens of the 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 P.O. Box 24, Stockbridge.

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 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 2005 the Land Trust completed a project with property owners of 13 acres situated on Route 7 north of town. This open land will be permanently protected by a conservation easement donated to the Land Trust. The project was the most recent element of the campaign to insure that Stockbridge retains its character as a village surrounded by open space, rather than the center of extended sprawl that extends in all directions. In previous years the Land Trust has secured permanent protection for almost the entire frontage along Route 7 the south of town.

In the coming year the Land Trust plans to improve the screening of the Pine Woods project from Route 102. The Land Trust retained a conservation restriction on a strip of land bordering the highway as the project was planned. Existing vegetation will be augmented with native plants and trees. Plans for a hike/bike way from Pine Woods to Church Street are currently in progress.

Also in 2005, property owners along Yokum Ridge and West Stockbridge Mountain were contacted and permissions have been secured which will permit formal establishment of the trail which extends north from Averic Road over West Stockbridge Mountain to Olivia's Outlook located west of Stockbridge Bowl.

The Land Trust is grateful to members whose support has allowed it to pursue open space initiatives for the last 19 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

ERIC EGAN

SALLY BEGLEY

JOHN HYSON

SHEP EVANS

CRAIG MOFFATT

TIM MINKLER

JIM MURRAY

JESSICA MURRAY

CLOVER SWANN

TOM STOKES

Stockbridge Bowl Association

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

On August 30, 1946, the Stockbridge Bowl Association was formed to protect the natural beauty of the Stockbridge Bowl and its watershed, and set standards that may aid the general cause of conservation. The Board of Directors of the SBA works with our Selectmen toward fulfilling this mandate. Currently there are over 500 SBA members.

In 2005, we filmed another successful underwater video. Annual videos show if there has been any major change in underwater vegetation. The video is then reviewed both by the Stockbridge Conservation Commission and State agencies. Monitoring aquatic changes is one of the requirements necessary to obtain permission to hold a drawdown. We also did some test cuttings of water lilies behind the island to see if less obstructive vegetation could be encouraged to grow. We will continue these test cuttings for a few years and review the results.

The SBA is working on an educational video to demonstrate what is happening to the lake and what we can do to help relieve some of the deterioration caused by man-made projects. The SBA and the Selectmen are bringing to the table a dramatic plan to reverse the decline of the lake and bring it back to vibrant health. The main objective of the plan is to draw the lake down by 5 ½ feet. This will expose the shoreline weeds to a winter frost that will kill them. Developed over a decade of studies, the plan has three coordinated objectives: Diversion Drain, Dredging, and Drawdown.

The plan for the diversion drain was provided by the Tennessee Gas Pipe Line Company in the early 1990's and is still viable. The drain is needed in order to get beneath the Tenneco gas lines and the Town's sewer lines, both of which constrict the outflow of water. This will give us the ability to draw the lake down to about 5 ½ feet by diverting water under the gas and sewer lines. Second, dredging is required in the inlet and outlet areas to remove the silt that has accumulated in the half century since the lines were built. This silt cannot be sent down stream to clog the rivers; it must be removed. Then the Drawdown phase can occur. This 3-D approach will set a healthy baseline for the lake.

The SBA is planning for early summer a Stockbridge Bowl Day. We are inviting the public to see first hand what a wonderful body of water the Stockbridge Bowl is. There will be boat rides and refreshments, and the opportunity to learn what the Town and the Stockbridge Bowl Association are doing to keep this incredible jewel of a lake healthy and vital.

The SBA owns and manages both Bullard Woods and the island. These sites are open to the public and we encourage you to come and walk both properties and enjoy their pristine beauty. We have added picnic tables near the shoreline of the Woods, and a bridge now fords the stream running through the property.

Please help us in maintaining the beauty of the lake and protecting it for generations by becoming a member of the Stockbridge Bowl Association—P.O. Box 118, Stockbridge, MA 01262.

The SBA Board would like to thank the Selectmen and all the commissions with whom we work for their tireless efforts in matters relating to the Lake and surrounding watershed.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY KLEINERMAN, **President**

Finances



East View of Williams High School and Stockbridge Elementary
School prior to Additions

—Courtesy of Stockbridge Library Historical Collection

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 ending June 30, 2005.

Please find the report consists of the following:

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

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE MARKHAM
Town Accountant

Town of Stockbridge

BALANCE SHEET 30-Jun-05

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS			FIDUCIARY FUNDS			Totals	
	General Fund	Major Spec. Revenue Funds	Other Spec. Rev. Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust Funds	Agency Funds		Fixed Assets
ASSETS								
Cash	\$3,303,303	\$670,087	\$275,728	\$68,875	\$3,239,924	\$35,552		\$7,593,469
Receivable								
Personal Prop. Taxes FY2005	1,057							1,057
Personal Prop. Taxes Prior Yrs	1,184							1,184
Real Estate Taxes FY2005	103,440							103,440
Real Estate Taxes Prior Year	7,204							7,204
Motor Vehicle Taxes	53,282							53,282
Tax Liens	3,244							3,244
Farm Animal Excise								0
Chapter 90 Roads Receivable								0
Community Preserv. Receivable			2,224					2,224
Overlays	(114,181)							(114,181)
Water Rates and Special		12,316						12,316
Sewer Rates and Special		16,807						16,807
Water/Sewer Liens added to tax		0						0
Fixed Assets							31,986,290	
Amounts to be provided for								7,251,406
Due from Stabilization								0
TOTAL ASSETS	3,358,533	699,210	277,952	68,875	3,239,924	35,552	31,986,290	7,251,406,917,742

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				FIDUCIARY FUNDS				Totals
	Major Spec.		Other	Capital	Trust	Agency	Fixed	Long-Term	
	Revenue	Funds	Spec. Rev	Projects					
General	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Assets	Debt	Totals	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities									
Water Treatment Plant Loan									1,327,585
Sewer Expansion Project Loan									5,923,821
Due to Capital Projects									0
Deferred Revenue	55,229	29,123	2,224	2,224					86,576
TOTAL LIABILITIES	55,229	29,123	2,224	2,224	0	0	0	0	7,251,406
FUND EQUITY									
Reserved for Expenditures	750,000	106,792							856,792
Reserved for Encumbrances	86,308	71,213							157,521
Reserved for Enc/Spec. Arts.	1,082,802								0
Reserved for Over/Under									
Reserved for Deficits									
Waterline Gift		20,651							
Reserved-Investment & Prop								31,986,290	
Designated			181,521		68,875	3,239,924		35,552	3,525,872
Unreserved	1,384,194	471,431	94,207						1,949,832
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	3,303,304	670,087	275,728	277,952	68,875	3,239,924	35,552	31,986,290	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	3,358,533	699,210	277,952	277,952	68,875	3,239,924	35,552	31,986,290	7,251,406

(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 the Year Ended June 30, 2005

WATER & SEWER	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Water	\$255,910	\$167,700	(\$169,155)	\$254,454
Waterline Gift	20,652			20,652
Sewer	238,772	462,782	(306,571)	394,982
Total Water & Sewer	515,334	630,481	(475,727)	670,089
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Reserved: Open Space	36,485	20,000	(14,000)	42,485
Reserved: Historic Resources	6,485	26,765	(30,000)	3,250
Reserved: Community Housing	6,485	93,515	(100,000)	0
Gifts	1,100			1,100
Undesignated Fund Balance	56,776	176,846	(140,516)	93,106
Total Community Preservation	107,331	317,126	(284,516)	139,941
GRANTS	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Emergency Mgmtnt Grant/State	1,410	1500	0	2,910
Arts Lottery Grant	2,435	2,034	(2,345)	2,124
EOCD; Recycling	14,361			14,361
Elder Affairs	8,496	3,546	(1,988)	10,054
Tri-town Recycling Grant	0	300	(300)	0
Library Grant		4,278	(4,278)	0
Elections: Extended Polling Grant		780	(780)	0
Lake/Pond Grant	5,000			5,000
Community Police Grant	10,893	0	(11,168)	(275)
MA DARE Grant	912			912
Police Public Safety Equipment Grant	0	6,642	(6,417)	225
FID Card Collections	0	2,725	(2,713)	13
Total Grants	\$43,507	\$21,804	(29,988)	\$35,323

OTHER REVOLVING FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
CATV Local Broadcast	5,100			5,100
Wetland Protection Act	17,747	4,855	(1,738)	20,863
Conservation Erosion Books	40			40
Contaminated Fix/Equip Disposal	707	105		812
Total Other Revolving Funds	23,594	4,960	(1,738)	26,815
GIFTS	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Tenneco Gas Gift	67,725			67,725
Tree Gift	350			350
Streetscape Project Gifts	200			200
Police Gifts	901	350		1,251
Prime Outlets Traffic Mitigation	928	9		937
Gifts to Aid Elderly/Disabled	5,906	4,430	(7,151)	3,186
Parks & Recreation Gifts	29		(29)	0
Total Gifts	76,039	4,790	(7,180)	73,648

Capital Projects

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance
Water Treatment Plant	\$62,064			62,064
Sewer Treatment Expansion	12,160	3,442,164	(3,447,512)	6,812
Total Capital Projects	\$74,224	\$3,442,164	\$(3,447,512)	\$68,876

