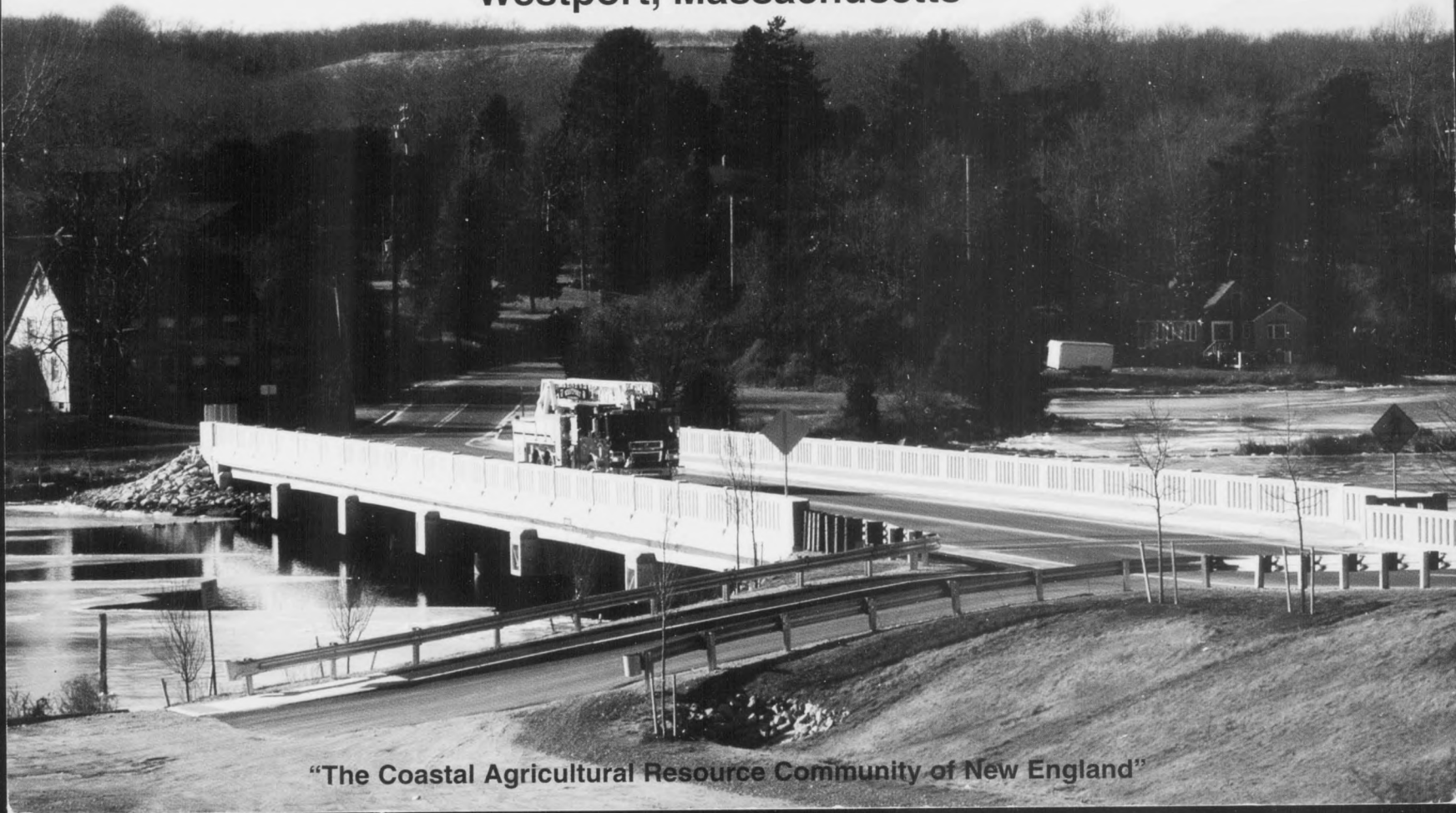


# 2006 TOWN OF WESTPORT ANNUAL REPORT

Westport, Massachusetts



"The Coastal Agricultural Resource Community of New England"

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ANNUAL REPORTS**

**2006**



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
&  
OTHER BOARDS OF OFFICERS**

Including a Statement of the  
Receipts and Expenditures  
for the Fiscal Year Ending  
June 30, 2006

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WHO SERVED THE TOWN OF WESTPORT  
AND PASSED AWAY DURING THE YEAR 2006**

**LINDA C. BROWN**

Teacher  
5/1967 – 6/2002

**JOSEPH "TONY" CORMIER**

Westport Housing Authority  
2002 – 2004

**LOUISE D. HOUGHTELING**

Cable Advisory Committee  
2005 - 2006

**RUTH HOWLAND**

Precinct Worker  
1968 - 1998

**MARGUERITE PLAMONDON**

Westport Citizens Betterment Committee  
1994 – 2006

**RAYMOND RAPOSA**

Highway Department  
4/5/61 – 2/1991

**MURIEL ST. AMOUR**

Precinct Worker  
1970 - 2005

**MANUEL VITAL**

School Custodian  
4/1961 – 5/1983

## **A TRIBUTE**

**TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE DEDICATED AT LEAST FIVE YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WESTPORT**

**CYNTHIA BOLDUC**

Council on Aging  
2001 – 2006

**PHYLLIS CURRIER**

Council on Aging  
1999 – 2006

**STEVEN J. OUELLETTE**

Recreation Commission  
2000 – 2006

**JAMES REITZAS**

Westport Arts Council  
2000 - 2006

**LOIS E. SPIRTLET**

Council on Aging  
1993 - 2006

**KEITH SPOONER**

Landfill/Transfer Station  
2001 – 2006

**BETTY J. SPRAY**

Westport Arts Council  
2000 – 2006

**HENRY M. SWAN**

Westport Arts Council  
2000 – 2006

**CAROL VIDAL**

Westport Arts Council  
2000 - 2006

## A TRIBUTE

TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE DEDICATED AT LEAST FIVE YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO THE WESTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

**ELENA BORGES**

Executive Secretary  
6/20/00 – 9/15/06

**NANCY DURFEE**

Assistant Principal  
8/13/01 – 8/18/06

**CYNTHIA HARRISON**

School Nurse  
8/30/00 – 1/2/06

**JOAN RILEY**

Assistant Director of Guidance  
9/1/99 – 7/31/06



Hix Bridge Dedication Ceremony November 3, 2006

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST TEN YEARS  
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WESTPORT**

**Armand Levesque**

Highway Department  
5/12/90 – 10/2/06



**Stephen A. Motta**

Fire Department  
6/1/69 – 1/28/06



## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST TEN YEARS  
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE WESTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**PAMELA PECKHAM-CHACE**

Teacher  
9/8/75 – 8/31/06

**INGE DEFUSCO**

Teacher  
9/13/76 – 8/31/06

**THERESA LAWRENCE**

Teacher Assistant  
9/25/95 – 7/31/06

**ANTHONY MELLI**

Director of Guidance  
7/10/72 – 7/1/06

**CAROL MICHAEL**

Teacher  
8/26/74 – 8/31/06

**JOHN MONIZ**

Teacher  
8/14/72 – 8/31/06

**JOANNE MORRIS**

Teacher  
5/24/88 – 8/31/06

**ANDRE PROVOST**

Teacher  
6/14/76 – 8/31/06

**PAULA SMITH**

Teacher  
6/25/73 – 8/31/06

**BRENDA STONE**

School Psychologist  
8/29/94 – 6/30/06

**JOHN SULLIVAN**

Teacher  
5/22/72 – 8/31/06

**JOAN TRAVERS**

Teacher  
9/13/76 – 9/14/06

**BRUCE VINCELETTE**

Teacher  
5/25/71 – 8/31/06

## ABOUT WESTPORT

### SETTLED:

1670 - Incorporated July 2, 1787  
200 years old in 1987

### COUNTY:

Bristol

### POPULATION:

1950 - 4,987  
1960 - 7,185  
1970 - 9,313  
1980 - 13,604  
1990 - 13,241  
2000 - 14,206  
2006 - 15,143

### AREA:

61 Square Miles - 33,900 acres (Road Mileage - approximately  
140 miles of accepted street, not including Routes 6, 88 & 177)

### HIGHEST ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL:

240 Feet

### TAX RATE:

Fiscal Year 2007	\$ 5.25
Fiscal Year 2006	\$ 5.33
Fiscal Year 2005	\$ 6.14
Fiscal Year 2004	\$ 8.07
Fiscal Year 2003	\$ 8.25
Fiscal Year 2002	\$ 10.20
Fiscal Year 2001	\$ 9.33
Fiscal Year 2000	\$ 10.12

### FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Open Town Meeting - Annual Meeting 1st Tuesday in May  
Board Of Selectmen/Town Administrator

### ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:

2nd Tuesday in April

### HOSPITALS NEARBY:

Charlton Memorial & St. Anne's in Fall River  
St. Luke's in New Bedford

### HUMAN SERVICES:

Council on Aging  
Veterans Services

### HEALTH:

Part-Time Community Nurse



### PUBLIC SAFETY:

Full-Time Fire Department with two fire stations  
Trained Paramedics & EMT's provide emergency  
& ambulance service  
Full-Time Police Department

### UTILITIES:

Electrical service provided by Eastern Edison Company &  
Commonwealth Electric Company  
Natural gas service provided by Fall River Gas Company  
Phone service provided by Bell Atlantic

### SCHOOLS:

#### Public:

Elementary - Alice A. Macomber & Westport Elementary School  
Westport Middle School  
Westport High School  
Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Bristol County Agricultural High School

#### Private:

Several private schools, nursery schools & day care centers

### CHURCHES:

Three Catholic; two Congregational; one Methodist;  
one Quaker, Calvary Bible; one Chapel (seasonal)

### RECREATION:

State Reservation - Horseneck Beach; thirty-five miles of  
shoreline and ponds provide for boating; sailing; fishing and  
other water related sports; hunting; wide variety of seasonal  
programs and events under the jurisdiction of the Community  
Center Committee

### POST OFFICES:

Main Office - 649 State Road Route 6), 02790  
Central Village Station - 10 Adamsville Road, 02790  
Noquochoke Station - Old County Road, 02790  
Westport Point - Main Road, 02791



Paul Leuvelink, Oyster Fisherman

## THE PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT YOU

### GOVERNOR

His Excellency, Deval Patrick (D)  
Office of the Governor, Room 360  
Boston, MA 02133

### SENATORS IN CONGRESS

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy (D)  
U.S. Senate, Russell Office Building, Rm.315  
Washington, D.C. 20510 or  
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Rm.2400-A  
Boston, MA 02203

The Honorable John Kerry (D)  
U.S. Senate, Russell Office Building, Rm.421  
Washington, D.C. 20510 or  
222 Millikin Boulevard, Suite 311  
Fall River, MA 02721

### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

The Honorable Barney Frank (D)  
2252 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2104 or  
558 Pleasant Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT 1ST BRISTOL DISTRICT

The Honorable Joan M. Menard  
Room 520, State House, Boston, MA 02133 or  
1 Government Center, Room 235  
Fall River, MA 02721

### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 8TH BRISTOL DISTRICT

The Honorable Michael Rodrigues (D)  
Room 43, State House, Boston, MA 02133  
or 151 State Road, Westport, MA 02790

### BRISTOL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

P.O. Box 208  
Taunton, MA 02780

Maria F. Lopes  
Arthur R. Machado  
Christopher T. Saunders  
Marc J. Santos, Esq., Clerk of the Board  
(508) 824-9681

## TOWN OFFICERS - 2006

### SELECTMEN

David P. Dionne	2007
Steven J. Ouellette	2008
Veronica F. Beaulieu	2008
J. Duncan Albert	2009
Robert P. Rebello	2009

### TERM EXPIRES

### TOWN CLERK

Marlene M. Samson	2008
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### MODERATOR

Steven W. Fors	2007
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### TREASURER

George E. Foster	2008
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### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Carol A. Borden	2008
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### ASSESSORS

Stephen J. Medeiros	2007
John J. McDermott	2008
Robert Grillo	2009

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Sean M. Leach	2007
Donna L. Lambert	2008
John J. Colletti	2009

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paul Menzies	2007
Julia Bernert	2007
Robert J. Kowalczyk	2008
Sally Huntington	2009
Kelly Cooper	2009

### REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paul Jennings	2008
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### HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Harold J. Sisson, Jr.	2008
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### FISH COMMISSIONERS

Daniel P. Sullivan	2007
Michael D. O'Connor	2008
James Coughlan	2009

### CONSTABLES

Joseph Migliori	2008
William A. Pariseau	2008

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Deborah J. Lee	2007
Marjorie T. Sandborg	2007
Pauline B. Dooley	2008
Joseph A. Wisniewski Jr.	2008
Nancy M. Dawson	2009
Susan B. Pedreira	2009

**TERM EXPIRES****LANDING COMMISSIONERS**

Stafford Hart	2007
Harold J. Sisson, Jr.	2008
Christopher R. Gillespie	2009
Carl Tripp	2009

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Marjorie A. Holden	2006
(State Appointed 3/11/02)	
J. Duncan Albert	2008
Ronald E. Costa	2009
Elizabeth A. Collins	2010
Donald Maynard	2011

**PLANNING BOARD**

Timothy H. Gillespie	2007
Philip Hudner (appointed 6/26/06)	2007
Wayne A. Sunderland	2008
Gregory Franchetti	2009
Thomas Perkins (Resigned 6/1/06)	2010
John Montano	2011

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF TRUST FUNDS**

Ronald Costa	2007
Brian J. Sullivan	2008
Donna Amaral	2009



Highway Department Employees Who Worked on the S.319 Grant at the Head of Westport  
(left to right) Clint Boulds, Jack Sisson, Tony Medeiros, Chris Gonsalves & Randy Rapoza

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

## VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS.....	109
MARRIAGES.....	62
DEATHS.....	116
POPULATION.....	15,143
NUMBER OF VOTERS.....	10,826
BURIAL PERMITS ISSUED.....	41

## LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK 2006

<u>Dog Licenses</u>	Amount
Individual	1,226
Kennel	12
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$10,126.00

<u>Hunting &amp; Fishing Licenses</u>	
Individual Licenses	181
Massachusetts Waterfowl Stamps	47
Archery Stamps	50
Primitive Firearms Stamps	47
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 6,364.25

<u>Beach Stickers</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$46,240.00

<u>State Boat Ramp (Route 88)</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 8,540.00

<u>Shellfish Permits</u>	
Commercial Shellfish	64
Commercial Student	0
Dredging Permits	0
Family Shellfish	450
Senior Citizen Shellfish	157
Non-Resident Shellfish	54
14-Day Shellfish	7
Duplicate Licenses	5
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$24,995.00

<u>Scallop Permits</u>	
Commercial Scallop	1
Family Scallop	6

Senior Citizen Scallop	2
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 320.00

### Miscellaneous Fees

Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$21,039.50
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### Auctioneers Licenses 2006

FEE \$30.00

(License Expires One Year from Date of Issue)

	ISSUED
Stephen Medeiros	08/3/06
920 Sodom Road, Westport, MA	
Ronald E. Pollack	04/27/06
14 Essex Street, Fall River, MA	

### Gasoline Registration Renewals

FEE \$10.00

(Due: On or before April 30th) ISSUED 18

### Junk Collectors Licenses 2006

FEE \$25.00

(License Expires May 1, 2007)

	ISSUED
William C. White	03/31/06
Margaret F. Bothelo	04/25/06
Robert J. Desmarais	04/28/06
Excel Recycling LLC	05/11/06
Mid City Scrap Iron	05/18/06
Edward Pereira	06/07/06
Ellen Drapeau	07/21/06
John S. Pacheco	09/06/06

### Raffle-Bazaar Permits 2006

FEE \$20.00

(License Expires One Year from Date of Issue)

	ISSUED
On Stage Theatrical Productions Inc.	03/13/06
WESMAC/PTO	03/31/06
Faxon Animal Rescue League	06/06/06
St. John the Baptist Church	07/14/06
PAWHS - PTA	07/21/06
Concerts at the Point, Inc.	09/01/06
Exchange Club of Fall River	10/20/06
Westport Federation of Teachers	10/26/06
St. George Church	10/30/06
Lions Club of Westport	11/15/06
A Wish Come True	11/30/06

## Justice Of The Peace

Gerald Coutinho  
110C Pettey Lane

Leo Duquette  
56 Monroe Street

Armand Goyette  
38 Tripp Drive

Constance Desilets  
283 Tickle Road

Byron Trefonides  
15 Deacon Road



(Top Photo) The Westport Highway Department **Striving** to Help the Environment August 16, 2005  
(Bottom Photo) Head of Westport After Work on S.319 Grant Was Finished June 26, 2006



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 2006.