Trust Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Transfers in	Transfers out	Ending Balance
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$363,003	\$10,955	\$125	\$374,063	23,291
Conservation Trust Fund	22,779	512			1,121
War Memorial Trust Fund	1,095	26			1,255
DD Field Chime Tower	1,224	31			94,957
Stockbridge Bowl Fund	105,113	2,344	5,000	(17,500)	37,096
Merwin Trust	36,284	812			79,087
Treadway Scholarship Fund	75,064	4,923		(900)	29,537
Owen Scholarship Fund	29,030	1,307		(800)	2,599,497
Stabilization	2,078,002	56,497	515,000	(50,002)	
Totals	\$2,711,594	\$77,406	\$520,125	(\$69,202)	\$3,239,923

Agency Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance
Federal Withholding Tax	\$0	\$137,470	(\$137,470)	\$0
FICA Withholding Tax	0	7,096	(7,096)	0
Medicare Withholding Tax	0	13,251	(13,251)	0
State Withholding Tax	0	62,538	(62,538)	0
Retirement Withholding	0	81,467	(79,774)	1,693
Deferred Comp Withholding	0	48,013	(48,013)	0
Insurance Withholding	12,476	67,164	(77,202)	2,438
Life Insurance Withholding	597	12,637	(13,383)	(148)
Union Dues Withholding	58	2,964	(2,933)	90
United Way	49	317	(346)	20
Court Ordered Deductions	0	39,908	(39,908)	0
Performance Bonds Deposit	3,759	2,557	(3,759)	2,557
Sub-totals	16,939	475,384	(485,673)	6,650
Police Outside Detail	20,541	19,240	(10,880)	28,901
Totals	\$37,480	\$494,624	(\$496,553)	\$35,551

Capital Asset Summary

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying Amount
Land	4,709,600		4,709,600
Other Improvements	5,184,537		5,184,537
Buildings	5,368,600	(3,684,000)	1,684,600
Vehicles & Equipment	9,216,485	(4,226,364)	4,990,121
Infrastructure	42,471,200	(27,053,768)	15,417,432
Totals	66,950,422	(34,964,132)	31,986,290

Revenues

For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Totals
General Property Taxes	
Personal Property Current Year	\$180,020
Prior Years	1,163
Real Estate Current Year	4,362,742
Prior Years	78,956
Tax Liens Redeemed	0
Motor Vehicle Excise Current Calendar Year	208,612
Prior Years	86,968
Farm Animal Excise	0
Classified Forest Land	0
In Lieu of Taxes	47,339
Interest on Taxes and Excise	27,558
Hotel and Motel Tax	322,668
Sub-total General Property Tax	5,316,026
Charges for Services	
Cemetery	3,100
Building Permits	87,610
Plumbing Permits	3,950
Electrical Permits	5,105
Gas Permits	1,845
Special Permits	6,100
Board of Health Permits	24,312
Other Licenses/Permits	10
Room Rental Permits	60
Fees	
Municipal Lien Fees	2,950
Telephone Booth Commissions	
Cable Television	450
Compactor Fees	22,941
Other Charges for services	
Compactor Stickers	14,245
Conservation Commission	
Zoning By-Laws	525
Board of Appeals	700
Photocopies	890
Town Clerk	2,510
Street Lists	166
Beach	
Parking clerk:Fines	
Firearm Permits	925
Police Reports	326
Council on Aging	
Other Fees	
Sub-total Charges for Services	178,720

Other Licenses and Permits	
Dog licenses	1,118
Alcoholic	9,830
Tag/Auction Sale	440
Other Licenses/Permits	4,862
Sub-total Licenses and Permits	<hr/> 16,250
Revenues from State (Cherry Sheet)	
Abatements to Veterans	
Abatements to Surviving Spouses	
Abatements to the Blind	
Abatements to the Elderly	4,016
State Owned Land	6,690
Lottery, Beano, Charity	93,460
Highway Fund	
Highway Reconstruction	
Sub-total State Revenues	<hr/> 104,166
Revenue from Other Governments	
Fines and Forfeits	8,878
District Court Fines	2,560
Parking Fines	600
Compactor Recycling Reimbursement	
Veterans' Reimbursement Benefits	4,484
Highway Dept. reimbursement	
Sub-total Other Government Revenue	<hr/> 16,522
Miscellaneous Revenue	
Town Flags	960
250th Stockbridge Story Books	295
Earnings on Investments	73,793
Rentals	210
Other Miscellaneous	36,520
Sub-total Miscellaneous Revenue	<hr/> 111,778
To Balance worksheet:	
Total General Fund Revenues	<hr/> 5,743,462
Special Revenue Funds	
Water User Fees	147,366
Water Special	13,300
Water Interest & Penalties	328
Water Liens added to tax	3,876
Water Connection Fees	900
Water Application Fees	200
Water Other Fees	1,730
Total Water Fund Revenues	<hr/> 167,700
Sewer User Fees	185,598
Sewer Special	116,598
Sewer Interest & Penalties	21
Sewer Liens added to tax	18,207

Sewer Connection Fees	126,450	
Sewer Application Fees	13,000	
Sewer Other Fees	152	
Total Sewer Fund Revenues		<u>460,026</u>
Community Preservation Tax	101,024	
Community Preservation Gifts	0	
Community Preservation Interest & Penalties	286	
Community Preservation-State Match	72,980	
Community Preservation Investment Income	2,556	
Total Community Preservation Revenues		<u>176,846</u>
Total Revenues		<u>6,371,187</u>

Expenses

For year ending June 30, 2005

General Government

Moderator		
Salary	173	
Dues/Subscriptions		
		<u>173</u>
Selectmen		
Salaries	12,071	
Legal Advertising	5,121	
Printing	375	
Postage	2,500	
Cable Advisory	110	
Petty Cash	80	
Other Charges	245	
Meetings & Travel	1,496	
Dues & Memberships	1,488	
School/Training	76	
Carryover from Prior year	1,407	
		<u>24,969</u>
Executive Secretary		
Salary	45,661	
Finance Committee		
Salary		
Dues/Subscriptions	110	
		<u>110</u>
Town Accountant		
Salary	38,918	
Postage	46	
Audit	9,450	
Office Supplies	171	

Other Charges & Expenses	0
Meetings & Travel	254
Dues/Subscriptions	40
School/Training	2,078
Carryover from prior yr	255
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	51,212
Assessors	
Salaries	73,506
Registry of Deeds	43
Maps	790
Postage	450
Office Supplies	329
Forms	
Meetings & Travel	852
Dues & Subscriptions	693
Carryover from prior yr	500
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	77,163
Assessors Property Revaluation	
ATM Special Article	9,378
Hydro-Electric Plant Appraisal	2,500
Treasurer	
Salary	18,518
Repairs/Maintenance	595
Bank Service Charges	150
Payroll Service	4,011
Postage	700
Tax Title Fees	
Office Supplies	162
Forms	169
Other Charges	300
Meetings & Travel	1,132
Dues/Subscriptions	55
School/Training	115
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	25,908
Collector	
Salaries	57,435
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	469
Postage Meter Rental	1,850
Service	1,838
Postage	2,500
Office Supplies	681
Forms	439
Other Charges and Expenses	
Meetings & Travel	1,096
Dues/Subscriptions	110
School/Training	382
Interest on Refunded Taxes	
Purchase of Equipment	
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	66,800

Tax Collection Software	
ATM Special Article	3,000
Legal Department	
Town Counsel	26,650
Legal Expenses	250
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	26,900
Municipal Group Purchasing	
ATM Special Article	400
Town Clerk	
Salary	29,082
Printing	181
Postage	500
Supplies	473
Meetings & Travel	1,514
Dues/Subscriptions	223
School/Training	100
Carryover from prior year	533
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	32,606
Elections & Registration	
Salaries	2,942
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	275
Printing	228
Postage	700
Voting Machine Ballots	1,841
Forms	37
Other charges & expenses	283
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	6,306
Town Record Book Preservation	953
ATM Special Article	
Conservation Commission	
Salary	5,000
Legal Advertising	745
Scenic Mtn/Wetland Prot.	526
Dues/Subscriptions	100
School/Training	320
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	6,691
Planning Board	
Salary	3,405
Advertising	2,249
Reprinting Zoning By-Law	550
Postage	750
Supplies	
Meetings & Travel	
Dues/Subscriptions	
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	6,954

Zoning Board		
Other Charges and Expenses	50	
Town Office/Repairs & Improvements	55,722	
ATM Special Article		
Town Hall		
Salaries	23,353	
Electricity	10,519	
Fuel	6,904	
Building Repairs	1,722	
Custodial Expense	17,892	
Litigation	74,280	
Maintenance Contracts	1,878	
Supplies	5,306	
Janitorial Supplies	866	
Carryover from prior year	2,600	
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	145,321	
Town Report		
Printing	4,619	
Geographic Information Systems		
Salary	30,750	
Telecommunication	36,062	
Computer Service Contracts	35,879	
Computer Supplies	6,054	
GIS Supplies		
School/Training	2,955	
Purchase Equipment	4,130	
Purchase Computers	5,441	
Purchase Software	1,392	
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	122,662	
Town Flags	1,600	
ATM Special Article		
Plain School Re-Use	455	
ATM Special Article		
Total General Government		<hr/>
		718,112
Public Safety		
Police		
Salaries	415,239	
Repairs: Radio	441	
Repairs: Vehicles	1,426	
Uniforms	2,937	
Communications	5,607	
Office Supplies	2,727	
Supplies	2,308	
Gasoline	13,397	
Parking Tickets		

Matching Funds for Grant	
Meetings & Travel	459
Dues/Subscriptions	2,163
School/Training	6,424
Purchase of Equipment	4,608
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	457,736
Police Cruiser	30,126
ATM Special Article	
Fire	
Salaries	8,605
Electricity	1,706
Fuel Oil	8,765
Repairs	7,910
Repairs: Radio	1,432
Repairs: Building	9,787
Painting	496
Uniforms	2,865
Janitorial Supplies	
Gasoline	836
First Aid Supplies	861
Dues/Subscriptions	175
Carryover from prior year	7,357
Hose	17,033
Purchase of Equipment	3,328
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	71,155
Lee Volunteer Ambulance Squad	7,000
Animal Control Officer	
Salary	3,972
Veterinary Charges	
Supplies	179
Other Charges & Expenses	141
Kennel Operation	
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	4,292
Building Inspector	
Salary	20,625
Meeting & Travel	3,599
Dues/Subscriptions	156
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	24,380
Gas Inspector	
Salaries	1,044
Other Charges & Expenses	740
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	1,784
Plumbing Inspector	
Salaries	4,413
Other Charges & Expenses	825
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	5,238

Electrical Inspector		
Salary	5,005	
Other Charges & Expenses	337	
		<u>5,342</u>
Emergency Management		
Repairs/Maintenance		
Local Emerg. Planning		
Other Charges & Expenses	70	
School/Training	243	
Purchase of Replacement Equip.	693	
		<u>1,006</u>
Tree Warden		
Salary	1,522	
Tree Removals	23,854	
Planting, Feeding	9,536	
Carryover from prior yr	400	
		<u>35,312</u>
Total Public Safety		<u>643,372</u>
Education		
Berkshire Hills Reg, School District		
Intergovernmental	2,137,773	
Berkshire Hills Reg.School District-		
New School Construction	414,300	
Total Education		<u>2,552,073</u>
Public Works		
Dam Repairs		
ATM Special Article	463	
South Street Enhancement		
Special Article	493	
Highway Department		
Salaries	272,741	
Electricity	3,182	
Fuel Oil	3,003	
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	5,750	
Radio Repairs		
Building Repairs	2,093	
Engineering Services	12,697	
Rentals	1,070	
Uniforms	3,225	
Harvester Rental	2,249	
Harvester Expenses	2,052	

Sidewalks	
Roads	42,365
Licenses	415
CDL Drug Testing	305
Woodwaste	
Carryover from prior year	30,000
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	381,147
Snow and Ice Control	
Service	50,941
Street Lights	
Electricity	27,096
Machinery	
Vehicle Repairs	26,325
Supplies	6,201
Gasoline	18,136
Tires	1,010
Plow Blades	1,625
Purchase of Safety Equipment	
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	53,297
Compactor	
Salaries	9,551
Repairs	
Hauling	105,218
Carryover from prior yr	8,467
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	123,237
Rubbish Removal	
Service	1,000
Landfill Closure	10,989
ATM Special Article	
Hazardous Household Waste Removal	
ATM Special Article	2,554
Hydrant Rental	
Stockbridge	11,100
Housatonic	1,320
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	12,420
Cemetery	
Salaries	18,311
Repairs/Maintenance	
Repairs: Mowers	
Supplies	489
Gas/Oil	91
Purchase of Mowers/Trimmers	880
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	19,771

Total Public Works

683,407

Public Health

Board of Health	
Salaries	2,773
Printing	
Postage	
Health Education	
Meetings & Travel	
Dues/Subscriptions	50
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	2,823
Tri-Town Health	35,110
Visiting Nurse	
Lee VNA	6,864
Berkshire Mental Health	
BMHA	2,900
Council on Aging	
Salary	14,256
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	294
Garage Rental	300
Postage	
Recreation Supplies	15
Supplies	135
Meetings & Travel	251
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	15,251
Veterans' Services	
District Service	8,654
Benefits	6,792
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	15,446

Total Public Health **78,394**

Culture and Recreation

Library	
Stockbridge Library Association	89,775
Chime Tower Maintenance	
Salary	528
Stockbridge Bowl Fund	
ATM Special Article	8,583
Lake Management Study	5,000
ATM Special Article	
Parks and Recreation	
Salaries	12,087
Electricity	567
Water	200

Repairs/Maintenance	2,402	
Uniforms	271	
Sand		
Special Needs Recreation		
Signs	317	
Site Improvements	3,000	
Purchase Equipment	516	
Carryover from prior year	2,000	
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	21,360	
Pine Street Tennis Courts	7,229	
ATM Special Article		
Historical Commission		
Consulting/Advisory		
Photography		
Office Supplies		
Supplies		
Meetings/Instate Travel		
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	0	
Memorial Day Committee		
Grave Markers	805	
Other Charges & Expenses	346	
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	1,150	
Historic District Committee	356	
Total Culture & Recreation		<hr/> 133,981
Debt Service		
Sewer Expansion-Project Admin fees	9,057	
Sewer Expansion-Principal	232,888	
Sewer Expansion-Interest	162,094	
Water Treatment-Principal	60,345	
Water Treatment-Interest	62,457	
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	526,841	
Total Debt Service		<hr/> 526,841
State and County Charges		
State Assessments		
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,240	
Mosquito Control	28,558	
Air Pollution Control District	865	
Berkshire Regional Transit Auth.	27,435	
State Strap Assessment	14,765	
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	72,863	
Total State & County Charges		<hr/> 72,863

Miscellaneous Expenses

Retirement Benefits

Assessment 152,426

Employee Insurance

FICA (Town Portion) 20,347

Life Insurance 2,125

Health Insurance 220,767

Employee Insurance Reimb. 6,000

249,239

Insurance

Insurance Coverage 55,614

Police/Fire Accident Insurance 11,220

Insurance Deductible

66,834

Stabilization Fund

Transfer 515,000

Tax Refunds/Other Expense

Personal Property 272

Real Estate 16,928

Motor Vehicle 4,932

Farm Animal Excise

Berkshire Regional Planning 1,311

Other Revenue refunded

23,443

Total Miscellaneous

1,006,943

TOTAL GENERAL FUND

6,415,985

Water Department

Salaries 57,564

Electricity 38,445

Fuel Oil 1,315

Telephone 2,020

Repairs/Maint Equipment 6,191

Repairs Radio 704

Repairs Vehicles 2,852

Uniforms 538

Pumping Station

Water Testing 3,171

Sludge Composting 1,692

Postage 600

Calibration for Valves 4,593

Calibration for Charts 82

Generator Service 680

Meters 3,959

Supplies 26,654

Gasoline 1,248

Chemicals 9,991

SDWA Assessment	635	
Intermunicipal Agreements-Lee/Lenox	432	
School/Training	976	
Purchase of Safety Equipment	2,277	
Carryover from prior yr	990	
		167,610
Refunds/Gifts		
Water User Refunds	90	
Waterline Gift Expense	0	
		90
Total Water		167,700
Sewer Department		
Salaries	84,084	
Electricity	35,725	
Fuel Oil	3,115	
Telephone	1,879	
Repairs/Maintenance Equipment	12,134	
Repairs Vehicles	662	
Maintenance Contracts	1,085	
Uniforms	1,069	
Sludge Composting	20,875	
Supplies	15,358	
Ultraviolet Light Bulbs	1,100	
Gasoline	2,146	
Intermunicipal Agreements- Lee/Lenox	763	
School/Training	1,012	
Purchase of Safety Equipment		
		181,007
Maintain Park Street Lift Station	1,575	
ATM Special Article		
Study Infiltration	4,734	
ATM Special Article		
Sewer Man holes	618	
ATM Special Article		
Sewerline Repairs	1,750	
ATM Special Article		
Wastewater Pump Repairs	2,850	
ATM Special Article		
Refunds		
Sewer Rates Refunded	1,028	
Total Sewer		193,561
Total Expenses All Departments		6,777,246

Board of Assessors

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

The tax rate of \$6.74 for Fiscal Year 2006 was set and approved on November 29, 2005. There was an increase of \$ 0.22 in the Fiscal Year 2006 tax rate from the Fiscal Year 2005 tax rate.

The Tax Rate Recapitulation for Fiscal Year 2006 is as follows:

Gross Amount to be Raised	\$8,349,153.86
Total Estimated Receipts and other Rev Sources	<u>3,327,428.00</u>
Tax Levy (net amount to be raised by taxation)	5,021,725.86
Real Property Valuations	716,376,900.00
Personal Property Valuations	<u>28,686,284.00</u>
Total Valuation	745,063,184.00
Tax Rate - \$6.74 per one thousand of value	
Real Property Tax	4,828,380.31
Personal Property Tax	<u>193,345.55</u>
Total Taxes Levied on Property	5,021,725.86
Total Number of Parcels, Real Estate	1,763
Total Number of Personal Property Assessments	713
Total Number of Parcels, Exempt	173

In Fiscal Year 2006, the Assessor's Office conducted a state mandated inter-year adjustment analysis on all classes of property. Property sales were analyzed in the years 2004 and 2005 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.