### Board Composition

The April election brought forth two new members, J. Duncan Albert and Robert P. Rebello who defeated former Selectmen Elizabeth A. Collins and Richard M. Tongue. We wish to acknowledge the immense talent and insight they brought to the Board as well as the numerous hours they both spent carrying out their duties. The Board wishes them both well in their future endeavors. Steven J. Ouellette was elected Chairman while David P. Dionne was seated as Vice-Chairman. Robert Rebello was elected Clerk while Veronica F. Beaulieu and J. Duncan Albert served as regular board members.

### Personnel

This year we encountered very little activity with respect to retirements or staff replacement. In January, however, Fire Chief Stephen A. Motta retired. The Board interviewed two strong candidates to fill the position, Brian A. Legendre and Allen N. "Sam" Manley. Mr. Legendre was appointed Fire Chief and after several qualified candidates were interviewed for the Deputy Fire Chief's position, Chief Legendre appointed Mr. Manley to that position. We wish them both successes in their new careers.

This past summer we advertised for a new Town Administrator to replace current retiring Town Administrator Charlene R. Wood. The Board appointed a Town Administrator Screening Committee who did an outstanding job of selecting five finalists for the Board to interview. The Board interviewed a total of seven candidates from the thirty-three applicants. Marc Rousseau of New Bedford was selected to fill the position and after an unsuccessful attempt at negotiating a contract, declined. The attempt to fill the position was on going by year's end by re-advertising the position.

The Board of Selectmen was able to settle three-year contracts (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009) with the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department and the Town Hall, Library and Cemetery unit.

### Grants

The Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program was able to assist a total of twenty families throughout the entire program under the capable direction of Program Manager Nelia Williams with the assistance of Clerk Wilma Woodruff, Housing Specialist Robert Maltais, and Consultants Marilyn Whalley and Sharon Gay. Town Administrator Charlene Wood continued to oversee the program. While many building code violations were addressed, there were also six septic systems brought into Title V compliance. With the addition of these affordable housing units, the town's Subsidized Housing Inventory is nearly five (5%) percent.

The Town hired Larry Koff Associates of Cambridge, MA to write a grant for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) next round of grant applications. Hopefully the town's application will be approved to help the additional twenty-five moderate to low-income applicants on the waiting list. To assist in the tedious application selection process, the Board appointed a Housing Rehabilitation Advisory Committee consisting of representatives from relevant town boards and committees. It is this committee's responsibility to educate those not familiar with the program or the process.

The S.319 grant was brought to conclusion after three years of continuous roadblocks. As a result of the outstanding work of our Highway Department employees under the direction of Highway Surveyor Jack Sisson, we are pleased to report that the work performed on Gifford Road and Old County Road at the Head of Westport has alleviated some of the stormwater run-off problems in the area, thus improving the water

quality of the Westport River. We would like to thank Gay Gillespie and Roberta Carvalho from the Westport River Watershed Alliance (WRWA) for their support and assistance throughout these long, tedious projects.

The town recently received another grant from the Office of Environmental Affairs through the Coastal Zone Management Office as a recipient of a Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program 2006 Municipal Minigrant Program to replace two catch basins at the Head of Westport on Old County Road.

Through the efforts of the Housing Partnership Committee, the Town was awarded a \$25,000 Priority Development Fund grant through the Department of Housing and Community Development. The funds will be utilized to hire a consultant to help determine the Town's ability to create a 40R Smart Growth Overlay District that could ultimately increase our amount of affordable house.

In December, the \$30,000 Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant came to a close culminating with a substantial report prepared by Weston and Sampson. The project provided a feasibility analysis of Decentralized Infrastructure as well as zoning alternatives in the Central Village area. The report is available in the Selectmen's office for the general public to review. It is planned to conduct a public forum regarding this study in the near future. Our thanks to Elaine Ostroff, David Wallace, Gale Nigrelli and Charlene Wood for the many hours spent throughout the grant process and to other departmental employees who offered their input.

### Financial Issues

The Annual Town Meeting brought forth a banner year with the town being able to support the omnibus budget as well as putting \$150,000 in the Reserve Fund and some additional money in the Stabilization Account. There were three bond issues on the warrant to fund a public safety building complex building, capital items and open space acquisition. The only question that passed at the ballot box was the open space issue. The capital items came closer to passing than it has for the past several years. It appears the public safety building complex project issue might have passed had it been for a fire station only. We wish to thank the Finance Committee, Town Accountant Terry Provencal and the Assessor's Office staff for the many meetings and long hours they spent in providing the town with a sound financial base.

Once again this year we were able to secure pothole funds in the amount of \$85,000, which helped to supplement the increased assessment for Diman Regional.

The escalating cost of electricity, gasoline and heat continued to plague several departments with respect to our FY2006/FY2007 budgets. The Board is researching the feasibility of purchasing electricity and natural gas from other sources in order to reduce the costs of those purchases.

### Miscellaneous Information

This year the networking of town buildings was completed with the exception of a couple of buildings that could not be tied into for various reasons at this time. This year we finally have our own Town website. With the capable assistance of our Webmaster Gregg Stone, several employees were trained to use the website so that information can be updated as becomes necessary. Visit our website at [www.westport-ma.gov](http://www.westport-ma.gov). The town is near completion of their GIS update as well. Our thanks to Data Processing Coordinator Keith Novo for a job well done by bringing the networking and website projects to fruition after many years of anticipation.

The Housing Partnership Committee continued its effort to develop affordable housing. With the acquisition of the so-called Perry property that abuts the Quinn property located south of the American Legion Highway, it is our wish that these two properties consisting of approximately thirty acres will greatly enhance our efforts to bring more affordable housing to the town. With the approval at the May Annual Town Meeting, the Perry property was purchased with Community Preservation funds over a period of two years. The 21E site assessment on the Quinn property revealed a concentrated area of pollution resulting in a more palatable

remedial solution. The Board continues to negotiate purchasing water service from the Town of Dartmouth for this project.

Thanks to the Community Preservation Committee with Town Meeting approval, the Town Hall was equipped with fifty-four replacement windows and the exterior completely painted with the exception of the three entrances. Our custodian Fred Arruda meticulously painted the entrances. Thank you Fred for your outstanding workmanship. In addition, the Town Hall heating system's steam traps and valves were replaced by Diman students and has proven to provide Town Hall employees with a more comfortable atmosphere as well as decreasing the heating bill considerably.

Harbormaster Richie Earle and the River Dredging Committee has met several times hoping to bring the two dredging projects (Town Dock and Harbor Channel) to the point where the dredging can take place in the fall of 2007. RFPs were solicited for engineering and testing for the Town Dock project. It has been a long and expensive process trying to meet the filing demands of the several state and federal agencies.

The Public Safety Complex Building Committee went back to the drawing board after the bond issue was defeated at the ballot box. They are pursuing other avenues such as a metal building rather than conventional construction and again have spent many hours trying to come up with a viable solution.

This year, under the leadership of Chairman Ouellette, the Route 6 Task Force and the Economic Development Task Force held public forums targeted to reach residents and businesses throughout the Route 6 corridor. Visit their website at [www.westport-ma.com/edtf.html](http://www.westport-ma.com/edtf.html) for more information. It is the desire of these committees to work with area residents and businesses to bring about improved zoning and to promote desirable businesses and industry to the locale.

One issue that concerned the Board and town residents was the desecration of the old historic graveyard on Charlotte White Road by ELJ, Inc. of Bristol, RI. The unmarked gravestones were returned to their resting places in October thanks to the efforts and oversight of Police Sergeant Jeff Majewski, Betty Slade, Anne Baker, Paul Pannoni and Wes Norman under the provisions of an agreement with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Other prominent issues or events that took place throughout the year without going into great detail, was the leasing of town-owned land consisting of approximately eighty acres on American Legion Highway to the Westport Athletic Youth Association to be used as a sports complex; the many Sidewalk Committee events that took place in Central Village, including the benchmark contest; the town approved its first Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) application of Kozy Nook which was ultimately denied by the state because of the town's portion being too minimal; our lifeguards and swimmers were plagued by Portuguese men-of-war sporadically throughout the summer due to warm waters, wind direction and rainfall.

Through the efforts of the Alternative Energy Committee, the Board agreed to purchase bio-fuel for the Town Hall with donations from town citizens to compensate for the difference in cost. The committee was also instrumental in researching the feasibility of installing a wind turbine or monopole to supply electricity to the Town Hall and possibly the Police Station.

There were at least two special occasions this year. The official opening of the long-awaited completion of the restoration of Hix Bridge and the delivery of the town's first ladder truck for the Fire Department. We are pleased to report that Hix Bridge is a very attractive and historically preserved structure and, further, that the ladder truck was purchased with most of the funding coming from a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$554,800.00 with a cost to the town of approximately \$30,000. On the light side, the ladder truck's first job was to rescue a broken rope from the top of the Town Hall flagpole.

Last, but not least, we wish to recognize and thank all of our committee volunteers, town officials and employees. Our town has an abundance of talented and dedicated officials, employees and residents that makes Westport a very special place to live.

In addition, thanks to our staff Town Administrator Charlene Wood, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen Denise Bouchard, and Confidential Clerk Diane Pelland. We appreciate your hard work and loyalty. We'd

also want to thank our custodial staff, Glen Ballou and Fred Arruda for their efforts and willingness to help out whenever necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman  
David P. Dionne, Vice-Chairman  
Veronica F. Beaulieu  
J. Duncan Albert  
Robert P. Rebello  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## APPOINTMENTS 2006

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Charlene R. Wood	Town Administrator	12/31/2006
Denise Bouchard	Secretary to the Board of Selectmen	
Diane Pelland	Confidential Clerk to the Board of Selectmen	
Charlene R. Wood	Parking Clerk	At Will
Thomas Hancock	Volunteer Parking Officer	6/30/2007
Jack DeVeuve	Volunteer Parking Officer	6/30/2007
Kopelman and Paige	Town Counsel	At Will
Theresa M. Provencal	Town Accountant	
Glen Ballou	Principal Maintenance Specialist - Town Hall, Annex, Police Station	
Fernando Arruda	Maintenance Specialist Town Hall, Annex, Police Station	
Keith J. Novo	Data Processing Coordinator	
Philip B. Hudner	Planning Board	4/10/2007
Michael C. McCarthy	Emergency Management Director	6/30/2009
Denise Bouchard	Emergency Management Secretary	6/30/2009
David R. Palmer	Emergency Management - Public Relations	6/30/2007
Leonard Moniz	Emergency Management Radio Equipment Operator	6/30/2007
Michael Altshuler	Emergency Management Radio Equipment Operator	6/30/2007
Michael C. McCarthy	Energy Coordinator	6/30/2007
Linda L. Correia	Water Certifying Officer	6/30/2008
Edward Carreiro	Dog Officer	6/30/2009
Ronald E. Costa	Veterans Service Agent	6/30/2009
Ronald E. Costa	Graves Registration Officer	6/30/2009
Ronald E. Costa	Citizens for Citizens Representative	6/30/2007
Albert A. Palmer	Special Deputy Shellfish Warden	6/30/2007
Gary Sherman	Wharfinger	At Will
Dennis H. Thibault	Sealer of Weights & Measures	6/30/2009
John N. McNally	Building Inspector	6/30/2009
Ralph G. Souza	Part-Time Local Inspector	6/30/2007
Fred Hanack	Part-Time Building Inspector	6/30/2007
Robert Maltais	Housing Rehab Specialist	6/30/2007
William Plamondon	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/2007
Dane R. Winship	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/2007
Robert Labonte	Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2007
Robert Labonte	Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2007
Roger Olivier	Assistant Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2007
Roger Olivier	Assistant Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2007

## MISCELLANEOUS POSITIONS AND/OR OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Charlene R. Wood	Chief Procurement Officer
Charlene R. Wood	Affirmative Action Officer
Charlene R. Wood	National Organization on Disability Representative
Denise Bouchard	Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator
Doris Silvia	Municipal Census Supervisor
Stephen A. Motta	Municipal Coordinator of the "Right to Know" Law
Gary Sherman	Oil Spill Coordinator
Vacancy (Selectmen Rep)	Mooring Assignment Committee
George Foster	Custodian of Tax Title Properties
John Andrade	E-911 Coordinator
J. Duncan Albert	Railroad Commissioner
Steven J. Ouellette	Westport River Watershed Council
David P. Dionne	SouthCoast emPOWERment Representative
Cynthia Mello	Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Representative
Charlene R. Wood	Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Rep. Alternate
Veronica F. Beaulieu	MBTA Growth Management Task Force
Charlene R. Wood	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act Coordinator
Veronica F. Beaulieu	Bristol County Advisory Board
Maria E. Farias	Wellness Coordinator

## AGRICULTURAL/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND COUNCIL (3 YEAR TERM)

Lisa Arnold	6/30/2008	Charles Costa	6/30/2008
Susan B. Pedreira	6/30/2008	Philip B. Hudner	4/10/2007
J. Duncan Albert	6/30/2007	Jack Baughan	6/30/2007
Barbara Hanley	6/30/2008	Edward Ferreira	6/30/2009
Karl Santos	6/30/2009		

## ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Nathan Byrnes	6/30/2007	Robert Kowalczyk	6/30/2007
Kathleen Cummings	6/30/2007	David P. Dionne	6/30/2007
Lucy G. Keefe	6/30/2007	Susan Burke Pedreira	6/30/2007

## ARTS COUNCIL (2-3 YEAR TERMS)

Whitmore Boogaerts	6/30/2008	Elaine Ostroff	6/30/2008
George R. Cataldo	6/30/2008	Barbara Bates	6/30/2009
Elizabeth A. Collins	6/30/2009		

## BEACH COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERM)

Robert E. Carroll	6/30/2007	Jack DeVeuve	6/30/2007
Wilfred St. Michel	6/30/2009	Sean Leach	6/30/2008
Margot desJardins	6/30/2008		

## BOARD OF APPEALS

### 5 Year Terms - Regulars

Clayton Harrison	6/30/2009
Christopher J. Graham	6/30/2008
Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2007
Kendal Tripp	6/30/2011
Donna L. Lambert	6/30/2010

### 1 Year Term - Associates

Barbara Hanley	6/30/2007
Glenn Mauk	6/30/2007

## BOARD OF SURVEY (1 YEAR TERM)

David Bernier (by Inspector of Buildings)  
Fire Stephen A. Motta 6/30/2007  
Fred Hanack 6/30/2007

## BUZZARDS BAY ACTION COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Veronica F. Beaulieu 6/30/2007  
David P. Dionne (Alternate) 6/30/2007

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Veronica F. Beaulieu (Selectmen's Representative)	6/30/2007
John J. Baughan (Business Representative)	6/30/2007
Julia Bernert (School Committee Representative)	6/30/2007
Timothy Gillespie (Construction Representative)	6/30/2007
Charlene Wood (Town Administrator)	6/30/2007
George Foster (Town Treasurer)	6/30/2007
John McDermott (Assessor's Representative)	6/30/2007
Theresa Provencal (Town Accountant)	6/30/2007
Edward Goldberg (Finance Committee Representative)	6/30/2007
John J. Faria (Banking, Finance, etc. Representative)	6/30/2007

## CEMETERY TASK FORCE

Veronica F. Beaulieu  
Westell G. Norman, Jr.