The Assessor's Office also made all changes to the valuation system from the inspections that were done by Vision Appraisal Technology as part of a required three-year data quality study.

The Assessor's will be working with Cartographic Associates Inc. in 2006 to update the parcel maps into a digital format. New aerial photographs have been taken and this year will see the research of property deeds and surveys to correctly define all parcel boundaries in the town. The end result will be a true Geographic Information System 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 2005 remained strong with in excess of 98% of property taxes collected 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 to place any new taxpayers in Tax Title during the preceding year.

Overall collections by the town Collector's Office are \$1,118,308 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 6/30/05

Personal Property Tax:

FY '04	\$ 1,163.28	
FY'05	180,019.56	
Total Personal Property		181,182.84

Real Estate Tax:

FY '03 & Prior	437.25	
FY '04	78,519.04	
FY '04 CPA	1,352.25	
FY '05	4,362,741.81	
FY '05 CPA	99,671.94	
Total Real Estate		4,542,722.29

Motor Vehicle Tax

FY '03 & Prior	6,852.20	
FY '04	80,115.40	
FY '05	208,612.17	
Total Motor Vehicle		295,579.77

Water Receipts:

Water Rates	147,365.98	
Water Specials	13,300.00	
Water Application/Conn. Fees	1,100.00	
Total Water Receipts		161,765.98

Sewer Receipts:

Sewer Rates	185,597.92	
Sewer Specials	116,598.13	
Sewer Application/Conn. Fees	139,450.00	
Total Sewer Receipts		441,646.05

Water/Sewer Liens	22,083.08	
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Total Water And Sewer Utility Receipts	625,495.11
Subtotal	5,644,980.01

Payments In Lieu of Taxes:	
Kripalu	\$ 5,000.00
Boston Symphony	24,000.00
Austen Riggs Center	15,000.00
Stockbridge Housing Auth	838.80
Manhattan Ins For Cancer	2,500.00
Total Payments In Lieu of Taxes	47,338.80

Other:	
Aid To Elderly & Disabled	4,430.43
Tri Town Board of Health	24,312.30
Compactor Fees/Stickers	32,695.68
Municipal Liens	2,950.00
Int. & Demand - Real Estate	19,965.14
Int. & Demand - Motor Vehicle	7,478.99
Int. & Demand - Water & Sewer	348.11
Interest CPA	285.94
Room Tax	322,668.00

Total Other	415,134.59
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Total Receipts	6,107,453.40
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**Real Estate Tax Review
(Including CPA - Comm Preservation Act)**

FY '05 Receipts	\$ 4,462,413.75
Exemptions/Abatements	25,425.58
Refunds	-14,876.43
Tax Title	0.00
Payments Due	<u>105,574.38</u>
Total FY'05	4,578,537.28

FY '04 Receipts	4,005,164.72
Exemptions/Abatements	19,895.00
Refunds	-9,929.11
Tax Title	0.00
Payments Due	<u>7,317.90</u>
Total FY'04	4,022,448.51

FY '03 Receipts	3,510,932.31
Exemptions/Abatements	17,826.59
Refunds	-4,516.38
Tax Title	179.74
Payments Due	<u>69.52</u>
Total FY'03	3,524,491.78

Personal Property Tax Review

FY'05 Receipts	180,019.56
Abatements	348.74
Refunds	-239.60
Payments Due	<u>1,056.89</u>
Total FY'05	181,185.59
FY'04 Receipts	285,231.84
Abatements	503.22
Refunds	-173.45
Payments Due	<u>812.58</u>
Total FY'04	286,374.19
FY '03 Receipts	244,261.78
Abatements	632.18
Refunds	-124.15
Payments Due	<u>371.07</u>
Total FY'03	245,140.88

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Review

FY '05 Receipts	208,612.17
Abatements	4,674.09
Refunds	-421.90
Payments Due	<u>27,803.82</u>
Total FY '05	240,668.18
FY '04 Receipts	268,754.80
Abatements	8,580.74
Refunds	-3,572.85
Payments Due	<u>7,566.81</u>
Total FY '04	281,329.50
FY '03 Receipts	276,532.38
Abatements	11,988.99
Refunds	-4,768.21
Payments Due	<u>2,651.71</u>
Total FY '03	286,404.87

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH P. RUGGIO
Town Collector

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2005

Treasurer's Cash:

Berkshire Bank	(\$203,832.89)	
Berkshire Bank Money Market	2,420,763.74	
Berkshire Bank Arts Money Market	2,223.59	
Berkshire Bank CPA Money Market	139,813.42	
Berkshire Bank Elderly	3,180.55	
Berkshire Bank Prime Outlets	937.09	
M.M.D.T.	488,456.85	
Citizens Bank	113,268.17	
Bank of America	233,844.93	
TD Banknorth	220,984.57	
UBS	654,406.21	
Legacy Banks CD	207,556.29	
Total Treasurer's Cash		4,281,602.52

Stabilization Fund:

M.M.D.T.	14,926.56	
Legacy Banks CD	141,836.49	
Berkshire Bank	55,568.36	
Webster Bank	1,861,749.90	
Citizens Bank	575,415.86	
Total Stabilization Fund		2,649,497.17

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund:

Webster Bank	374,082.27	
Total Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		374,082.27

Custodial Accounts:

Webster Bank	170,277.72	
Berkshire Bank Owen Fund	29,536.44	
Berk. Bank/Smith Barney (Treadway)	79,086.49	
Total Custodial Accounts		278,900.65

TOTAL TREASURER'S INVESTMENTS 7,584,082.61

CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS (Detail)

Conservation Fund:

Beginning Balance	22,779.22	
Interest	512.48	
Ending Balance		23,291.70

D.D. Field Chime Tower Fund:

Beginning Balance	1,226.63	
Interest	28.87	
Ending Balance		1,255.50

Stockbridge Bowl Fund:		
Beginning Balance	105,113.38	
Transfer (from General Fund)	5,000.00	
Transfer (to General Fund)	(7,500.00)	
Interest	2,343.74	
Ending Balance		104,957.12
War Memorial Fund:		
Beginning Balance	1,094.84	
Interest	25.77	
Ending Balance		1,120.61
Merwin Trust:		
Beginning Balance	36,283.80	
Interest	811.62	
Ending Balance		37,095.42
Performance Bonds:		
Beginning Balance	0.00	
Deposit	2,500.00	
Interest	57.37	
Ending Balance		2,557.37
Charles D. Treadway Scholarship Fund		
Beginning Balance	75,034.42	
Withdrawal	(900.00)	
Interest/Dividends	4,952.07	
Ending Balance		79,086.49
C.M. Owen Scholarship Fund		
Beginning Balance	29,029.51	
Withdrawal	(800.00)	
Interest	1,306.93	
Ending Balance		29,536.44
TOTAL CUSTODIAL FUNDS		278,900.65

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 remains sound. Town expenditures were well within adopted budget figures for all departments. Unforeseen increases in energy costs, while substantial, produced expense overruns of approximately 1% of total expenditures. The Certified Free Cash amount as of July 1, 2005 is \$1,269,702 and the Stabilization Fund on June 30, 2005 holds \$2,599,497.

The rise in local property values, in concert with continued restraint in Town spending, resulted in a tax levy rate of \$6.74 for FY2006, a small increase from the FY2005 rate. Nevertheless, the prospect of significant capital expenditures for renovation of the Plain School building and/or Town Hall continue to suggest renewed upward pressure on the tax rate in future years.

The Finance Committee continued its practice of coordinating the Department Budget review process with the Selectmen. All Department heads presented their proposed FY2007 budgets at combined Selectmen/Finance Committee review meetings. With few exemptions, non-personnel expenditures were reduced by 5% in all departmental budgets. However, non-controllable increases in gasoline, electricity and fuel oil costs, along with cost-of-living salary increases and continued growth in personnel benefit costs absorbed much of the projected savings.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Warrant



Current Picture of School Building

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 PLAIN SCHOOL 50 MAIN STREET

in Stockbridge on **MONDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MAY 2006** 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 Moderator for three years; one Selectman for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; one member of the Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners for three years; two members of the Planning Board for five years; one Tree Warden for three years; one member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for three years; one member of the Housing Authority for five years and one member of the Housing Authority for two years.

QUESTION 1. Shall the Town of Stockbridge be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the Plain School Town Office Conversion Project?