Robert N. McCarthy

## CENTRAL VILLAGE FEASIBILITY RFP STUDY COMMITTEE

David D. Wallace	6/30/2006	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/2006
Elaine Ostroff	6/30/2006	Gale Nigrelli	6/30/2006

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Warren Messier	6/30/2009	Richard Lambert	6/30/2009
Elizabeth Collins	6/30/2010	Norma K. Judson	6/30/2009
Marjorie A. Lombardi	6/30/2008	Timothy Gillespie	6/30/2007
William F. Wyatt	6/30/2007	Antone C. Vieira Jr.	6/30/2006
Charles A. Costa	6/30/2007		



CONSTABLES (1 YEAR TERM)

Daniel Sullivan	6/30/2007	Robert Bergeron	6/30/2007
Leo St. Onge	6/30/2007	Joseph C. Latimer	6/30/2007

COUNCIL ON AGING (3 YEAR TERM)

Susan M. Costa	6/30/2007	Bruce C. Belling	6/30/2007
Cynthia J. Bolduc (resigned)	6/30/2007	Heather Heath Reed	6/30/2009
Lois E. Spirlet (resigned)	6/30/2008	Selena Howard	6/30/2008
Beth Easterly	6/30/2008		

EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE (2 YEAR TERM)

Veronica F. Beaulieu	6/30/2007	Ann Boxler	6/30/2007
Linda Galton	6/30/2007	Vacancy	
John Miller	6/30/2007		

ESTUARIES PROJECT COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Gay Gillespie	6/30/2007	Edmund A. Rooney Jr.	6/30/2007
Donna Lambert	6/30/2007	Scott Atkinson	6/30/2007
Elizabeth A. Collins (Alt.)	6/30/2007	Jeffrey Francoeur	6/30/2007
Gary Sherman	6/30/2007	Scott Soares (Alt. Shellfish)	6/30/2007
Roberta Carvalho (Alt. WRWA)	6/30/2007	Timothy Gillespie	6/30/2007
David C. Cole	6/30/2007	James Walsh	6/30/2007
Robert P. Rebello	6/30/2007		

WESTPORT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GREATER FALL RIVER EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE, REGION 7 (1 YEAR TERM)

Arthur Briggs 6/30/2007

(3) FENCE VIEWERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Paige Gibbs	6/30/2007
Armand Goyette	6/30/2007
Francois Napert III	6/30/2007

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

John Azevedo	6/30/2007	John W. Borden	6/30/2007
Edward B. Carey	6/30/2007	James Robeson	6/30/2007
Ann C. Rosinha	6/30/2007		

HARBORMASTER (3 YEAR TERM)

Richard B. Earle 6/30/2009



### ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER (1 YEAR TERM)

Jonathan Paul	6/30/2007	Gary A. Tripp	6/30/2007
John R. Bevis	6/30/2007	James Perry	6/30/2007
Gregory N. Robb	6/30/2007	Richard Hart (Volunteer)	6/30/2007

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

#### Regular

Geraldine Millham	6/30/2007
Sharon L. Connors	6/30/2008
William F. Wyatt	6/30/2009
Bette DeVeue	6/30/2009
Jane Loos	6/30/2009
Dora Atwater Millikin	6/30/2008
Norma Judson	6/30/2009
Lincoln Tripp (Lifetime Honorary)	

#### Alternates

Timothy Bryant	6/30/2008
Barbara Koenitzer	6/30/2009
Arlene F. Cloutier	6/30/2009
Anne Baker	6/30/2009
James H. Collins, Jr.	6/30/2009
Vacancy	

### HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

John Montano	6/30/2007	Brian T. Valcourt	6/30/2007
Elizabeth Collins	6/30/2007	Brenda Burke	6/30/2007
David P. Dionne	6/30/2007	Elaine Ostroff (Alternate)	6/30/2007
Gay Gillespie (Alternate)	6/30/2007		

### HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE ADVISORY BOARD (1 YEAR TERM)

Miles E. Hoisington	6/30/2007
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### HOUSING REHAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nelia Williams  
John McNally  
Susan Oliveira  
James Walsh

Elizabeth A. Collins  
Gale Nigrelli  
Anne Phelps  
Charlene R. Wood

### LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Jack Sisson	6/30/2007	Michael C. McCarthy	6/30/2007
Richard Earle	6/30/2007	Stephen A. Motta	6/30/2007
Anne Phelps	6/30/2007	Keith A. Pelletier	6/30/2007
Brian Souza	6/30/2007	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/2007
Carl Tripp	6/30/2007	Ralph Urban	6/30/2007
Gary Sherman	6/30/2007	Michael Duarte	6/30/2007

### MASTER PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE (NO EXPIRATION DATE)

David Aguiar  
Judy Beavan  
Brenda Burke

Deborah Barnes  
Ann Boxler  
Robert Carroll

Jack Baughan  
Jeff Bull  
George Cataldo

Ann Chandanais  
Anthony Cucchi  
Gay Gillespie  
David Wallace  
Cathy Madsen  
John Margarida  
Colin Boyle

Deanna Chase  
David Dionne  
Timothy Gillespie  
William Syatt  
Selena Howard  
Ann Rosinha  
Philip Hudner

Todd Cormier  
Gregory Franchetti  
Michael Guilmette  
Marsha Englund  
Melissa Quinn  
Ingrid Davidge

### PERSONNEL BOARD (3 YEAR TERM)

Paul M. Stein	6/30/2009	Eileen Sheehan	6/30/2008
Robert Bergeron	6/30/2008	Vacancy	6/30/2008
Lisa Arnold (Finance Committee Representative)			

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Chief of Police

Keith A. Pelletier

#### Executive Officer

John R. Gifford

#### Administrative Assistant

Nancy A. Braga

#### Lieutenants

Paul E. Holden

#### Acting Lieutenants

John J. Bell

#### Sergeants

Jeffrey Majewski

Michael D. O'Connor  
John P. Couto

Thomas Plourde  
Antonio J. Cestodio

#### Regular Police Officers

Scott Arrington  
David Arruda  
Kristen R. Barboza  
Barry F. Beaulieu  
Gary L. Cambra  
Mario DaCunha  
Christopher Dunn  
Gary M. Foley  
David M. Leite  
Bryan C. McCarthy

Christopher Mello  
Francois Napert III  
Ryan Nickelson  
Todd Oliver  
Marshall A. Ronco  
Michael R. Roussel  
Michael Silvia  
David Simcoe  
Daniel Sullivan  
Robert Thatcher

#### E-911 Dispatchers

Jennifer J. Scott  
Tara E. Souza

Conrad J. LaFontaine

#### Reserve Police Officers

Ernest P. Belliveau

Keith J. Novo

Chris M. Briand  
 Kristine M. Carreiro  
 Edmund A. Correia Jr.  
 Reginald G. Deschenes  
 Maurice E. Dore  
 Eric R. Gagnon  
 Thomas Gallant  
 Stephen D. Kovar  
 John P. Lacoste  
 Conrad J. LaFontaine  
 Elizabeth A. Medeiros

John R. Pereira  
 Michael S. Perry  
 Joseph R. Pineau  
 Richard J. Rodrigues  
 Mark C. Rosinha  
 Brian D. Souza  
 Tara E. Souza  
 Kyle L. Stone  
 William N. Travers  
 Eric J. Vanasse

### PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE (2 YEAR TERM)

Elizabeth A. Collins	6/30/2007	Richard M. Tongue	6/30/2007
Brian Legendre	6/30/2007	Allen N. Manley, Jr. (Alt.)	6/30/2007
Keith A. Pelletier	6/30/2007	John R. Gifford (Alt.)	6/30/2007
Veronica Beaulieu	6/30/2007	J. Duncan Albert (Alt.)	6/30/2007
Michael McCarthy	6/30/2007		
Carlton A. Lees	6/30/2007		
Jack DeVeue	6/30/2007		
Warren M. Messier	6/30/2007		

### PUBLIC WEIGHER (1 YEAR TERM)

Jason Fonseca	at 548 State Road	6/30/2007
Kenneth Kehoe	at 548 State Road	6/30/2007
Lee Keizler	at 548 State Road	6/30/2007
Jack Parikian	at 548 State Road	6/30/2007
Mark Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/2007
Jason Dessert	at 536 Old County Road	6/30/2007
Katherine Lena	at 536 Old County Road	6/30/2007
Edward Pereira	at 443 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2007
Katie Pereira	at 443 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2007
Marty Costa	at 443 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2007
Richard Moniz	at 37 Charlotte White Road	6/30/2007

### RECREATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

George R. Cataldo	6/30/2007	Julie Reitzas	6/30/2009
Richard M. Tongue	6/30/2007	Marjorie A. Lombardi	6/30/2007
Garth Patterson	6/30/2007	Robert W. Young, Jr. (Alt.)	6/30/2007
Douglas S. O'Connor (Alt.)	6/30/2007		

### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (3 YEAR TERM)

#### Democrats

Marlene Samson	4/1/2008
Robert St. Amour	4/1/2009

#### Republican

Jean Louis Clapin	4/1/2007
Geraldine Craveiro	4/1/2008

### RIVER DREDGING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Carl Tripp	6/30/2007	Richard Earle	6/30/2007
Edward Carey	6/30/2007	Veronica F. Beaulieu	6/30/2007
Chuck Goldberg	6/30/2007	David Cole	6/30/2007
Gary Sherman	6/30/2007	John Reynolds	6/30/2007
Warren Messier	6/30/2007	Ronald Knapp (Alternate)	6/30/2007

### ROUTE 6 ADVISORY/TASK FORCE (2 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette	6/30/2007	Michael J. Rodrigues	6/30/2007
Keith Pelletier	6/30/2007	Harold J. Sisson	6/30/2007
Kevin Rioux	6/30/2007	Brian Souza	6/30/2007
Normand E. Ouellette	6/30/2007	Jeffrey Majewski	6/30/2007
Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2007		

### SAFETY REGULATION BOARD (1 YEAR TERM)

(Art. 30 - Section 1, 1978)

Steven J. Ouellette, Selectmen's Representative 6/30/2007  
Harold J. Sisson, Highway Surveyor 6/30/2007  
Paige Gibbs, Fence Viewer 6/30/2007

### SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Michael Duarte	6/30/2006	William Gifford	6/30/2006
Julia Bernert	6/30/2006	J. Duncan Albert	6/30/2006
Linda Galton	6/30/2006	Terry M. Moor	6/30/2006
Richard M. Tongue	6/30/2006	Kenneth R. Jones	6/30/2006

### SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Alexander Smith	6/30/2007	George Smith	6/30/2007
Maxwell F. Turner	6/30/2007	John W. Borden, Jr.	6/30/2007
Michael O'Connor	6/30/2007	Walter Quinn (Alternate)	6/30/2007
Dora Atwater Millikin (Alternate)	6/30/2007		

### SHELLFISH CONSTABLE (3 YEAR TERM)

Gary Sherman 6/30/2007

### DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLE (3 YEAR TERM)

Robert W. Pierce	6/30/2008	Thomas Mello	6/30/2009
Diane Baraby	6/30/2009	Mike Andrade	6/30/2009
Alexander L. Brewster	6/30/2007	Timothy Field	6/30/2007
Jeffrey Francoeur	6/30/2007	Eric M. Hickey	6/30/2007
Paul Macomber	6/30/2007	Andrew Sherman	6/30/2007
Scott J. Soares	6/30/2007	Daniel P. Sullivan	Honorary

### SIDEWALK COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Jack Sisson	6/30/2007	Keith MacDonald	6/30/2007
Elaine Ostroff	6/30/2007	David Wallace	6/30/2007
Ann Squires	6/30/2007	John Faria	6/30/2007
Denise Squillante	6/30/2007	Albert Lees (Alternate)	6/30/2007
Janice Albanese (Alternate)	6/30/2007	Joseph Boucher	6/30/2007

### SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD/CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

Susan Burke Pedreira	6/30/2009	Tanja E. Ryden	6/30/2009
Richard Lambert	6/30/2009	Thomas McGarr	6/30/2008
John D. Reynolds	6/30/2008	Paul R. Hebert	6/30/2007
Edmund A. Rooney Jr.	6/30/2007	Anne Phelps, Agent	

### SRPEDD & SRTA (1 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette	SRPEDD - Selectmen's Representative
Wayne Sunderland	SRPEDD - Planning Board Representative
Susan Oliveira	SRTA - Selectmen's Representative
Jack Sisson	Joint Transportation Planning Group
David P. Dionne (Alternate)	Joint Transportation Planning Group
Steven J. Ouellette	Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Thomas McGarr	6/30/2007	Gay Gillespie	6/30/2007
Harold J. Sisson	6/30/2007	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/2007
James Walsh	6/30/2007	Wayne Sunderland	6/30/2007

### TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Chuck Goldberg	6/30/2007	Paul Schmid	6/30/2007
George Foster	6/30/2007	Steven J. Ouellette	6/30/2007
Robert Grillo	6/30/2007	Gregory Franchetti	6/30/2007

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SCREENING COMMITTEE

George Foster	Jane Loos
Theresa Provencal	Marlene Samson
Charlene R. Wood	Brian Legendre (Non-Voting)
Keith Pelletier (Non-Voting)	

### TOWN BEACH LIFEGUARDS

Summer 2006

Jenna St. Martin	Head Lifeguard
Amy L. Pineau	Full-Time Lifeguard
Kayla S. Gillespie	Full-Time Lifeguard
Evan Audette	Full-Time Lifeguard

Kyle Christian	Part-Time Lifeguard
Shane M. Doyle	Part-Time Lifeguard
Jeffrey Lacasse	Part-Time Lifeguard
Nathan Dufault	Part-Time Lifeguard

#### TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Terry M. Moor	6/30/2007	William Gifford	6/30/2007
Margaret Silva	6/30/2007	Richard M. Tongue	6/30/2007
Vacancy			

#### WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Sean M. Leach	6/30/2007	Elizabeth A. Collins	6/30/2007
Perry C. Long	6/30/2007	Maurice E. May	6/30/2007
David P. Dionne	6/30/2007	Paul Schmid	6/30/2007

#### WEB SITE COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Marlene Samson	6/30/2007	Michael P. Silvia	6/30/2007
Charlene R. Wood	6/30/2007	Keith Novo	6/30/2007
Steven J. Ouellette	6/30/2007	Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2007

#### WESTPORT AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

<u>3 Year Terms - Regulars</u>		<u>1 Year Term - Alternates</u>	
Edward Ferreira	6/30/2009	Carolyn Ferry	6/30/2007
Rob Russell	6/30/2007	Ronald Potter	6/30/2007
Shirley D'Agostinho Robbins	6/30/2007	Lee Tripp	6/30/2007
Karl Santos	6/30/2009	Miranda Ferry	6/30/2007
Jay Tripp	6/30/2009	John Earle	6/30/2007
John Bettencourt	6/30/2008		
Sandra A. Porter	6/30/2008		

#### WESTPORT CITIZENS BETTERMENT COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Shirley Desrosiers	6/30/2007	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/2007
Lena Napert	6/30/2007	Margaret Silva	6/30/2007
Vacancy			

#### WESTPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (1 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette	6/30/2007	J. Duncan Albert	6/30/2007
Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2007	Michael J. Rodrigues	6/30/2007
Joan Menard	6/30/2007	Philip Hudner	6/30/2007
Antone Vieira, Jr.	6/30/2007	Paul Hebert	6/30/2007
Maurice E. May	6/30/2007	Glenn Mauk	6/30/2007

## ZONING ADVISORY BOARD

David P. Dionne  
John McNally

Gale Nigrelli  
Barbara Hanley

### BONDS

Town Treasurer	\$150,000.00
Tax Collector	\$150,000.00
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000.00

### TRAILER PERMITS

Issued 103 (\$60.00 ea.)