All of said officers and said ballot question 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 Plain School, 50 Main Street, Stockbridge.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen at the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3. 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 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 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 5. 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. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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
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
48. LONG-TERM DEBT
49. SHORT-TERM DEBT
50. BERKSHIRE REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
51. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
52. BERKSHIRE COUNTY INSURANCE GROUP
53. INSURANCE

ARTICLE 6. 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 7. 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 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for utilities at the Plain School, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. 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 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase firearms for the Police Department, 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 to purchase bullet proof vests for the Police Department, 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 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 13. 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 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund, a sum of money to be added to sums previously transferred by Article 15 of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting, Article 16 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting and Article 15 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting for the closure of the Landfill on Glendale Middle Road, 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 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 16. 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 a 5 1/2- foot drawdown of the Stockbridge Bowl and the installation of a bypass pipe located in the outlet channel thereof, 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 for the construction of a new water storage tank, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. 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 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Available Surplus a sum of money to be added to sums previously transferred by Article 17 of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting, as amended by Article 19 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting and sums previously transferred by Article 19 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting for the water meter program, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. 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 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Sewer Available Surplus, a sum of money for the Park Street Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money as the Town's share of the Fiscal Year 2007 expenses associated with the group purchasing program authorized by Article 25 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. 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 action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 24. 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 the Land Trust for a Town walkway to Pine Woods; and a sum of money for Parks and Recreation basketball facilities at the skate park;
- c. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money for repair of the roof and cupola at the Plain School; and a sum of money to the CPA Historical Preservation Reserve Fund for the renovation of Procter Hall.
- d. appropriate or transfer from the CPA Historical Preservation Reserve Fund a sum of money for repair of the roof and cupola at the Plain School.
- e. appropriate or transfer from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of

money for the Community Preservation Committee’s administrative fund to be used to hire technical expertise 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 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XXIII of the General Bylaws by:

(a) Striking the first paragraph of Section 2 thereof in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

The annual fee for every dog license, except as otherwise provided for by law, shall be as follows:

Male	\$15.00
Female	\$15.00
Neutered Male	\$6.00
Spayed Female	\$6.00
Substitute Tag	\$1.00
Transfer License	\$1.00

(b) Striking the second paragraph of Section 3 thereof in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

The annual fee for every kennel license shall be as follows:

One to four dogs	\$25.00
Five or more dogs	\$50.00

or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to purchase new voting equipment, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 27. 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 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws by deleting Article XXII in its entirety therefrom and replacing it with the following:

Article XXII
Historic Preservation

Section 1. Purpose

This Article is adopted for the purpose of protecting and preserving significant historic buildings within the Town and encouraging owners of such buildings to seek out alternative options to preserve, rehabilitate or restore such buildings rather than to demolish them or to alter them in a detrimental way, thereby promoting the public welfare and preserving the heritage of the Town. To achieve these purposes, the Stockbridge Planning Board and the Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission are authorized as provided herein to advise the Building Inspector with respect to the issuance of per-

mits for the demolition or alteration of significant buildings. The issuance of permits for demolition or alteration of any Significant Historic Building is regulated as provided by this Article.

Section 2. Definitions

2.1 Building – Any structure having a roof intended for shelter, housing, or enclosure of any person, process, equipment, animals or goods.

2.2 Commission – The Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission.

2.3 Demolition – Any act of pulling down, destroying, removing or razing a building or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same.

2.4 Demolition/Alteration Permit – The permit issued by the Building Inspector as required by the State Building Code for a demolition, substantial demolition, alteration, renovation or removal of a building.

2.5 Planning Board – The Town of Stockbridge Planning Board.

2.6 Significant Historic Building – Any Building that, in whole or in part, is at least fifty (50) years old and:

2.6.1 is listed on, or is a contributing Building within an area listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or is the subject of a pending application for such listing, or is eligible for such listing; or

2.6.2 has been determined by recommendation of the Commission and vote of the Planning Board to be a Building either:

(a) importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history or character of the Town, or the Commonwealth, or

(b) historically or architecturally significant (in terms of period, style, method of building construction or association with a recognized architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings.

If a Building is of unknown age, it shall be presumed to be at least fifty (50) years old.

2.7 Substantial Alteration – Any alteration of a Significant Historic Building that (a) requires a building permit, (b) alters 500 square feet or more of the Building exterior or increases the square footage of the Building by 500 square feet or more, and (c) materially compromises the historic or architectural significance of the Significant Historic Building, considering such factors as the extent to which the original architectural or historic features of the Building will be preserved or enhanced, the relation between those features and the design of any new construction, and the sensitivity to context, the compatibility and the scale of the proposed alteration.

2.8 Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission – The Commission shall consist of seven members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, three members initially to be appointed for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and each successive appointment to be made for three years. The Commission shall include, if possible, a member of the local historical commission; a realtor; an architect and a building contractor familiar with historic rehabilitation. Each member shall continue to serve in office

after the expiration date of his or her term until a successor is duly appointed. Meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the Chairperson. Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Procedure

3.1 No Demolition/Alteration Permit for a Building that is, in whole or in part, at least fifty (50) years old shall be issued other than in conformity with the provisions of this Article, as well as in conformity with the provision of other laws and Bylaws applicable to the demolition/alteration of buildings and the issuance of permits generally.

3.2 Application contents: Every application for a Demolition/Alteration Permit for a Building that is, in whole or in part, at least fifty (50) years old shall be filed with the Building Inspector and shall contain the following information: (a) the address of the Building to be demolished or altered; (b) the owner's name, address and telephone number; (c) a brief description of the type of Building and the condition requiring issuance of the permit; (d) the date of the Building, established by the Board of Assessors, deed or documentation verifying the year of construction; and (e) a brief description of the proposed reuse, reconstruction or replacement on the premises upon which the Building is located accompanied by any relevant floor plans, elevations or site plans.

In addition to the foregoing, an applicant who requires a Special Permit from the Planning Board or from the Board of Selectmen in order to perform any activity subject to the requirements of this Article may, at the time of filing an application for said Special Permit, file with the Building Inspector a Notice of intention to apply for a Demolition/Alteration Permit. Such Notice shall be filed in the same manner, and contain the same materials, as an application for a Demolition/Alteration Permit for a Building that is, in whole or in part, at least fifty (50) years old. The purpose of such Notice is to allow, if necessary, the applicable boards to hear and decide historic preservation and Special Permit matters contemporaneously, and, once filed, such Notice shall be treated, for the purpose of Historic Preservation review by the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Board, as an Application filed pursuant to this Subsection. In the event that the required Special Permit issues to the applicant, the Building Inspector may treat such Notice as an Application for a Demolition/Alteration Permit.

3.3 Within seven (7) business days from receipt of an application for a Demolition/Alteration Permit of a Building that is, in whole or in part, at least fifty (50) years old and, if applicable, that proposes an alteration of such Building that alters 500 square feet or more of the Building exterior or increases the square footage of the Building by 500 square feet or more, the Building Inspector shall forward a copy to the Commission. No Demolition/Alteration Permit shall be issued during this time.

3.4 Within thirty (30) business days after receipt by the Commission of the application for a Demolition/Alteration permit, the Commission shall make a written recommendation whether the Building is a Significant Historic Building. In the event of a proposed alteration of a Significant Historic Building, the Commission also shall make a written recommendation whether the proposed alteration is a Substantial Alteration. Upon a written recommendation by the Commission that the Building is not a Significant Historic Building, or that any proposed alteration is not a Substantial Alteration, the Commission shall so notify the Building Inspector in writing. Upon receipt of such notifi-

cation, or after the expiration of thirty (30) business days from the date of submission to the Commission, if the Building Inspector has not received notification from the Commission, the Building Inspector may issue the Demolition/Alteration Permit.

3.5 Upon a recommendation by the Commission that the Building is a Significant Historic Building, and, in the event of a proposed alteration to a Significant Historic Building, that the proposed alteration is a Substantial Alteration, the Building Inspector and Applicant shall be so notified in writing, and a Demolition/Alteration Permit shall not be issued pending a public hearing before the Planning Board and a decision by such Board. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing within 90 business days of the foregoing recommendation by the Commission to assist the Planning Board in making a final determination whether the Building is a Significant Historic Building, and, in the event of a proposed alteration to a Significant Historic Building, whether the proposed alteration is a Substantial Alteration. Public notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing shall be published by the Planning Board at the expense of the applicant in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town not less than seven (7) days before the day of said hearing and shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the Town Hall for a period of not less than seven (7) days before the day of said hearing.

3.6 If, after a public hearing, the Planning Board makes a determination that the Building is not a Significant Historic Building, or that in the event of a proposed alteration that the proposed alteration is not a Substantial Alteration, the Planning Board shall notify the Building Inspector in writing within five (5) business days of the hearing and the Building Inspector may issue the Demolition/Alteration Permit upon receipt of the written decision.

3.7 If, after a public hearing, the Planning Board makes a determination that the Building is a Significant Historic Building, and in the event of a proposed alteration that the proposed alteration is a Substantial Alteration, the Planning Board shall so notify the Building Inspector in writing within five (5) business days of the hearing, and no Demolition/Alteration Permit may be issued, subject to Paragraph 3.8 hereof.

3.8 Notwithstanding anything contained in Paragraph 3.7, the Building Inspector may issue a Demolition/Alteration Permit for a Significant Historic Building at any time after receipt of written advice from the Planning Board to the effect that the Planning Board has determined after a public hearing that (a) there is no reasonable likelihood that any person or group is willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate or restore such Building, or (b) for at least twelve (12) months, the owner has made continuing, bona fide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser willing to preserve, rehabilitate or restore the subject Building and that such efforts have been unsuccessful. "Continuing, bona fide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser" shall mean retaining a licensed broker to market the property in the usual manner over the 12-month period, obtaining an appraisal from a reputable appraiser and providing evidence of negotiations with potential buyers of the property. These efforts to sell the property shall be deemed unsuccessful only upon a finding that either there were no offers to purchase the property, or none of these offers were at least ninety (90) percent of the appraised value of the property.