### HIX BRIDGE PERMITS

Issued 280 (\$10.00 ea.)

### COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES

Issued 38 (\$75.00 ea.)

### TOTAL COLLECTED

(Fees & Miscellaneous)  
\$87,398.08

## **2006 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES**

### CLASS I

Big Boar Harley-Davidson, Inc.  
JP Trailer Manufacturing  
Windmill Cycles, Inc.

1030 State Road  
758 State Road  
75 Old Bedford Road

### CLASS II

Ace Auto  
Advanced Motors Sales & Service  
A.J. Turner  
Amaral Bus/Truck Sales & Service  
Auto Mart  
AutoPlus Motorcars  
Auto Victoria  
Beaulieu's Garage  
Bernard Auto Sales, Inc.  
C & D Automotive Repair & Sales  
Caraballo Auto Sales & Repair  
Carvalho's Bargain Motors, Inc.  
Consumer's Auto Sales  
Dan's Auto Sales

1134 American Legion Highway  
735 State Road  
1052 State Road  
1090 State Road  
851B State Road  
729 State Road  
648 State Road  
497 Sanford Road  
280 State Road  
276A State Road  
851A State Road  
935 State Road  
10 Sanford Road  
559 State Road



Deke's Auto Sales	128 Old Bedford Road
Distinctive Autobody, Refinishing & Sales, Ltd.	1121 State Road
Drift Road Auto Sales	541 Drift Road
F & R Auto Sales, Inc.	585 State Road
Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales	91 Forge Road
Ferreira's Auto Sales & Marine Annex	1115 State Road
Ferrine's Sales & Service	914 State Road
Forge Auto Sales	6 Forge Court
Frank E. Brayton, Jr. Auto Sales & Service	626 Adamsville Road
Frank E. Brayton, Jr. Auto Sales & Service, Inc. Annex	685 Main Road
G & S Used Auto Sales	924 State Road
Glenwood Auto Sales	10 Glenwood Avenue
Greenwood Park Motors, Inc.	25 Arlington Avenue
G. Souza's Hillside Motors	1175 State Road
Hart Auto Sales	431A Main Road
Highland Auto & Truck Sales	560 Highland Avenue
High Tech Auto Sales & Service	956 State Road
Goldstein's Farm Equipment	287 Gifford Road
Hometown Motors	620 Sanford Road
J & J Used Auto Sales & Service, Inc.	972 State Road
J.B.S. Towing Services Corp.	505 State Road
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.	660 Main Road
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.	660A Main Road
Katie's Auto & Truck Sales	449 American Legion Highway
Leclairs Auto Sales	702 State Road
Marc's Motors	683E American Legion Highway
Bass Inc. d/b/a Mike's Auto	983 State Road
Nu-Way Auto Sales	837 State Road
177 Auto & Truck Sales	937 State Road
Pine Hill Auto Repair Inc.	929 Pine Hill Road
Pond View Auto Sales	25 Borden Street
Prestige Auto Mart Inc.	1018A State Road
Quality Auto Sales	835 State Road
R & J Auto Sales	1016B State Road
R & R Auto Body & Sales	800A American Legion Highway
RJM Motors	718 State Road
S & K Auto Sales	1016A State Road
State Road Auto Sales, Inc.	327 State Road
State Road Motors, Inc.	712 State Road
Tech Auto World	237B State Road
Thad's Auto Sales	37 Charlotte White Road
3D Auto Sales Inc.	575 State Road
Union Avenue Auto Sales	8 Union Avenue
Val's Auto Sales	757 State Road
Venture Ltd.	1175B State Road
Westport Auto & RV Center	1058 State Road
Westport Auto Center	1018 State Road

### CLASS III

Lantic Salvage	58 Charlotte White Road
Mid-City Scrap Iron, Inc.	548 State Road
Robert J. Desmarais	560 Highland Avenue
Thad's Auto Salvage, Inc.	37 Charlotte White Road
Westport Auto Recycling	443 American Legion Highway

## GARAGE & SERVICE STATION REPAIR LICENSES

Adamsville Auto Repair	500 Adamsville Road
Adamsville Garage	626 Adamsville Road
Advanced Motors Sales & Service	735 State Road
Amaral Bus/Truck Sales & Service	1090 State Road
Arel's tune Up & Trouble Shooting	615 State Road
Auto Mart	851B State Road
Auto Tech	443 American Legion Highway
Beaulieu's Garage	497 Sanford Road
Big Boar Harley-Davidson, Inc.	1030 State Road
Brian's Automotive	851B State Road
Caraballo Auto Sales & Repair	851A State Road
Carvalho's Bargain Motors, Inc.	935 State Road
C & D Automotive Repair	276A State Road
Deke's Auto Sales	128 Old Bedford Road
Distinctive Auto Body & Refinishing	12 Union Avenue
East Coast RV & Auto Repair	131 Old Bedford Road
Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales	91 Forge Road
Ferrine's Sales & Service	914 State Road
Five Star Collision Inc.	683A American Legion Highway
Four Square Garage	618 Sanford Road
Frank Bowman's Auto Repair	137 Forge Road
Genie Auto Repair	800E American Legion Highway
Glenwood Auto Detailing	10 Glenwood Avenue
Hart Auto Body	51 Cross Road
Henry's Diesel Performance Plus Inc.	867 State Road
High Tech Auto Sales & Service	956 State Road
Jack & Paul's Used Cars	758 State Road
J & J Used Car Sales & Service	972 State Road
J.B.S. Towing Services	505 State Road
Joal's Garage	500 Adamsville Road
Joe's Auto Repair	468 American Legion Highway
John Mooney's Auto Service	541 Drift Road
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.	660 Main Road
J.R.'s Precision Auto Body and Sales	729 State Road
J's Repair Garage	140 Old Bedford Road
Macomber's Garage	1523 Drift Road
Magic Jeannie	775 State Road
Martin's Repair Shop	112 Sanford Road
Mendes Auto Repair	130 Plymouth Boulevard
Nu-Way Auto Repair	837A State Road
Pine Hill Service Station	929 Pine Hill Road
Prestige Auto Mart Inc.	1018A State Road
R & J Auto Sales	1016B State Road
R & R Auto Body & Sales	800A American Legion Highway
Ray's Repair	50 Faulkner Street
Roger's Automotive	1121 State Road
Rt. 6 Gas	162 State Road
Samson's Ent. Auto & Truck Repair	800B American Legion Highway
State Road Auto Sales, Inc.	327 State Road
Thad's Auto Salvage & Service	37 Charlotte White Road
Westport Auto Clinic	422 Sanford Road
Westport Tire Center	718 State Road
Wilfrid's Garage, Inc.	427 Main Road

## 2005 LIQUOR LICENSES

### PACKAGE GOODS STORE – ALL ALCOHOLIC

Briere's, Inc.	233 Sanford Road
Albert E. Lees, Inc. d/b/a Lees Supermarket	796-800 Main Road
State Road Package Store	787 State Road
Watuppa Package Store, Inc.	151 State Road
Westport Market, Inc.	291 American Legion Highway
Westport Wine & Spirits	655 State Road

### PACKAGE GOODS STORE – WINES AND MALT

Harry's Country Store Inc.	646 American Legion Highway
Olde Westport Trading Post	1031R Main Road

### RESTAURANT - ALL ALCOHOLIC

Badkitty Inc. d/b/a The Back Eddy	1 Bridge Road
The Bayside Restaurant	1253 Horseneck Road
Bittersweet Restaurant Inc.	438-440 Main Road
Food First, Inc. d/b/ac Ellie's Place	1403 Main Road
P. & G. Bowling W., Inc. d/b/a Holiday Lanes	236 State Road
J & S Enterprises, Inc. db/a Kozy Nook Restaurant	645 State Road
House of Chu, Inc. d/b/a Oriental Pearl	576 State Road
P.D. Foods, Inc. d/b/a Portas da Cidade	235 State Road
Westport Club, Inc.	904 Main Road
The Westporter Plantation & Cookery, Inc.	1031 Main Road
Lafrance Brothers, Inc. d/b/a White's Restaurant	66 State Road

### RESTAURANT - WINES AND MALT

Marguerite's Restaurant	778 Main Road
Mediterranean Café & Pizzeria	549 American Legion Highway

### RESTAURANT (COMMERCIAL CLUB) ALL ALCOHOLIC

Holy Ghost Club, Inc.	171 Sodom Road
W.A. & R. Ouellette Post #8502	843 State Road

### SEASONAL MISCELLANEOUS

Acoaxet Club, Inc.	152 Howland Road
Acoaxet Club, Inc. d/b/a The Pro Shop	152 Howland Road
Village Pizza	760 Main Road

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 11, 2006**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

On Tuesday, the 11th day of April next, it being the second Tuesday of the month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to choose the following Offices, viz: Two Selectmen, One Assessor, One Board of Health Member, Two School Committee Members, One Fish Commissioner, Two Trustees of the Free Public Library, Two Landing Commissioners and One Commissioner of Trust Funds, each for three year terms; One Housing Authority and One Planning Board Member each for five year terms and One Housing Authority Member for a three year unexpired term.

The polls will be open for balloting for the officers, or any questions contained on the official ballot at 10:00 a.m. and shall be closed at 8:00 p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more attested copies thereof in as many public places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Westport this 6th day of March in the year two thousand six.

Elizabeth A. Collins, Chairwoman  
Richard M. Tongue, Vice-Chairman  
David P. Dionne  
Steven J. Ouellette  
Veronica F. Beaulieu  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
March 8, 2006

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station

State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION Westport, Mass. APRIL 11, 2006

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result of the balloting from the five precincts as certified by the Precinct Officers, being as follows:

### Sworn

#### Selectman - Three Years

Elizabeth A. Collins had nine hundred twenty	920	
Richard M. Tongue had eight hundred forty-two	842	
John Duncan Albert had one thousand three hundred eighty-eight	1388	4/12/06
Robert P. Rebello had one thousand one hundred seventy-seven	1177	4/12/06
Blanks, five hundred fifty-seven	557	

#### Assessor - Three Years

Robert Grillo had one thousand seven hundred seventeen	1717	4/18/06
Blanks, seven hundred twenty-five	725	

#### Board Of Health - Three Years

John J. Colletti had one thousand seven hundred twelve	1712	4/12/06
Ann Chandanais (write-in) had twenty-two	22	
Blanks, seven hundred eight	708	

#### School Committee - Three Years

Sally Huntington (write-in) had two hundred fifty	250	4/12/06
Kelley Cooper (write-in) had two hundred thirty-nine	239	4/12/06
Gordon Davis (write-in) had fourteen	14	
Mitchell Petty (write-in) had five	5	
Blanks, four thousand three hundred seventy-six	4376	

#### Fish Commissioner - Three Years

James S. Coughlan, Jr. had one thousand five hundred thirteen	1513	4/18/06
Blanks, nine hundred twenty-nine	929	

Trustees Of Free Public Library - Three Years

Nancy M. Dawson had one thousand four hundred thirty-eight	1438	4/12/06
Susan B. Pedreira had one thousand two hundred eighty-five	1285	5/1/06
Robert Gormley had eight hundred eighty-eight	888	
Blanks, one thousand two hundred seventy-three	1273	

Landing Commissioner - Three Years

Christopher R. Gillespie had one thousand five hundred fifty-three	1553	4/13/06
Carl F. Tripp had one thousand six hundred nine	1609	5/11/06
Blanks, one thousand seven hundred twenty-two	1722	

Housing Authority - Five Years

Donald A. Maynard had one thousand six hundred forty-three	1643	4/12/06
Blanks, seven hundred ninety-nine	799	

Housing Authority -Three Year Unexpired Term

Ronald E. Costa had one thousand six hundred seven	1607	4/12/06
Blanks, eight hundred thirty-five	835	

Planning Board - Five Years

John Montano had one thousand five hundred eighty-five	1585	4/27/06
Blanks, eight hundred fifty-seven	857	

Board Of Commissioners Of Trust Funds - Three Years

Donna Amaral (write-in) had twenty-four	24	4/19/06
Greg Jonsson (write-in) had thirteen	13	
John Gifford (write-in) had ten	10	
Richard Bothelo (write-in) had three	3	
Blanks, two thousand three hundred ninety-two	2392	

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 2, 2006**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the constables of the Town of Westport in said County: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble at the

Westport High School on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Agreeable to the warrant calling said meeting, the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the Westport High School on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Representative Michael Rodrigues, James Long and Keith MacDonald to act as Tellers and they were duly sworn before the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting in accordance with a By-law adopted under Article 45 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1963. All in attendance stood to salute the flag of our nation.

Motion and second made to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 7:15 p.m. and open the Special Town Meeting. Voted: Unanimously

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MAY 2, 2006**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said County: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble at the Westport High School on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7:15 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

VOTED: (Unanimously) to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

**Article 1**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items within the current appropriations such sums of money necessary to supplement the budgets of various departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Motion and second made to accept the following transfers:

FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT
Available Funds	Diman Regional Assessment	\$105,000
Accountant Personal Services	Accountant Expenses	1,500
Cemetery Dept. Personal Services	Cemetery Department Expenses	1,500
Board of Health Personal Services	Board of Health Expenses	1,200
Board of Health Personal Services	Landfill Personnel	2,000
Board of Health Personal Services	Landfill Expenses	15,000
Board of Selectmen Pers. Services	Legal Budget	20,000
Board of Selectmen Pers. Services	Town Beach Personal Services	1,500
Board of Selectmen Pers. Services	Dog Officer Expenses	2,000
Dog Officer Personal Services	Dog Officer Expenses	350
Town Hall Personal Services	Town Hall Expenses	3,000
Board of Selectmen Pers. Services	Town Hall Expenses	9,500
Data Processing Expenses	Town Hall Expenses	7,500

VOTED: Carried.

## Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second made to Pass Over Article 2. Voted: Unanimously)

Motion and second made to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:21 p.m. and to reconvene the Annual Town Meeting. VOTED: Unanimously.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more copies in as many places within said Town at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this 12th day of April in the year two thousand and six.

Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman  
David P. Dionne, Vice-Chairman  
Veronica F. Beaulieu  
J. Duncan Albert  
Robert P. Rebello  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790

I this 13th day of April 2006, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Motion and second made to dispense with the reading of the warrant and the constables return of service of the warrant and that the Moderator not be required to read articles of the warrant verbatim, but be allowed to



refer to articles by number and be subject matter.

VOTED: Carried.

Motion and second made to allow the Moderator to declare that a two-thirds vote has been achieved according to General Law, Chapter 39, § 15. VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to reduce taxation certain sums of money from various articles approved by Town Meeting, when there is a balance remaining that is no longer required to accomplish the purpose for which the articles were originally passed, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to Pass Over Article 1. VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected Town Officers, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Moderator	\$ 682
Selectmen - Chairman	6,519
Board Members (4)	25,457
Assessors - Board Members (3)	14,276
Board of Health - Members (3)	6,519
Highway Surveyor	62,683
Tax Collector	52,736
Town Clerk	52,736
Treasurer	52,736
	<u>\$274,344</u>

VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money considered necessary to defray the Town's expenses for a twelve month period beginning July 1, 2006 and appropriate the same to several departments and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the sum of \$26,750,827.00 from the following sources:

\$26,326,528.00	Taxation
50,000.00	Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest
23,000.00	Harbor Enterprise - Indirect Costs
200,000.00	Overlay Surplus
151,299.00	Free Cash
<u>\$26,750,827.00</u>	

A hold was placed on the School Department budget. Motion and second to accept all Department line items as follows, except the School Department.

VOTED: Unanimously.

		Salary Appropriation	Expense Appropriation	Budget Total
<u>General Government</u>				
114	Moderator	\$ 682.00	\$ 162.00	\$ 844.00
122	Selectmen	214,023.00	33,600.00	247,623.00
131	Finance Committee	1,100.00	2,200.00	3,300.00
132	Reserve Fund		150,000.00	150,000.00
135	Town Accountant	75,382.00	26,679.00	102,061.00
141	Assessors	132,274.00	3,402.00	135,676.00
145	Treasurer	112,440.00	29,955.00	142,395.00
146	Collector	110,912.00	32,726.00	143,638.00
151	Legal		105,000.00	105,000.00
152	Personnel Board	484.00	80.00	564.00
155	Computer	25,000.00	64,700.00	89,700.00
161	Town Clerk	80,692.00	4,925.00	85,617.00
163	Registrar of Voters	44,798.00	25,548.00	70,346.00
171	Conservation	63,636.00	5,325.00	68,961.00
175	Planning Board	71,405.00	7,475.00	78,880.00
176	Appeals Board	3,784.00	2,715.00	6,499.00
192	Town Hall/Annex	68,043.00	66,930.00	134,973.00
193	Property Insurance		210,300.00	210,300.00
194	Housing Partnership Committee		200.00	200.00
195	Town Reports		4,200.00	4,200.00
198	Town Farm		2,816.00	2,816.00
		\$ 1,004,655.00	\$ 778,938.00	\$ 1,783,593.00

#### Public Safety

210	Police Department	\$ 2,098,464.00	\$ 295,697.00	\$ 2,394,161.00
220	Fire Department	1,344,173.00	150,858.00	1,495,031.00
241	Building Department	123,136.00	5,630.00	128,766.00
244	Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,705.00	449.00	2,154.00
291	Emergency Management	2,707.00	1,571.00	4,278.00
292	Dog Officer	24,421.00	5,800.00	30,221.00
297	Shellfish	64,349.00	19,213.00	83,562.00
298	Parking Tickets		3,285.00	3,285.00
		\$ 3,658,955.00	\$ 482,503.00	\$ 4,141,458.00

#### Schools

300	Westport Community Schools	\$10,713,748.00	\$ 3,046,469.00	\$13,760,217.00
360	Regional School Assessments		745,674.00	745,674.00
		\$10,713,748.00	\$ 3,792,143.00	\$14,505,891.00

#### Public Works & Facilities

421	Highway Dept	\$ 514,104.00	\$ 106,846.00	\$ 620,950.00
423	Snow & Ice (Storm Account)	39,635.00	30,000.00	69,635.00
424	Street Lights		18,000.00	18,000.00
433	Sanitary Landfill	76,546.00	239,845.00	316,391.00
491	Cemetery Department	117,266.00	7,768.00	125,034.00
492	Veteran's Graves	845.00	2,049.00	2,894.00
		\$ 748,396.00	\$ 404,508.00	\$ 1,152,904.00

#### Human Services

511	Board of Health	\$ 219,360.00	\$ 13,869.00	\$ 233,229.00
519	Nursing	30,135.00	3,843.00	33,978.00
541	Council on Aging	122,086.00	44,358.00	166,444.00
543	Veterans Services	31,500.00	97,699.00	129,199.00
		\$ 403,081.00	\$ 159,769.00	\$ 562,850.00

Culture & Recreation

610	Library	\$ 161,399.00	\$ 26,231.00	\$ 187,630.00
631	Town Beach	24,500.00	10,456.00	34,956.00
691	Historical Commission		539.00	539.00
		\$ 185,899.00	\$ 37,226.00	\$ 231,125.00

Debt Service

710	Principal Payments		\$ 490,000.00	\$ 490,000.00
751	Interest Payments on Long Term Deb		123,640.00	123,640.00
752	Interest Payments on Short Term Debt		25,000.00	25,000.00
			\$ 683,640.00	\$ 638,640.00

Assessments

820	SRPEDD		\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
			\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00

Pension & Insurance

911	Pension Assessment		\$ 1,254,192.00	\$ 1,254,192.00
914	Health & Life Insurance		2,485,874.00	2,485,874.00
			\$ 3,740,066.00	\$ 3,740,066.00

Total	\$16,714,734.00	\$10,036,093.00	\$26,750,827.00
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Motion and second made to amend the amount of the School Department budget by adding an additional \$192,000.00 with the following funding sources: \$90,750.00 from Chapter 70, contingent on increased state funding and \$101,250.00 from Taxation, contingent on increased state funding.

Town Counsel, Mark Reich, suggested that the proponents would have to segregate the funds so that if the additional funds were not received, they would not be expended prior to the receipt of the funds, with some mechanism to ensure that the contingency could actually be accomplished.

Motion made to amend the amendment stating the above funds are contingent on increased funding only if those funds are available and received. The Moderator declared the amendment to the amendment unacceptable in form, therefore, it was voted unanimously to withdraw the motion.

Motion made to amend the budget with a \$192,000.00 increase contingent upon increased funding received by the Town from Chapter 70 and Taxation to fund the following:

- 1 Reading Specialist WMS
- .6 Reading Specialist WES
- 1 Math Specialist WES
- 1 Math Specialist WMS
- 6 Paraprofessionals to work under direction of reading and math specialist and provide tutoring for schools designated as in need of improvement under No Child Left Behind
- To add one Kindergarten teacher, to bring non-Title I Classrooms from 25 students per class to 20 per class.

The Moderator would not accept the previous motion stating that the School Department was adding an additional \$192,000.00 to their budget.

Motion and second made to amend the School Department budget to the amount of \$13,952,217.00 which includes \$192,000.00 appropriated by Chapter 70 and Taxation, contingent upon increased funding received by the Town to fund the following positions:

- 1 Reading Specialist WMS
- 6 Reading Specialist WES
- 1 Math Specialist WES
- 1 Math Specialist WMS
- 6 Paraprofessionals to work under direction of reading and math specialist and provide tutoring for schools designated as in need of improvement under No Child Left Behind
- To add one Kindergarten teacher, to bring non-Title I Classrooms from 25 students per class to 20 per class.

Town Counsel felt that Town Meeting was being asked to consider an unknown, that Town Meeting had not been properly warned and that there is confusion as to what Town Meeting is being asked to do. Based on these findings, the Moderator declared the above motion out of order.

The Moderator's decision to declare the motion out of order was challenged by a registered voter of the Town who asked that State Statute be given to show that the Town could not vote to have monies placed on a contingency. The Moderator asked for a brief moment to speak with Town Counsel.

The Moderator declared that the amendment was not out of order but advised Town Meeting that if the amendment passed, the possibility exists that it may not be enforceable and the money may or may not go to the Schools. He suggested it would be best to allow the Meeting to vote on the issue, therefore, the previous motion is on the floor for consideration.

Motion made to call the question. VOTED: Carried.

VOTED: The amended figure of \$13,952,217.00 was lost. Yes: 162 No: 169

Motion and second to accept the School Department budget of \$13,760,217.00.

Voted: Unanimously.

Motion and second to advance Articles 10 and 11. VOTED: Unanimously.

## Article 10

To see if the Town will approve the following policies to guide future development in Central Village, or take any other action relative thereto:

Consistent with recommendations in the 2004 citizen-written Master Plan, the Planning Board, in cooperation with other interested groups, has begun an in depth study of the Central Village. These guidelines are a step towards achieving the Master Plan vision for compact mixed-use growth in the village. The Master Plan endorses the creation of a place residents would want to be – a place that is safe and easy to access by car, foot or bike; a place that has a lively mix of uses; a place with thriving local businesses offering goods and services; a place that promotes interactions among residents; and a place with high quality development.

The achievement of this vision will require cooperation among the public, private and non-profit sectors, changes to zoning, investments in infrastructure, and the leveraging of public investment with private funds. These guidelines provide the basis for implementation in phases over the coming years.

### Guidelines for Development In the Central Village

1. Recognize 3 basic segments of the Central Village corridor and develop standards based on the character and function of each segment. These are: the north "core"; the historic area between Adamsville and Hix Bridge Roads; and "South Central Village" extending approximately 1000' south of Hix Bridge Road.

2. Develop a vibrant mixed-use area centered on the existing and growing cluster of civic, residential, and neighborhood businesses in the Central Village.
3. Draw new customers to existing businesses by improving the physical environment and increasing the diversity of services provided, and making it easier for nearby residents to use the Village.
4. Plan for infrastructure improvements including: traffic calming, roadway improvements, improved street connectivity, pedestrian safety, landscaping, and future localized water and wastewater.
5. Create a walkable area that fosters interactions and facilitates meeting multiple needs in one trip.
6. As changes are made to infrastructure capacity, continue to coordinate development densities with infrastructure.
7. Develop design standards for building orientation, mixed-use buildings, parking lots, driveways, landscaping, amenities, and signage to unify appearance in each of these areas. Include standards that respect the historic character of the area and promote traditional design features.
8. Use the arts to cultivate civic life and provide an economic stimulus.
9. Produce high-quality and varied public spaces.
10. Engage the business community in the planning of these areas and pursue the leveraging of private investment with public investment in roadway and public area amenities.
11. Adopt Site Plan Review to ensure major new or re-developed sites produce commercial (and other large scale) development that has:
  - a). Safe access and circulation;
  - b). Buffering from neighbors;
  - c). Compatible form; and
  - d). High-quality parking areas, stormwater management, and landscaping, that are designed to meet recognized construction, design, and environmental standards.

PLANNING BOARD

Motion and second to accept Article 10. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following policies to guide zoning and future development along the Route 6 corridor in Westport, or take any other action relative thereto:

Consistent with recommendations in the 2004 citizen-written Master Plan, the Planning Board, in cooperation with other interested groups, has begun an in depth study of the Route 6 corridor. These guidelines are a step towards implementation of the Master Plan vision for the transition of this area into one with greater economic vitality and diversity. The Master Plan endorses the creation of an area to serve the needs of residents for jobs, services, and varied housing types. Recommendations in the Plan focus on using the unique assets of the Route 6 Corridor including: access to and visibility from the Interstate; roadway capacity; direct connections to neighboring communities; an existing commercial character; bus service, and in some sections, an existing residential density of 5 units/acre.

The achievement of this vision will require cooperation among the public, private and non-profit sectors, changes to zoning, investments in infrastructure, and the leveraging of public investment with private funds. These guidelines provide the basis for the phased implementation of these changes over the coming years.

### Guidelines for Development Along the Route 6 Corridor

1. Recognize the different segments of the Route 6 corridor, and develop standards based on the character and function of each segment. These are: a western, central and eastern segment.
2. Develop a vibrant mixed-use area centered on the existing cluster of civic, residential, and neighborhood businesses in the central segment of Route 6.
3. Plan for infrastructure improvements including: traffic calming, roadway improvements, pedestrian safety, landscaping, and future localized water and sewage. Work with MassHighway and SRPEDD to address safety issues and promote design improvements along Route 6 consistent with the Town's Master Plan, with particular attention to improving the experience for pedestrian and bicycle trips.
4. As changes are made to infrastructure capacity, continue to coordinate development densities with infrastructure (sewer, water, and roadway).
5. Develop design standards for building orientation, mixed-use buildings, parking lots, driveways, landscaping, amenities, and signage to unify appearance in each of these areas.
6. Adopt Site Plan Review to ensure major new or re-developed sites produce commercial (and other large scale) development that has:
  - a). Safe access and circulation;
  - b). Buffering from neighbors;
  - c). Compatible form; and
  - d). High-quality parking areas, stormwater management, and landscaping, that are designed to meet recognized construction, design, and environmental standards.
7. Engage the business community in the planning of these areas and pursue the leveraging of private investment with public investment in roadway and public area amenities.
8. Draw new customers to existing businesses by improving the physical environment and increasing the diversity of services provided.
9. Establish gateway locations to define an identity for the area and/or segments.
10. Adopt standards for outdoor storage/outdoor display that respect the needs of businesses while also minimizing the negative aspects of such practices, such as dust, noise, unsafe conditions, and unsightly appearance.
11. Expand the depth of Business zoning in isolated areas that are not constrained by wetlands and can provide buffers from residential uses.
12. Study the potential for a new village center at the historic Westport Factory Village (in eastern segment) that could add to the affordable housing inventory and relate to the Lincoln Park redevelopment.

PLANNING BOARD

Motion and second to accept Article 11. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 4

Section 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Laws by adding the new Article 15 Site Plan Approval as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

### Article 15 Site Plan Approval



## 15.0 Purpose.

The purpose of Site Plan Approval is to protect the health, safety, convenience, property values, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Westport by providing for review of plans for uses and structures which may have significant impacts on traffic; municipal and public services and utilities; environmental and design quality; and community character.