In the event that the Planning Board denies an application for a favorable finding under this Paragraph, the owner may make a further application show-

ing materially new circumstances, including material revisions to any proposed Substantial Alteration.

Section 4. Responsibility of Owners

If requested by the Planning Board or the Commission, it shall be the responsibility of the owner of record or any designee thereof to assist in the facilitation of the implementation of the requirements of this Article by providing information and any architectural plans readily available to such owner or designee, allowing access to the property and securing the premises, by participating in the investigation of preservation options, and by actively cooperating in seeking alternatives with the Planning Board, the Commission and any persons designated by the Planning Board or the Commission.

Section 5. Emergency Demolition

Nothing in this Article shall restrict the Building Inspector from ordering the immediate demolition of any Building in the event of imminent danger to the safety of the public.

Section 6. Enforcement and Remedies

No person shall cause any Building that, in whole or in part, is at least fifty (50) years old to be demolished or altered except after compliance with the provisions of this Article. Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for each offense. Each continuing day of such violation may be considered a separate offense.

In accordance with *M.G.L. c.40, §21 and 21D*, the Commission, the Planning Board and the Building Inspector are each specifically authorized to impose any penalties, to institute any and all actions and proceedings, in law or equity, as they may deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this Article or to prevent a threatened violation thereof or to punish any actual violation thereof. No building permit shall be issued with respect to any premises upon which a Building has been voluntarily demolished or altered in violation of this Article for a period of three years after the date of the completion of such demolition. As used herein, "premises" refers to the parcel of land upon which the Building was located and all adjoining parcels of land under common ownership or control.

Section 7. Severability

If any provision of this Article shall be found invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall be construed as narrowly as possible and the balance of the Article shall be deemed to be amended to the minimum extent necessary to provide the Town substantially the benefits set forth in this Article. or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2.2 of the Zoning Bylaws by striking therefrom the definition of "Municipal/Governmental Use" and replacing it with the following:

MUNICIPAL/GOVERNMENTAL USE – Any land, structure, or combination thereof used or controlled predominantly for public purposes by any department or branch of the Town of Stockbridge, Berkshire County, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or federal government whether or not such department or branch owns the building or structure and/or the land on which it is situated.

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as follows:

(a) Striking the definition of Cottage Era Estate from Section 2.2 and substituting the following:

COTTAGE ERA ESTATE - A single Lot in the R-4 or R-2 Districts consisting of no less than 80 contiguous acres, having a principal one-family dwelling dating from “America’s Gilded Age” of approximately 1870-1920.

(b) Striking section 4.11.A.36 therefrom and substituting the following:

A. PRINCIPAL USES	DISTRICTS					
	R-4	R-2	R-1	R-C	B	M
36. Adaptive re-use or rehabilitation of the principal buildings, associated outbuildings and structures, amenities or grounds of a Cottage Era Estate and the construction of improvements at a Cottage Era Estate, subject to the requirements of section 6.6.	SPS	SPS	NO	NO	NO	NO

(c) Striking section 6.6.1 therefrom and substituting the following:

The purpose of this section is to authorize the Board of Selectmen to permit, by Special Permit, the adaptive re-use or rehabilitation of certain Cottage Era Estates in the R-4 and R-2 Districts, while encouraging the preservation, restoration or improvement of the original features and character of their principal buildings, associated outbuildings and structures, open spaces, views, landscape features, gardens and recreational facilities. Any Special Permit issued pursuant to this section may authorize new construction, provided that such construction is harmonious with such original features of the Cottage Era Estate.

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by:

(a) adding a new subsection 37 to section 4.11.A thereof, as follows:

	R-4	R-2	R-C	R-1	B	M
37. Adult bookstore, adult motion picture theater, adult paraphernalia store, adult video store, establishment that displays live nudity for its patrons, or other form of adult business as described in <i>M.G.L. c.40A, §9A</i> , subject to the requirements of section 6.26.	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	SPS

and (b) adding a new section 6.26, as follows:

6.26 Adult Businesses

6.26.1 Special Permit Required

A Special Permit from the Board of Selectmen shall be required for any adult bookstore, adult motion picture theater, adult paraphernalia store, adult video store, establishment that displays live nudity for its patrons, or other form of adult business as described in *M.G.L. c.40A, §9A*.

6.26.2 Special Permit Applications

An application for a Special Permit pursuant to this section shall comply with the rules relative thereto, adopted by the Board of Selectmen and kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and with the requirements of section 6.3.

6.26.3 Special Requirements

No Special Permit pursuant to this section may issue to any person convicted of violating *M.G.L. c.119, §63* or *M.G.L. c.272, §28*.

6.26.4 Location

Notwithstanding any provision of Section 5 to the contrary, no adult motion picture theater, adult paraphernalia store, adult video store, establishment that displays live nudity to its patrons, or other form of adult business as described in *M.G.L. c.40A, §9A* may be located:

- a. Within fifty (50) feet of a public or private way;
- b. Within two hundred (200) feet of a property line;
- c. Within one thousand (1000) feet of another adult business for which a Special Permit has previously been issued pursuant to this section;
- d. Within one thousand (1000) feet of an establishment licensed pursuant to the provisions of *M.G.L. c.138, §12*;
- e. Within one thousand (1000) feet of a Residential Zoning District or residential use; or
- f. Within one thousand (1000) feet of a church or other religious use, public or private school, child care facility, public playground, park or conservation area in existence at the time of the application for a Special Permit pursuant to this section.

6.26.5 Adult Business Signs

No sign advertising an adult business shall be permitted unless each of the following standards is fully satisfied:

- a. No illuminated sign shall be permitted;
- b. No free-standing sign shall be permitted;
- c. A sign may be located only on a building in which there is an adult business operating under a Special Permit issued pursuant to this section;
- d. The size of the sign shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet;
- e. No temporary signs and no window signs shall be permitted; and
- f. All requirements of section 6.8 shall be satisfied.

6.26.6 Lapse of Special Permit

Notwithstanding any provision of section 6.3 to the contrary, a Special Permit issued pursuant to this section shall lapse one year from the date of its issuance if substantial use or construction pursuant to its terms has not commenced, except for good cause.

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by striking section 6.5 therefrom and replacing it with the following:

6.5 Lake and Pond Overlay District (LPOD)

6.5.1 Purpose

The Lake and Pond Overlay District (LPOD) is intended to protect and enhance the principal lakefronts and shorelines of the Town of Stockbridge; to maintain safe and healthful conditions; to prevent and control water pollution; and to preserve habitat, vegetative cover and natural beauty.

6.5.2 Description

This LPOD shall include:

- The lakefront of the Stockbridge Bowl Lily Pond, Echo Lake, Mohawk Lake and Agawam Lake and one hundred fifty (150) feet back from the high water mark of these waterbodies;
- The shoreline of the Housatonic River and its permanent tributaries and one hundred fifty (150) feet back from the high water mark of the River and its permanent tributaries; and
- Kampoosa Bog, which shall include all the contiguous or hydrologically connected Wetland Resources Areas as defined under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and Regulations (310 CMR 10), draining ultimately into Kampoosa Brook, upstream of the earthen berm that extends easterly from Route 7 shown on Stockbridge tax map #26, lot #49 and one hundred fifty (150) feet back from their boundaries.

6.5.3 Relation to Other Districts

The LPOD is an overlay district mapped over other districts. Where there is an inconsistency between the requirements of Section 6.5 and the regulations otherwise applicable in such other districts, the more restrictive provision shall be deemed to apply.

6.5.4 Applicability

a. Jurisdictional Activities

Except as otherwise provided in Section 6.5, no building, structure or land use activity shall be permitted except pursuant to a special permit issued by the Planning Board pursuant to the requirements of Sections 6.3 and 6.5.

For the purposes of Section 6.5, "land use activity" shall mean any significant change in the physical characteristics of land or the physical or chemical characteristics of the wastewater produced from a building or structure, but excluding any exempt uses listed in paragraph b of this subsection. Except as otherwise provided in said paragraph b, "land use activity" shall include, but not be limited to: any extension or alteration of an existing structure; any removal of vegetation; any road or driveway; any excavation for the purpose of removing earth materials; and any facility designed to prevent or mitigate the impacts of stormwater or associated drainage.

b. Exempt Activities

The following activities do not require a special permit, but must nevertheless comply with the requirements of subsection 6.5.9:

- Any principal or accessory use, otherwise permitted by this Bylaw, to be located within an existing structure, provided that any extension or alteration of such structure does not increase the height of the structure

and is no closer to the high water mark than the existing structure; the resulting structure complies with applicable yard, lot coverage and floor area requirements of Section 5.5; and the chemical characteristics of any wastewater produced from such use are not significantly changed;

- Ordinary repair or maintenance of, or interior alterations to, existing structures;
- Removal of dead, diseased or dying trees and vegetation;
- Ordinary pruning or maintenance of shrubs or trees;
- Other gardening uses that do not involve the cutting of shrubs or trees;
- Structures under one hundred (100) square feet in footprint area; and
- Recreational, municipal or governmental uses that, by their nature, must be located within the LPOD.

6.5.5 Prohibited Activities

The following activities shall be prohibited within the LPOD:

- The storage or dumping of any waste material, junk, refuse, or other debris;
- The discharge or application of wastewater or any pollutant; and
- The relocation of perennial or intermittent watercourses, the filling or reclaiming of wetlands and watercourses, the mining or removal of topsoil, subsoil, clay, peat, gravel, sand, shale or other similar materials.

6.5.6 Required Findings

The Planning Board shall approve a special permit for any building, structure or land use activity within the LPOD if it finds that the building, structure or land use activity meets all application and site plan requirements set forth in Section 6.3 and subsection 6.5.8 and all applicable land use and development standards set forth in subsection 6.5.9.

6.5.7 Procedure

The procedure for review and approval under this section shall be as set forth in Sections 6.3 and 6.5.

A Site Plan satisfying the requirements of subsections 6.3.7 and 6.5.8 is required for any proposed building, structure or land use activity within the LPOD for which a special permit is required.

Special Permit applications and site plans shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for its review and comment to the Planning Board.

6.5.8 Application and Site Plan Requirements

In addition to the application and site plan data required by Section 6.3, an Applicant for a special permit pursuant to Section 6.5 shall submit the following information to the Planning Board for its review:

- Boundaries of the property plotted to scale;
- Existing watercourses;
- A grading and drainage plan, showing existing and proposed contours at a two (2) foot contour in the area of activities for which a special permit under section 6.5 is being sought, and a five (5) foot contour elsewhere;
- The location and description of existing and proposed features;

- The location, design, and construction materials of all driveway, parking and loading areas;
- The location of all stormwater drainage areas (catchments) for each distinct receiving water/wetland area within and/or downgradient of activities for which a special permit under section 6.5 is being sought;
- Soils-based stormwater infiltration rates using the following table:

Texture Class	NRCS Hydrologic Soil Group	Design Infiltration Rate (inches per hour)
Sand	A	8.27
Loamy Sand	A	2.41
Sandy Loam	B	1.02
Loam	B	0.52
Silt Loam	C	0.27
Sandy Clay Loam	C	0.17
Clay Loam	D	0.09
Silty Clay Loam	D	0.06
Sandy Clay	D	0.05
Silty Clay	D	0.04
Clay	D	0.02

- Plans and specifications for soil erosion and sedimentation control measures;
- A timing schedule indicating anticipated starting and completion dates, the sequence of anticipated tasks, and the duration of exposure of each disturbed area prior to the completion of effective erosion and sediment control measures;
- For any land use activity involving the construction or expansion of a building or structure, the paving of roads, or the creation of driveway, parking and loading area, the results of a pollutant loading model demonstrating that stormwater flow on or from the site will not result in a discharge of any pollutant in violation of subsection 6.5.5. Such model shall evaluate the loadings of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), bacteria, metals and total suspended solids, the expected removal rates associated with any stormwater treatment facility and the resulting loads to the LPOD.

The site plan shall be developed subsequent to, and in accordance with an existing natural resources conditions inventory that shows topography including steep slopes (greater than 10%), severe slopes (greater than 20%), soils limitations (constraints related to septic system suitability and erosive characteristics as mapped by the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service) and vegetation.

6.5.9 Land Use and Development Standards

All buildings, structures and land use activities shall comply with the following standards:

a. Development of Lots

- The minimum setback from the high water mark for buildings and structures shall be one hundred (100) feet.

- The maximum lot coverage by buildings, structures and impermeable surfaces within the LPOD shall be fifteen (15) percent of the total lot area within the LPOD.
 - All driveway, parking and loading areas shall be constructed of permeable materials.
- b. Erosion and Sedimentation Control
- Natural vegetation shall be maintained on at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the total lot area within the LPOD.
 - Grading shall not result in the creation of slopes greater than twenty percent (20%) within the LPOD.
 - Activities that result in slopes exceeding ten percent (10%) shall incorporate the use of staked haybales, siltation fences, sedimentation basins and silt traps to control sedimentation and erosion during construction. Such practices shall be implemented within twenty-four (24) hours of clearing and excavation and shall be maintained until completion of all such activities.
 - All activities shall be completed within 90 days from original clearing and excavation, except as otherwise authorized by the Building Inspector, in order to minimize exposure to sedimentation and erosion.
 - In cleared areas surrounding the creation of new impermeable surfaces, temporary or permanent vegetative landscaping shall be employed within seven (7) days of initial clearing and excavation.
 - Stockpiled soils or other erodible materials shall be securely covered and/or vegetated to avoid erosion and sedimentation during construction.
- c. Stormwater Management
- Upon completion of activities for which a special permit under Section 6.5 has been granted, stormwater runoff rates shall match pre-development (natural) conditions for the two-, twenty-five- and one-hundred- (2-, 25- and 100-) year events in each catchment area.
 - Upon completion of activities for which a special permit under Section 6.5 has been granted, annual groundwater recharge rates shall match pre-development (natural) conditions to preserve groundwater supplies and to protect baseflow to downgradient streams, lakes and wetlands.
 - Upon completion of activities for which a special permit under Section 6.5 has been granted, additional stormwater recharge shall be provided in an amount equal to the total volume of consumptive uses of groundwater withdrawals, such as drinking water and irrigation, on the site.
 - Stormwater treatment using bioretention areas, constructed wetlands or organic filters shall be provided for the first flush (one-inch) rainstorm from roads, other paved areas and metallic roofs prior to infiltration/recharge. Stormwater treatment facilities may be designed to include both static storage and dynamic infiltration (infiltration that occurs during the peak 2 hours of the design storm event).
 - Pollutant loading shall be less than the following receiving water standards:
 - a. Phosphorus 0.08 mg/liter
 - b. Bacteria 200 colonies/100 milliliters
 - c. Metals applicable federal and state drinking water standards
 - d. Cutting

- Except as otherwise permitted by this subsection, no vegetation may be removed within thirty-five (35) feet extending inland from any point along the high water mark. This area shall be maintained as an undisturbed natural buffer strip.
- For the purpose of water access, a contiguous clear-cut opening in the buffer strip, not to exceed thirty-five (35) feet in width or twenty percent (20%) of the lot's frontage along the water, whichever is less, shall be permitted. Such opening shall not be less than thirty (30) degrees from perpendicular to the water's edge.

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 52 of the 1999 Annual Town meeting by striking the words "Executive Secretary" therefrom and replacing them with the words "Town Administrator" or to take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a new Section 7 to Article VIII as follows:

Section 7. No person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, or otherwise alter resource areas protected by this Article, or cause, suffer, or allow such activity, or leave in place unauthorized fill, or otherwise fail to restore illegally altered land to its original condition, or fail to comply with a permit or an enforcement order issued pursuant to this Article.

The Conservation Commission, its agents, officers, and employees shall have authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this Article and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys, or sampling as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth.

The Commission shall have authority to enforce this Article, its regulations, and permits issued thereunder by letters, phone calls, electronic communication and other informal methods, violation notices, non-criminal citations under M.G.L. c.40, §21D, and civil and criminal court actions. Any person who violates provisions of this Article may be ordered to restore the property to its original condition and take other action deemed necessary to remedy such violations, or may be fined, or both.

Upon request of the Commission, the Chief of Police may take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

Municipal boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police powers, shall have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement.

Any person who violates any provision of this Article, or regulations, permits, or administrative orders issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues, or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place, shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the Article, regulations, permits, or administrative orders violated shall constitute a separate offense.

As an alternative to criminal prosecution in a specific case, the Commission may issue citations with specific penalties pursuant to the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in M.G.L. c.40, §21D.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by striking Article XIII therefrom and replacing it with the following:

Article XIII
Penalty Provisions and Enforcement

Section 1. Whoever violates any bylaw of the Town shall pay for each ofense a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars unless some other penalty is expressly provided by law or by some bylaw of the Town. Each continuing day of such violation may be considered a separate offense.