## 15.1 Powers And Administrative Procedure.

All applications for Site Plan Approval shall be submitted to the Planning Board prior to the issuance of a building permit. In exercising its jurisdiction under this section, the Planning Board shall, unless otherwise provided, follow the procedural requirements for special permits as set forth in Section 9 of M.G.L. Chapter 40A; however, a motion to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove a Site Plan shall require only a majority vote of the members present. The Board may, at its sole discretion, adopt Rules and Regulations relative to Site Plan Approval, a copy of which shall be filed with the Town Clerk. After notice and public hearing and after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of outside consultants and other town boards, commissions and/or departments, the Planning Board may approve a Site Plan. The Planning Board may impose, in addition to any applicable conditions specified in this section, such conditions as reasonably appropriate to improve the site design and/or mitigate the impacts of the proposed development. Such conditions shall be imposed in writing; the applicant may be required to post a bond or other surety for compliance with said conditions in an amount satisfactory to the Planning Board.

## 15.2 Applicability.

The following types of activities and uses require Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board:

1. Construction, exterior expansion of, or change of use within, a municipal, institutional, commercial, industrial, or multi-family structure with three or more dwelling units;
2. Construction or expansion of a parking lot for a municipal, institutional, commercial, industrial, or multi-family structure with three or more dwelling units; and

Where provisions for site plan approval of specific uses and structures exist elsewhere in the Westport Zoning By-Laws, the provisions of the pertinent section shall supersede the provisions of this section.

Site Plan Approval shall not be construed to supersede the exemptions granted by §3 of Mass. General Laws Ch. 40A.

## 15.3 Waiver Of Technical Compliance.

The Planning Board may, upon written request of the applicant, waive any of the technical requirements of Westport's Site Plan Approval Rules and Regulations and the procedures of this Bylaw where the project involves relatively simple development plans or constitutes a minor site plan. As a guideline, an application for a permit to build, alter, or expand any non-residential building, structure or use in any district where such construction will not exceed 1,000 square feet of gross floor area, or an application that will not generate the need for more than five (5) parking spaces may be considered a minor site plan. For the purposes of computing the total gross floor area of a minor site plan, the Planning Board shall aggregate all such applications for building/special permits and/or site plan approval made within the five (5) previous calendar years.

## 15.4 Performance Standards.

All Site Plans presented for approval shall be prepared in compliance with applicable Westport

Zoning Bylaws; the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land, to the extent applicable; and the explicit standards of the Rules and Regulations for Site Plan Approval. In evaluating and rendering a decision on a Site Plan Approval application the Planning Board shall consider whether the proposal will achieve the objectives listed below and may require conditions and safeguards deemed necessary to realize, within reason, these performance standards:

1. Provide convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site, and in relation to adjacent streets, properties, buildings, structures, and other improvements.
2. Buffer and protect adjoining premises against detrimental or offensive uses.
3. Provide adequate and functional off-street loading and unloading of vehicles, goods, products, materials and equipment incidental to the normal operation of the establishment.
4. Provide adequate access to each structure for fire and service equipment and adequate provision for utilities and stormwater drainage consistent with the functional requirements of the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations to the extent applicable, and all applicable local, state and federal codes, statutes, by-laws, policies, standards and regulations.
5. Minimize negative impacts to the environment by limiting or eliminating: volumes of cut and fill; removal of trees 6" caliper or larger and other vegetation; removal of stone walls; impact on wetland resources, wildlife habitat and other areas of environmental sensitivity; flooding and other impacts of stormwater flow both on- and off-site; soil erosion; and air, water, noise and light pollution.
6. Prevent contamination of groundwater and surface water from onsite wastewater disposal systems or operations on the premises involving the use, storage, handling, or containment of hazardous substances by utilizing Best Management Practices in accordance with all statutes, by-laws, regulations and policies governing these activities;
7. Promote compatibility among uses by controlling the visibility of parking, storage, or other outdoor service areas viewed from public ways or from premises residentially used or zoned;
8. Divide large expanses of parking with landscaping and shade trees and minimize lighting intrusion and the glare from headlights.
9. Screen service facilities located near the perimeter of the site, including but not limited to: garbage collection, recycling containers, refrigeration units, and utility areas.
10. Relate buildings and structures to the natural and built environment by attention to appropriate scale, massing, height and other factors necessary to achieve harmony with the surrounding natural environment, neighborhood, and Town as a whole.
11. Minimize obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations.
12. Ensure compliance with the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance including, but not limited to, parking, loading, and signage.

#### 15.5 Administration.

1. The Planning Board may adopt reasonable fees for administration, technical review, and construction inspection for site plan approval proposals. All expenses for use of outside consultants, ancillary reports or reviews, supplemental studies, advertising, publication of notices, postage and mailings and all other expenses in connection with the site plan including without limitation, sampling and/or testing, shall be borne by the applicant.



2. The Planning Board may adopt reasonable Rules and Regulations governing Site Plan Approval including administrative procedures and requirements, and design and construction standards.
3. The Planning Board may distribute plans to other Boards, Commissions, departments, and outside technical and legal consultants and agencies for their review and comments.
4. The Planning Board may require narrative assessments and/or quantitative studies of the on-site and off-site impacts of the proposed project, including: traffic, drainage, noise, lighting and other environmental factors.

#### 15.6 Enforcement.

The Building Inspector shall have enforcement powers over any Site Plan Approval. The Building Inspector shall inspect and enforce any and all stipulations and/or conditions placed upon the approval of any Site Plan. Failure to satisfy the conditions of any Site Plan Approval will result in the withholding of the Certificate of Occupancy.

#### 15.7 Review And Decision.

The Planning Board shall ensure the use of the site consistent with the uses permitted in the district in which the site is located and shall give due consideration to the reports received. Prior to the approval of any Site Plan, the Planning Board shall find that the site plan:

1. Protects adjoining premises by avoiding adverse effects on the natural environment and abutters.
2. Provides for convenient and safe vehicular and pedestrian movement and that the locations of driveway openings are convenient and safe in relation to vehicular and pedestrian traffic circulation, including emergency vehicles, on or adjoining the site;
3. Provides an adequate arrangement of parking and loading spaces in relation to proposed uses of the premises;
4. Provides adequate methods of disposal of refuse or other wastes resulting from the uses permitted on the site;
5. Complies with all applicable requirements of this bylaw, the Rules and Regulations of Site Plan Approval, and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land (to the extent applicable), unless explicitly waived by the Planning Board.

#### 15.8 Appeal.

The appeal of any decision of the Planning Board hereunder shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Mass. General Laws Ch. 40A, §17 or other such provision of the General Laws pertaining to site plan review/approval as they may be amended from time to time. Appeal of a decision on a Site Plan for a by-right use shall be by appeal (to the Zoning Board of Appeals) of the action of the Building Inspector in granting or denying a building permit.

#### 15.9 Relationship To Subdivision Plan And Other Permits.

The Planning Board approval of a Site Plan shall neither oblige the Planning Board to approve any related preliminary or definitive plan for subdivision nor substitute for such approval. However, the Planning Board may allow an applicant to combine a submission for Site Plan Approval with a submission for a preliminary or definitive subdivision if such submission conforms to all requirements for both Site Plan Approval and subdivision application. In such case, the Planning Board may conduct a combined public hearing for both Site Plan Approval and subdivision application.

Where the Planning Board serves as the Special Permit Granting Authority for a proposed use, it shall, when possible, consolidate the Site Plan Approval and the Special Permit processes.

An application to the Zoning Board of Appeals for either a Special Permit or a variance requiring Site Plan Approval under this by-law, shall be accompanied by a site plan approved by the Planning Board; in the alternative, any special permit or variance granted for work set forth in 15.2 shall contain the following condition: "The work described herein requires the approval of a site plan by the Planning Board pursuant to Article 15 of the Westport Zoning By-Law. Any conditions imposed in such a site plan approval shall also be conditions of this special permit/variance."

Where the Planning Board approves a site plan "with conditions", and said site plan accompanies a special permit or variance application to the Board of Appeals, the conditions imposed by the Planning Board shall be incorporated into the issuance, if any, of a special permit or variance by the Board of Appeals.

No deviation from an approved site plan shall be permitted without the approval of the Planning Board.

#### 15.10 Expiration.

Approval of a Site Plan shall lapse after two (2) years from the date of approval, or the date of resolution of any appeal of the decision, if substantial use thereof or construction has not begun, except for good cause. Such approval may, for good cause, be extended in writing by the Planning Board upon the written request of the applicant.

#### 15.11 Severability

If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this bylaw invalid, the remainder of the bylaw shall not be affected thereby. The invalidity of any section or sections or parts of any section or sections of this bylaw shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Westport Zoning Bylaw.

**Section 2.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Table of Use Regulations of the Westport Zoning By-Law to require Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board for the following municipal, institutional, commercial, industrial and multi-family uses as follows:

1. To insert after "SPPB = Special Permit Planning Board", "SPA-PB = Site Plan Approval Planning Board".
2. To designate the following municipal, institutional, commercial, industrial, and multi-family uses, where the By-Law allows these uses by right or special permit, as requiring Site Plan Approval of the Planning Board, by adding the designation "/SPA-PB" after the existing requirement in the appropriate row(s) and column(s) of the Table of Uses for the following uses:

Adult Live Entertainment Establishment  
Adult Theatre  
Amusement or Assembly  
Auto Body Shop/Auto Body Repair Shop  
Auto Salesroom Class 1 & 2  
Auto Sales, Trailer Sales, or Farm Equipment Sales  
Auto Service Stations  
Auto Storage Garage  
Banks  
Bath Houses, Beach Clubs, Boat Landings, Wharves  
Boat Yards for Construction, Storage, Maintenance, Repair of Boats  
Bed & Breakfast  
Club, Private: Not for Profit

Club, Profit  
 Convalescent Homes  
 Dwelling: Multi-Family  
 Earth Removal/Mining  
 Educational Uses  
 Flea Market  
 Golf Course: Public or Private  
 Hospitals  
 Hotel  
 Job Printing  
 Miscellaneous Retail or Service Business  
 Mobile Home Park  
 Municipal  
 Newspaper  
 Nursing Homes  
 Offices: Business or Professional  
 Outdoor Advertising with Permit  
 Public Utility  
 Religious Uses  
 Research Labs  
 Restaurants  
 Sanitariums  
 Sexually-Oriented Business  
 Temporary Trailer  
 Tire Storage Yards  
 Tradesman  
 Wholesale Businesses

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

#### PLANNING BOARD

Motion and second to move Article 4 with the following amendment: eliminate "may, at its sole discretion" in section 15.1 and insert the word "shall".

Motion made to call the question on the amendment to Article 4. VOTED: Unanimously.

VOTED: Article 4 as amended. Carried. Yes: 201 No: 59.

#### Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 7, Sub-section 7.6.1 "Front Yards" of the Westport Zoning By-Laws by adding the following language after the final paragraph of this sub-section or take any other action relative thereto:

##### 7.6.1.1 Front Yard Width

###### 7.6.1.1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this by-law is to ensure safe, adequate and convenient access to buildings; and to discourage irregularly configured front yards and lots, which create difficulties in assigning addresses, in public safety response, and in maintenance.

###### 7.6.1.1.2 Minimum Width

The minimum front yard width, as measured between the side lot lines, shall be fifty (50) feet. The minimum front yard width shall be maintained from the street line

(street layout line/sideline) to the street setback line (front building line). Lot Width shall be determined by measuring the diameter of the largest circle that can be located along a continuous, but not necessarily straight line from the lot frontage to the principal structure on the lot without the circumference intersecting the side lot lines.

#### 7.6.1.1.3 Corner Lots

For corner lots, the minimum width requirement shall apply to yards on all streets bounding the lot, and shall be maintained from the street line (street layout line/sideline) to the street setback line (side or rear building line) of the nearest corresponding side of the building.

#### 7.6.1.1.4 Waiver

In order to accommodate constraints posed by existing irregular lots and streets, such as lots fronting on existing streets with small sideline radii (tight curves) and existing lots with environmental, agricultural and topographic constraints, or historical significance, this requirement may be waived or modified by the grant of a special permit by the Planning Board, upon findings by that Board that waiving this requirement will not detract from the public health, safety, welfare and convenience and that such waiver is not inconsistent with the intentions of this by-law. In such cases, the lot shall comply to the greatest extent practicable with this provision.

#### 7.6.1.1.5 Applicability

The minimum front yard width requirements of Section 7.6.1.1 requirement shall apply to all subdivision or re-subdivision of land into new lots, by whatever process, with the exception of creation of lots measuring 7 acres or more. The re-configuration of lawfully pre-existing non-conforming lots shall not increase the degree of non-conformity of the front yard width.

PLANNING BOARD

Motion and second to accept Article 5. Motion made to call the question. VOTED: Unanimously.

VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 5 carried by a 2/3 vote.

### Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Law, Article 4 as follows:

1. Delete current section 4.0.1.B.5. (d), which states:

"The accessory apartment is contained within a single family dwelling without changing its "footprint" or base area, except, if necessary, for the inclusion of an additional staircase or entrance."

and insert the following:

"The accessory apartment is contained within a single family dwelling."

2. Delete entire Section 4.0.1.B.5. (e), which states:

"The single family dwelling must have been in existence a minimum of two years without any major structural addition, which increased the area of the dwelling."

3. Delete current Section 4.0.1.B.5 (g), which states:

"Space may be provided by raising the roof of the existing building, but only within the current height regulations."

And insert the following Section 4.0.1.B.5 (f) as:

"Space may be provided by either raising the roof or extending the dwelling, but only in accordance with current height and setback requirements."

The entire Section 4.0.1.B.5 will read as follows:

5. Use of an accessory apartment, an independent dwelling unit of five hundred (500) to nine hundred (900) square feet contained within a single-family residence. The unit shall have a separate exterior entrance, a kitchen/living room, a bathroom and a maximum of one bedroom. Either unit shall be occupied by the owner. One accessory apartment shall be allowed by right providing the following criteria are met:
  - a. Approval from the Board of Health.
  - b. Approval from the Fire Department.
  - c. Building plumbing, electrical and any other required permits are obtained.
  - d. The accessory apartment is contained within a single-family dwelling.
  - e. If an external staircase is needed to reach an accessory apartment this staircase must be enclosed and not change the general appearance of a single-family house.
  - f. Space may be provided either by raising the roof, or extending the dwelling, but only in accordance with current height and setback requirements.
  - g. To maintain the single-family character of the neighborhood, the entrance to the accessory apartment should be on the side or rear, if possible, but may be through the front door, if there is a vestibule.
  - h. The owner must occupy one of the two units.
  - i. There shall be no more than one accessory apartment within a single-family dwelling.
  - j. Accessory apartments shall be occupied by no more than two (2) persons.
  - k. The family dwelling containing an accessory apartment shall be in conformity with By-Law, "Permitted Uses -d. Renting of rooms or furnishing of board for not more than four persons in a dwelling regularly occupied for residential purposes."
  - l. The gross area of the accessory apartment shall be: minimum - 500 square feet; maximum - 35% of the total area of the single-family dwelling before conversion, but not to exceed 900 square feet, exclusive of staircase and entrance area.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ PLANNING BOARD/BUILDING INSPECTOR

Motion and second to accept Article 6.

Motion and second to amend Article 6 by deleting #2, Section 4.1.1.B.5 (e). VOTED: Lost.

VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 6 carried by a 2/3 vote.

Motion and second to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:10 p.m. until tomorrow at 7 p.m.

VOTED: Unanimously.

There were 375 registered voters and 15 press and guests in attendance.

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

## MAY 3, 2006

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Keith MacDonald, Michelle Albernaz and Sean Leach to act as Tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as Timekeeper for the meeting. All in attendance stood to salute the flag of our nation.

Motion and second to advance Article 34. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 34

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new public safety facility; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMPLEX COMMITTEE

Motion and second that \$14,000,000 is appropriated for the construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new public safety facility; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$14,000,000 under G.L. c.44, §7 (3) or any other enabling authority; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town voted to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c. 59, §21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

Motion and second to call the question. VOTED: Unanimously.

VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 34 carried by a 2/3 vote.

### Article 7

Section 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Laws by adding the new Article 17 Outdoor Commercial Storage And Outdoor Commercial Display as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

#### Article 17 Outdoor Commercial Storage And Outdoor Commercial Display

##### 17.0 Purpose.

Given that certain businesses need to store equipment and material outdoors because indoor storage is not practical given the size and nature of their materials and equipment, and other businesses have regular outdoor displays of material for sale, this by-law seeks to regulate these activities in order to 1) protect existing well-designed businesses from depreciation caused by



unsightly outdoor storage and display by neighboring businesses; and 2) to encourage new, high-quality commercial endeavors to locate in Westport's business districts.

In addition to creating an adverse aesthetic impact on the surrounding neighborhood, outdoor storage and displays may affect the surrounding area and abutters by decreasing safety; attracting rodents; casting light; and generating noise and dust. This by-law establishes reasonable standards that support business operations, yet protect the public and abutters.

#### 17.1 Outdoor Commercial Storage.

The following standards apply to outdoor commercial storage:

- 17.1.1 Outdoor commercial storage incidental to the principal use on site, is permitted on property, provided it is located in an area other than: a parking area (as required under Article 5); accessway; required landscaped area; and rear, side and front yard areas. Such storage areas must be screened from a street or abutting property by a masonry wall, ornamental fence, or dense planting no less than six inches higher than the material stored. Screening density must be such that items within the screened area will not be visible through such screening. Equipment that exceeds the height restriction shall only be stored in the rear yard of the parcel.
- 17.1.2 No loose materials such as sand, lumber, cardboard boxes, and the like which are subject to being scattered or blown about the premises under normal weather conditions, shall be allowed. All dust and/or fumes must be contained on the site.
- 17.1.3 Outdoor commercial storage is subject to all applicable fire, health, safety, and building regulations.
- 17.1.4 Outdoor commercial storage shall not occupy more than thirty (30) percent of the total area of the subject parcel.
- 17.1.5 Lighting for outdoor commercial storage areas shall be shielded with a cutoff at less than ninety (90) degrees from vertical and shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height.

#### 17.2 Outdoor Commercial Display.

The following standards apply to outdoor commercial displays:

- 17.2.1 Outdoor commercial display incidental to the principal use on site, is permitted on property provided it is located in an area other than a parking area (as required under Article 5), accessway, or required landscaped area. Where such displays are along property lines that abut residentially zoned or residentially used parcels, adequate screening by a fence, wall, or landscaping is required.
- 17.2.2 Outdoor commercial display is subject to all applicable fire, health, safety, and building regulations.
- 17.2.3 Lighting for outdoor commercial display areas shall be shielded with a cutoff at less than ninety (90) degrees from vertical and shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height.

**Section 2:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Laws by adding the following definitions in appropriate alphabetical order to Article 1, Section 1.1 DEFINITIONS as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

Outdoor Commercial Storage - The use of one hundred square feet or more for locating any material or equipment outside of a completely enclosed building for a continuous period longer than twenty-four (24) hours. Outdoor commercial storage shall be limited to the operation of the principal business located at the premises in question and conducted by employees of said principal business; provided, that this definition shall not be deemed to include any storage which is clearly accessory and incidental to any agricultural use.

Tire storage yards are not included in the definition of "Outdoor Commercial Storage". See Table of Use Regulations.

Outdoor Commercial Display - The display and sale of products and services primarily outside of a building or structure including but not limited to: vehicles, garden supplies, equipment, burial monuments, building and landscaping materials, and lumber. Outdoor commercial display and sale of merchandise shall be limited to the operation of the principal business located at the premises in question and conducted by employees of said principal business.

Section 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Laws by modifying the "Table of Use Regulations" as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

To insert after "Outdoor Advertising With Permit" the following two new uses, with the designations "N", "Y", and "Y" under the appropriate column headings as shown below.

	Residential	Business	Unrestricted
OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL STORAGE (see Article 17 and this table)	N	Y	Y
OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL DISPLAY (see Article 17 and this table)	N	Y	Y
BOARD OF SELECTMEN			

Motion and second to accept Article 7.

Motion and second to amend Section 17.1.1. by adding "set-back" in the first sentence after "rear, side and front yard". VOTED: Carried.

Motion made to call the question. VOTED: Carried.

VOTED: The provisions of Article 7 were lost.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Laws by taking the following actions or by taking any other action relative thereto:

Action 1. To delete section 3.1.D Flood Plain Districts of Article 3, Location of Districts in its entirety, and replace it with the following new section:

3.1.D Flood Plain District.

The Flood Plain District is hereby established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas designated on the Westport Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the NFIP, panels dated March 18, 1985 and July 15, 1992, as Zone A, AE, AH, AO, A1-30, A99, V, V1-30, VE all of which maps indicate the 100-year regulatory floodplain. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Flood Insurance study booklet dated September 18, 1984. The FIRM and Flood Insurance Booklet, as they may be amended from time to time, are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Building Inspector.

Action 2. To amend Article 6 Special Regulations, Section 6.0 Flood Plain Districts, Sub-section 6.0.1 as follows:

Delete Section 6.0.1 in its entirety and replace with the following:



"6.0.1 The following provisions apply to the Flood Plain District as defined in Section 3.1.D Flood Plain Districts of Article 3 of these By-Laws."

Action 3. To amend Article 6 Special Regulations, Section 6.0 Flood Plain Districts, sub-sections 6.0.4 and 6.0.5 as follows:

Delete sections 6.0.4 and 6.0.5 in their entirety and add the following new sections:

#### 6.0.4 Base Flood Elevation And Floodway Data.

##### 6.0.4.1 Floodway Data.

In zones A, A1-30, and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

##### 6.0.4.2 Base Flood Elevation Data.

Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones.

#### 6.0.5 Notification Of Watercourse Alteration.

In a riverine situation, the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

- Adjacent Municipalities
- Bordering States
- NFIP State Coordinator  
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700  
Boston, MA 02114-2104  
(Or successor entity at its then current address)
- NFIP Program Specialist  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I  
99 High Street, 6th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110  
(Or successor entity at its then current address)

Action 4. To delete the section 6.0.10 (Not Enacted) and add the following section:

#### 6.0.10 Reference To Existing Regulations.

The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities; whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

- Massachusetts State Building Code provisions addressing floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR 3107, "Flood Resistant Construction");
- Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);

- Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00);
- Coastal Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 12.00);
- Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

Action 5. To add section 6.0.12 as follows:

6.0.12 Man-made alteration of sand dunes within Zones V1-30, VE, and V that would increase potential flood damage are prohibited.

PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept Article 8.

VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 8 carried by a 2/3 vote.

### Article 9

Action 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Table of Use Regulations in the Town of Westport Zoning By-Laws as follows:

To change the classification of "Adult Live Entertainment Establishment" in a Business zone from "Special Permit Board of Appeals" to "Prohibited".

	Residential N	Business N	Unrestricted SPBA
Adult Live Entertainment Establishment			

Action 2: To delete Section 4.0.3.C in its entirety and replace said section with a new Section 4.0.3.C consisting of the language formerly contained in Section 4.0.2.D in its entirety, including all submission requirements as set forth in Sections a. through j. and all requirements contained in Sections 1 through 8, replacing the words "Business District" in the first paragraph of the new Section 4.0.3.C with "Unrestricted District".

The new Section 4.0.3.C will read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions in Paragraphs (a) through (e) of this subsection, no Adult Live Entertainment Establishment, No Adult Theater, and no Sexually-Oriented Business, as defined in Section 1.1, shall be established or maintained in the Unrestricted District except as authorized by a special permit from the Board of Appeals, subject to the procedure established by Section 2.5 of this By-Law. Each application for such a special permit shall be made by the owners of the property at which the business will be located and shall include the following:

- a. The name of the proposed business, a copy of the lease for the business premises, a detailed description of the type of business for which the special permit is sought, and the proposed days and hours of operation.
- b. The name and address of each person who has or will have a legal or beneficial interest in the business. If a corporation has such a legal or beneficial interest, the application shall include the names and addresses of the officers and directors and, if such corporation is not publicly owned, the names of the stockholders. If a partnership has such a legal or beneficial interest, the application shall include the names and addresses of all general and limited partners and all persons with a beneficial interest in the partnership.

- c. The name and address of each person who will have management responsibility for the proposed business and specification of the days and times at which each such person will be present at the business premises. The application shall include the names and addresses of each person with management responsibility whom shall be authorized and available to respond promptly to complaints at any time when a manager is not present at the business premises and shall specify how each such person can be contacted without delay at any such time.
- d. A certification that none of the persons named in the previous two subparagraphs has ever been convicted of violating the provisions of General laws Chapter 119, Section 63 or General Laws Chapter 272, Section 28.
- e. A plan to scale showing the lot on which the proposed business will be located, including all buildings designation of parking spaces to be used by the proposed business, driveways, abutting streets and lots and any proposed landscaping; a floor plan to scale showing the proposed layout of the business premises; and exterior elevations to scale showing the proposed exterior appearance of the business premises, including each proposed sign and its content and the treatment of doors and windows.
- f. A traffic study reliably determining the effect on traffic, which is likely to be caused by the proposed business and setting out all measures proposed to be taken to mitigate any adverse traffic impact. The traffic study shall reliably determine the parking needs of the proposed business and shall specify how these needs will be met without adverse impact on other businesses.
- g. Specification of the number of employees to be employed by the proposed business and the hours during which they are expected to work.
- h. A proposed security plan ensuring that minors in no event be exposed to sexually explicit material or performances except as authorized by law.
- i. A proposed plan for ensuring that the stock in trade of the business or any performances presented shall include no obscene material.
- j. If an application seeks a renewal special permit, it shall contain a certification that there has been compliance with the terms and conditions of the special permit or which renewal is sought.

The Board of Appeals shall promulgate rules governing the issuance of special permits for such Adult Live Entertainment Establishments, Adult Theater, and/or Sexually Oriented Businesses and shall file a copy of said rules in the office of the Town Clerk, as required by General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 9A.

In considering whether to grant a special permit for an Adult Live Entertainment Establishment, Adult Theater, or Sexually Oriented Business, the Board of Appeals shall apply its guidelines and rules as it has established them, except that the Board of Appeals shall not grant such a special permit unless the proposed use complies with the following requirements:

1. An application containing inaccurate or incomplete information shall be cause for denying a special permit. If a special permit is issued and information in the application is later discovered to be false, this shall be cause for revoking the special permit. In determining whether to issue a special permit and in specifying conditions, limitations and safeguards, the Board of Appeals shall consider the information in the application and all other relevant information presented to it. An application for a renewed special permit shall be determined in the same manner as the original application except that failure to comply with the conditions, limitations and safeguards of an original special permit shall be cause for denial or a renewed special permit, as well as cause for revoking the original special permit. Any special permit issued under this paragraph shall be for a term specified by the Board of Appeals not to exceed two (2) years; and to act on anything relating thereto.
2. A maximum lot coverage of less than fifty percent (50%) is required. Parking and driveway

areas shall be included in the calculation of the lot coverage.

3. A minimum four thousand (4,000) foot separation between different adult uses is required.
4. An eight hundred (800) foot minimum setback is required from existing residential uses and districts, educational uses, public parks, public recreational facilities, and religious uses.
5. A five hundred (500) foot minimum setback is required from any establishment licensed under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 138, Section 12.
6. A one hundred (100) foot vegetative buffer consisting of evergreen shrubs or trees not less than five (5) feet in height at the same time of planting, shall be provided between adult uses and abutting residential districts.
7. At a minimum, a twenty (20) foot wide landscaping buffer shall be provided along the side and rear property lines of the use authorized pursuant to this section, consisting of evergreen shrubs or trees not less than five (5) feet in height at the time of planting.
8. All building openings, entries and windows shall be screened in such a manner as to prevent visual access to the interior of the establishment by the public.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept Article 9.

Motion to call the question. VOTED: Unanimously.

VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 9 carried by a 2/3 vote.

Motion and second made to advance the seventeen articles of the consent calendar (Articles 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28) and that these articles be adopted as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion and second to amend the previous motion to exclude Article 25. VOTED: Carried.

VOTED: (Unanimously) to accept Articles 12 – 28 excluding Article 25 with the following funding sources:

Article 14 - Free Cash  
Article 15 - Free Cash  
Article 16 - Free Cash  
Articles 17 to 24 -Revolving Funds  
Article 27 - Harbor Enterprise  
Article 28 - Water Enterprise

## Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from other available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to be used in conjunction with, and/or in addition to any funds allocated by the Commonwealth and/or County for the engineering services, construction, reconstruction, and/or improvements of Town roads, and/or take any other action relative thereto

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from within existing appropriations a sum of \$20,000 to be used for the engineering services, repair, resurfacing, reconstruction, drainage, and maintenance of Town roads, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

VOTED: Unanimously \$20,000 from Free Cash.

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year the mosquito control work as estimated and certified by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Acts of 1931 and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: Unanimously \$1.00 from Free Cash.