Section 2. Any bylaw of the Town of Stockbridge, or any rule or regulation of any town officer, board or department, the violation of which is subject to a specific penalty, may, in the discretion of the town official who is the appropriate enforcing person, be enforced in the method provided in M.G.L. c.40, §21D. The term “Enforcing Person,” as used in this Article, shall mean any police officer with respect to any offense; the Building Inspector, Animal Control Officer, Board of Health or Health Officer, Parks and Recreation Commission, Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners, Tree Warden, Conservation Commission or Conservation Agent, Historical Commission and any such other official as the Board of Selectmen may from time to time designate, each with respect to violation of bylaws and rules and regulations within their respective jurisdictions. If more than one official has jurisdiction in a given case, any such official may be an Enforcing Person with respect thereto.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following bylaws are to be included within the scope of this Article, and the specific penalties and enforcing persons listed herein shall apply in such cases:

Article VI, Section 3	(Motor Boats on Housatonic)
Penalty:	\$10
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer
Article VI, Section 4	(Dog Restraints)
Penalty:	\$10
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer, Animal Control Officer
Article VII, Section 7	(Wetlands)
Penalty:	\$100
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer, Conservation Commission, Conservation Agent
Article IX, Section 8	(Trash Disposal - Recycling)
Penalty:	\$300
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer, Board of Health, Health Officer
Article X	(Junk Cars)
Penalty:	\$10
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer

Article XI, Section 7	(Beach Regulations)
Penalty:	\$25
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer, Parks and Recreation Commission
Article XIV, Section 6.2	(Sewers and Drains)
Penalty:	\$20
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer, Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners
Article XVI, Section 5	(Stockbridge Bowl)
Penalty:	\$50 for the first offense and \$100 for the second offense
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer, Parks and Recreation Commission
Article XVII, Section 4	(Curb Cuts and Street Openings)
Penalty:	\$100
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer
Article XIX, Section 4	(Scenic Roads)
Penalty:	\$300
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer, Planning Board, Tree Warden
Article XX, Section 6	(Water use Restrictions)
Penalty:	\$50 for the first violation and \$100 for each subsequent violation
Enforcing Persons:	Police Officer, Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners
Article XXI, Section 6	(Historic Preservation)
Penalty:	\$100
Enforcing Persons:	Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Board, Building Inspector

or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 36. 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 37. 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 38. 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 15, 2006 at the Stockbridge Plain School, 50 Main Street. The official Warrant will be issued at a later date in accordance with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 39, section 10.

Article 5

Appropriations Recommended For 2006/2007

	Approved Budget 7/1/05 to 6/30/06	Recommended Budget 7/1/06 to 6/30/07
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
1 Moderator	177	182
Moderator Expense	25	25
2 Selectmen-Salaries		
Chairman	4,693	4,834
2 Members	7,686	7,916
3 Selectmen Expenses	14,150	13,450
Executive Secretary	50,149	53,757
4 Finance Committee	2,500	2,500
5 Town Reserve Fund	50,000	100,000
6 Accountant-Salary	39,891	41,088
Accountant Expenses	12,300	12,300
7 Assessors-Salaries		
Chairman	3,372	3,473
2 Members	5,398	5,560
Assistant Assessor	41,697	42,948
Ass't Assessor Certified Pay	1,000	1,000
Clerk	23,852	24,568
Assessor Expenses	5,080	4,650
8 Treasurer-Salary		
Treasurer	18,455	25,345
Assistant Treasurer	526	542
Treasurer Expenses	8,600	8,645
9 Town Collector-Salaries		
Collector	34,384	35,416
Collector Certified Pay	1,000	0
Assistant Collector	23,072	23,764
Clerical	1,500	1,500
Town Collector Expenses	12,800	12,330
10 Legal Retainer	29,000	29,870
Legal Expenses	250	250
11 Town Clerk-Salary	29,809	30,703
Town Clerk Expenses	3,100	3,100
12 Election and Registration Salaries	6,325	6,515
Election and Registration Expenses	6,100	8,900
13 Conservation Commission	7,500	7,500
14 Planning Board	8,550	7,900
15 Board of Appeals	50	50
16 Town Hall Salaries	26,872	40,842
Town Hall Expenses	90,700	74,850
17 Information Technology Director Salaries	31,519	32,465
Information Technology Director Expenses	104,000	99,000
18 Town Report	5,500	5,500
Total General Government	711,582	773,238

PUBLIC SAFETY			
19	Police-Salaries	440,891	430,979
	Police Expenses	43,700	57,055
20	Fire Salaries	8,820	9,084
	Fire Expenses	44,275	48,375
21	Lee Volunteer Ambulance Service	7,000	9,000
22	Animal Control Salary	4,071	4,193
	Animal Control Expenses	3,000	1,500
23	Building Inspector-Salary	24,041	24,675
	Building Inspector Expenses	3,950	4,475
24	Gas Inspector-Salary	1,070	1,102
	Gas Inspector Expenses	990	1,150
25	Plumbing Inspector-Salary	4,523	4,659
	Plumbing Inspector Expenses	1,075	1,250
26	Wire Inspector-Salary	5,130	5,284
	Wire Inspector Expenses	1,300	1,500
27	Civil Defense/Emergency Management	300	1,450
28	Tree Warden Salary	1,560	1,607
	Tree Warden Expenses	<u>41,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>
Total Public Safety		636,696	646,338

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	290,575	305,420
	Highway Department Expenses	140,300	114,210
	Highway - Snow and Ice	35,000	40,000
	Highway Machinery	59,500	62,500
	Highway Compactor-Salaries	20,462	21,076
	Highway Compactor Expenses	121,500	121,500
	Highway Cemetery-Salaries	24,680	25,420
	Highway Cemetery Expenses	5,700	5,700
32	Streetlights	32,000	44,800
33	Trash Removal	3,000	3,000
34	Sewer Department-Salaries	85,592	88,904
	Sewer Department Expenses	149,600	209,758
35	Water Department -Salaries	60,628	62,582
	Water Department Expenses	100,550	131,100
36	Hydrant Rental	<u>12,900</u>	<u>12,900</u>
Total Public Works & Facilities		1,141,987	1,248,870

HUMAN SERVICES			
37	Board of Health-Salaries		
	Clerk	941	649
	2 Members	950	1,298
	Animal Inspector	697	718
	Agent	255	262
	Board of Health Expenses	642	592
	Health Officer-Tri-Town Health	41,414	38,393

38 Visiting Nurses Association	6,864	6,864
39 Berkshire Mental Health Center	2,987	2,987
40 Council on Aging-Salaries	14,525	14,856
Council on Aging Expenses	3,250	3,100
41 Veterans Services-District	<u>13,665</u>	<u>14,412</u>
Total Human Services	86,190	84,131

CULTURE AND RECREATION

42 Library	92,575	92,575
43 Chime Tower	800	800
44 Parks & Recreation Commission-Salaries	19,200	19,200
Parks & Recreation Commission Expenses	11,250	9,690
45 Historical Commission	750	750
46 Memorial Day Committee	2,000	2,000
47 Historic District	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total Culture and Recreation	127,075	125,515

DEBT SERVICE

48 Loans-Interest (Water)	59,741	57,026
Loans-Principal (Water)	60,345	60,345
Loans-Interest (Sewer)	120,510	116,741
Principal (Sewer)	175,868	179,640
Admin Fee (Sewer)	<u>8,710</u>	<u>8,354</u>
Total Debt Service	425,174	422,106

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

49 Berkshire County Retirement	171,654	178,305
50 Unemployment Insurance	0	0
51 Berkshire County Employees Insurance	<u>306,792</u>	<u>306,200</u>
Total Employee Benefits	478,446	484,505

UNCLASSIFIED

52 Insurance	88,172	88,500
53 Police Annuity	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Unclassified	88,172	88,500
Total Recommended	3,695,322	3,873,203

Warrant Articles For FY'07

May 15, 2006

1. Election Of Officers And Question	
2. Choose Officers For Annual Town Meeting	
3. Town Report	
4. Fix Salary And Compensation For Elective Officers	
5. Overall Budget	3,873,203
6. Berkshire Hills Regional School Operating Budget	2,207,729
7. Berkshire Hills Regional School Capital Budget	232,025
8. Plain School	101,513
9. Police Cruiser	25,000
10. Police Firearms	2,500
11. Police Bullet Proof Vests	8,000
12. Fire~Monies To Stabilization For Fire Truck	50,000
13. Highway~Road Work	124,687
14. Landfill~From Stabilization to be Added to Art 15 ATM 5/03	135,700
15. Stockbridge Bowl	5,000
16. From Stockbridge Bowl Funds for Permitting	12,000
17. Water Tank~Monies Toward A New Tank Into Stabilization	100,000
18. Water~System Repairs and Line Repairs	10,000
19. Water~Meter Program to be Added to Article 19 of FY05(5/04)	10,000
20. Sewer~Debt Payment	98,794
21. Sewer~Park St. Sewer Line Rehab Project	30,000
22. Group Purchasing	400
23. Hazardous Waste Collection	2,000
24. Community Preservation Article	240,000
25. Amend Town Bylaws~Increase Dog License Fees	
26. Clerk~Voting equipment	6,200
27. Legal And Expert Witness Fees To Defend Zoning/Subdivision	72,000
28. Historic Preservation Task Force Bylaw	
29. Amend Zoning Bylaws~Municipal/Government Definition	
30. Amend Zoning Bylaws~Cottage Era Estate	
31. Amend Zoning Bylaws~Adult Entertainment	
32. Amend Zoning Bylaws~Lake and Pond Overlay District	
33. Amend Article 52 of the May 1999 ~Ex. Sect'y/Town Admin	
34. Amend Town Bylaws~Wetlands	
35. Amend Town Bylaws~Chapter 40, Section 21 D~"Ticketing" Procedure for Bylaw Violations	
36. Lower Tax Rate	
37. Stabilization	
38. Other Business	
TOTAL ARTICLES FY07	7,346,751

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CLASS FLOWER—Yellow Rose

CLASS MOTTO—"We are only certain of today;
 Yesterday is gone, and
 Tomorrow is always coming."

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