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$770.00 to contract for environmental services directly related to Buzzards Bay, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: Unanimously \$770.00 from Free Cash.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from health care promotion, recreational and social programs for seniors, except for receipts from the social day care program, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$30,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from the Social Day Care Program, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$70,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of

Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from income-generating activities, except receipts from health care promotion, recreational and social programs, transportation activities, and the social day care program which are the source of receipts for other revolving funds, to support the Westport Senior Center from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$10,000, for building operating/maintenance expenses, excluding salaries and wages of all full-time and part-time employees who are employed at said Senior Center, may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from transportation for seniors, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$20,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Westport Fire Department into which will be paid all receipts from Ambulance Fees, from which costs not to exceed \$110,000 for the purchase of an ambulance, ambulance equipment and/or any incurred ambulance-related expense, not to include salaries, which may be expended without further appropriation by the Fire Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Westport Fire Department into which will be paid all receipts from Haz-Mat Fees, from which costs not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of Haz-Mat equipment and/or any incurred Haz-Mat related expense, not to include salaries, which may be expended without further appropriation by the Fire Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Electrical, Plumbing & Gas Inspectors, into



which will be deposited all receipts from fees and fines paid for electrical, plumbing and gas permits, from which costs not to exceed \$85,000.00 for inspections performed, mileage, schooling, supplies, clerical wages, equipment and other related miscellaneous expenses may be expended without further appropriation by the Electrical, Plumbing and Gas departments, Any fund balance in excess of \$85,000 at the end of the fiscal year will be transferred into the General Fund, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

VOTED: Unanimously

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Board of Selectmen into which will be paid receipts from the additional License Fee, from which costs not to exceed \$100,000.00 for cable services, equipment and/or supplies may be expended without further appropriation by the Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53D for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Recreation Commission into which will be paid receipts from programs to pay wages and salaries of part-time and seasonal personnel, supplies and expenses relative to programs offered by the recreation Commission, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

RECREATION COMMISSION

VOTED: Unanimously

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Harbor Enterprise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Salaries	\$45,716
Expenses	38,421
Capital Outlay	<u>10,000</u>
Total	\$94,137

And that \$94,137 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$94,137
Total	\$94,137

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HARBORMASTER/WHARFINGER

Voted: Unanimously \$94,137 from Harbor Enterprise

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Waterline Enterprise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Expenses	<u>\$58,000</u>
Total	\$58,000

And that \$58,000 be raised as follows: Department Receipts \$58,000.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: Unanimously \$58,000 from Water Enterprise

Motion and second to lay Article 25 on the Table. VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available Dredging Reserve Funds and Harbor Enterprise Undesignated Funds the sum of \$70,000 for dredging the Westport River, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

RIVER DREDGING COMMITTEE

Motion and second to accept Article 29 with the following funding sources:

\$33,763.80 from Harbor Enterprise Funds  
\$36,236.20 from Dredging Reserve Funds

VOTED: Unanimously

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Cemetery Lots account for the maintenance and upkeep of cemeteries, avenues, paths and structures situated therein, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Motion and second to accept Article 30 with \$20,000 from Cemetery Lots. VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$26,000 from Perpetual Care Interest for the purchase of a dump truck and associated equipment for the Cemetery Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Motion and second to accept Article 31 with \$26,000 from Perpetual Care Interest.

VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second to take Article 25 off the Table. VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Planning Board into which will be paid all portions of subdivision filing fee receipts collected for the purpose of maintaining the assessors parcel GIS database, as provided in the *Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land*, as they may be amended from time to time. These funds may be expended for costs not to exceed \$20,000, and solely for purposes related to maintaining the GIS database, and may be expended without further appropriation by the Planning Board, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

Motion and second to amend Article 25 to delete the word "solely" and insert "and utilize".

Voted: Article 25 as amended. Carried.



### Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the cost of various capital expenditures in accordance with the Town's Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Improvement Planning Program, including the purchase and installation of departmental equipment and computers, the remodeling and making of extraordinary repairs to Town facilities, the development of outdoor recreational facilities, the construction of septic systems for Town facilities and the paving of certain Town properties; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion and second that \$502,000.00 is appropriated for the following Capital expenditures in accordance with the Town's fiscal year 2007 capital improvement program:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department/Board</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
\$255,000	School	Smoke/Heat Detection – WHS; Mobile Lab – WMS; Chem. Lab Tight Tank – WHS; Paving – Macomber School; Auditorium Lighting – WMS
\$17,000	Police	Police Facility Plumbing Purchase of Computers
\$130,000	Highway	Two 1-ton 4X4 Dump Trucks Mini-Excavator
\$35,000	Library	New Shingles Building Exterior
\$25,000	Fire	Septic System – Station #2 (Briggs Rd.)
\$25,000	Selectmen	Beach Access Construction Pickup Truck
<u>\$15,000</u>	Council on Aging	Handicapped Doors Installation
\$502,000 - Total		

and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$502,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority.

Motion and second to call the question. VOTED: Carried.

VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 32 carried by 2/3 vote.

### Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for acquiring land, or interests in land, for the purposes of open space, recreation, conservation, agricultural preservation and protection of environmental resource areas; to determine whether such appropriation shall be deposited in the Town's Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Fund; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

#### AGRICULTURAL/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Motion and second that \$1.5 million is appropriated for acquiring land, or interests in land, for the purposes of open space, recreation, conservation, agricultural preservation and protection of environmental resource areas; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$1.5 million under G.L. c.44, §7(3) and Chapter 114 of the Acts of 2001 or any other enabling

authority; that the proceeds of any borrowing incurred under this vote shall be deposited in the Town's Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Fund to be expended in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 114; and that the Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Council is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 33 carried by a 2/3 vote.

Article 35

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors to fund fees and expenses to update the Revaluation program mandated by M.G.L. Chapter 797 to place the Town on a 100% valuation assessment basis, and /or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Motion and second to accept Article 35 with \$20,000 from Free Cash. Voted: Unanimously.

Article 36

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the FY07 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2007; and further to reserve for future appropriation: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use, a sum of money for acquisition preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums on money for Community Preservation projects or purposes, all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Motion and second to accept Article 36 as follows:

That the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund's annual revenues and available funds the amount recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation. The recommendations are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>
Estuaries Project	\$60,000	FY07 CPA Fund Revenues
Town Hall Restoration III	\$80,000	FY07 CPA Fund Revenues
Bell School Restoration	\$19,775	FY07 CPA Fund Revenues
Historic Cemeteries Restoration	\$ 6,023	FY07 CPA Fund Revenues
Westport Waterways' Restoration	\$15,000	FY07 CPA Fund Revenues
Historic Markers	\$ 1,308	FY07 CPA Fund Revenues
Westport Point Church	\$ 9,000	FY07 CPA Fund Revenues
Administrative Account	\$21,000	FY07 CPA Fund Revenues

Perry Property Acquisition

And further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise the fee interest, for community housing purposes under the Community Preservation Program, in the property commonly known as the Perry Property, containing approximately 6.5 acres of land located on the south side of American Legion Highway shown on Assessors Map 33, Lots 47E, 47, 17 and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase and as funding

therefore to appropriate a total of \$750,000 with \$214,137 from FY07 CPA Fund Revenues, \$310,863 from community Housing Reserves; \$25,000 from FY04 Community Housing Project Account and \$200,000 from borrowing; and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds and notes therefore pursuant to said G.L. c.44B and G.L. c.44, § 7(3), or any other enabling authority, as needed, for the cost of said acquisition; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a perpetual affordable housing restriction pursuant to F.L. c. 184 Sections 31-33; or take any other action relative thereto.

Wood Farm Acquisition

And further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, or otherwise for open space purposes pursuant to the Community Preservation Program and to accept an agricultural preservation restriction pursuant to G.L. c.184 Sections 31-33 in and to 12.9 acres of land, more or less, commonly known as the Wood Farm, in the Town of Westport located on Adamsville Road and Sodom Road shown on Assessors Map 77, a portion of Lot 33, and the document entitled "Wood Farm Sketch Plan," on file with the Town Clerk and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase and as funding therefore to transfer from the Fiscal Year 2007 Community Preservation Fund Revenues the sum of \$260,000 pursuant to c. 44B or any other general or special law for the said purchase; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any instruments and take any other action necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote;

And further, to recommend that the following amounts be appropriated at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting to carry out certain projects partially funded by this year's Town Meeting:

Perry Property Acquisition	\$200,000	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues
Estuaries Project II	\$ 60,000	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues

Motion and second to accept Article 36 except the Estuaries Project and Perry Property.

VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second the amount of \$60,000 for Estuaries Project. VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second the amount of \$750,000 for Perry Property. VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:27 p.m. until tomorrow at 7 p.m.

VOTED: Unanimously.

There were 396 registered voters and 13 press and guests in attendance.

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**May 4, 2006**

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Charles Goldberg, Robert McCarthy and Edward Carey to act as Tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting. All stood to salute the flag of our nation.

The Moderator stated that he would ask the Town Meeting to vote Articles 52 through 60 as a consent calendar when the time came to vote on these articles.

#### Article 37

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$30,000 for the purpose of developing plans and specifications for an East Beach Nourishment Project consistent with the recommendations contained within the 1997 Aubrey Consulting Incorporated "Final Report" commissioned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Department of Environmental Management, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BEACH COMMITTEE

Motion and second to Pass Over Article 37. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 38

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of developing a layout plan for Main Road from Kirby Road to Hix Bridge Road, including a detailed existing conditions survey, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

Motion and second to accept Article 38. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 39

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds a sum of \$25,000 to develop a traffic and pedestrian safety plan for Main Road from Kirby Road to Hix Bridge Road, including alternative plans for sidewalks and crosswalks along segments of Main Road emphasizing the design of pedestrian access from Village Way, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

Motion and second to Pass Over Article 39. Voted: Unanimously.

#### Article 40

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 necessary to provide for economic planning and coordination services, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

WESTPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Motion and second to accept Article 40. VOTED: Carried.

An intention to reconsider Article 38 was made in order to identify the funding source.

An intention to reconsider Article 40 was made in order to identify the funding source. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 40

Motion and second to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from Free Cash.

Motion and second to call the question. VOTED: Carried.

VOTED: \$15,000 from Free Cash. Carried. Yes: 80 No: 50.

Motion and second to reconsider Article 38 at this time. VOTED: Carried.

### Article 38

Motion and second to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from Free Cash. VOTED: Carried.

### Article 41

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by deleting in Section 0304 the word "April" and inserting therein the word "May", and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept Article 41. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 42

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by deleting Section 5001. (Capital Improvement Planning Committee) in its entirety and inserting therein the following:

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Capital Improvement Planning Committee consisting of ten members as follows:

- 1). A person knowledgeable and experienced in banking, finance, or investment matters;
- 2). A person who represents the business community;
- 3). A person with experience in the management of construction activities;
- 4). A person who is a member of the School Committee or an appointee thereof;
- 5). A Selectman;
- 6). One member of the Finance Committee;
- 7). Town Treasurer;
- 8). Town Accountant
- 9). Town Administrator
- 10). One Assessor who is selected by the Board of Assessors

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion and second to accept Article 42. Voted: Unanimously.

### Article 43

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding the following Article LV Road Side Signs and Displays as follows:

#### Article LV Road Side Signs And Displays

- 5305.1 Except as specifically authorized in advance by the Board of Selectmen or otherwise allowed by law, no sign or display of any sort, including but not limited to advertisements, advertising devices, crosses and other memorial displays may be placed or maintained in, over or on the lay-out of a public way in the Town of Westport. Notwithstanding the foregoing, memorial displays consisting of a cross or a similar memorial which are deemed not to be a hazard to traffic may be maintained for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days with the advance written permission of the Board of Selectmen.
- 5305.2 In addition and subject to receiving any approval needed from the owner of a utility pole, signs no larger than fourteen (14) square inches advertising yard sales and affixed in a manner that does not impede motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic may be placed temporarily on utility poles for a period commencing not more than three (3) days before the date of the sale advertised and must be removed forthwith on the date of the sale.
- 5305.3 Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Town's right to remove any unauthorized sign

or display from its property without prior notice or to remove any sign or display from its property without prior notice in the event the sign or display is a threat to public safety.

5305.4

Penalty

Any person who shall violate the provisions of these By-Laws after five (5) days' notice given by the Board of Selectmen or any Westport Police Officer to remove the sign or display in question will be assessed a civil penalty of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for the first such violation, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the second such violation and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for a third or subsequent violation may be assessed utilizing the non-criminal disposition procedures contained in MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to amend Article 43, Section 5305.2 by deleting in the second line the word "square" and inserting "by 14 inches" and to amend Section 5305.1 by deleting in the fourth line the words "layout of" and inserting "property of". VOTED: Carried

Motion and second to call the question. VOTED: Unanimously.

VOTED: The provisions of Article 43, as amended, were lost.

Article 44

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Cemetery Regulations by inserting the following new section at the conclusion of the current regulations, as follows:

17. No dogs will be allowed in a public cemetery with the exception of service dogs, sometimes known as guide dogs or signal dogs, that have been individually trained to provide assistance to individuals with disabilities, and those contained within a motor vehicle.

And further, to amend the Town Bylaws, by inserting a new section, 3702.6, as follows

Cemetery Regulations, Section 2401.17, Dogs, Non Criminal Disposition:

Any person who violates the provisions of Section 2401.17 of the Cemetery Regulations shall be subject to a fine of \$25.00, with each day a violation occurs considered a separate offense. Any Police Officer of the Town of Westport shall be the enforcing authority for purposes of non-criminal disposition.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 44. VOTED: Carried.

Article 45

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding the following Article LVI Board of Selectmen as follows:

Article LVI - Board Of Selectmen

5601. Term of Office, Composition

There shall be a Board of Selectmen consisting of five members elected for three (3) year terms, so arranged that as nearly an equal number of terms as possible shall expire each year.

5602. Vacancy

Vacancies in the office of selectman shall be filled by special election in accordance with the



provisions of general law.

**5603. Policy Leadership Responsibilities**

The Board of Selectmen shall serve as the goal setting and policy-making agency of the town and shall appoint a Town Administrator to carry out such policies. As the chief policy-making agency of the town, the Board of Selectmen shall not normally administer the day-to-day affairs of the town, but shall instead regularly direct the Town Administrator to help it in carrying out its administrative duties, and make recommendations to the Town Meeting relating to actions required to be taken by that body.

5603.1 Except as otherwise provided by the town's by-laws, all executive powers of the town shall be vested in the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall have all of the powers and duties given to boards of selectmen under the constitution and general laws of the Commonwealth, and such additional powers and duties as may be authorized by the by-laws or by any other Town Meeting vote.

5603.2 Individual selectmen shall have no independent authority unless specifically voted by the Board of Selectmen. Selectmen shall deal with administrative agencies and departments through the Town Administrator.

5603.3 The Board of Selectmen shall cause the laws and orders for the government of the town to be enforced and shall cause an up-to-date record of all its official acts to be kept.

**5604. Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities**

Except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, all executive powers of the town shall be vested in the Board of Selectmen and it shall have all of the powers and duties given to Boards of Selectmen under the constitution and general laws of the Commonwealth, and such additional powers and duties as may be authorized by by-law or by Town Meeting vote.

5604.1 The Board of Selectmen shall cause the laws and orders for the government of the town to be enforced and shall cause a record of all its official acts to be kept.

5604.2 The Board of Selectmen shall act as the licensing authority of the town and shall have the power and responsibility required to issue licenses, to make all necessary rules and regulations regarding the issuance of such licenses, and to attach conditions and impose such restrictions as it considers to be on the public interest, and further to enforce, or cause to be enforced, the laws, rules and regulations relating to all business for which it issues licenses.

5604.3 The Board of Selectmen may conduct investigations and may authorize the Town Administrator or other agent to investigate the affairs of the town and the conduct of any town department, office, or agency, including any doubtful claims against the town and for this purpose may subpoena witness, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production of evidence. The report of such investigation shall be placed on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and report summarizing such investigation shall be printed in the next town report.

**5605. Appointing Powers**

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint the Town Administrator, Assistant Town Administrator and/or Secretary to the Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel, Constables, Town Accountant, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Harbormaster, Shellfish Warden, Fence Viewers, and members of all multi-member bodies or other positions for whom no other appointment or election provision is made in the by-laws or Massachusetts General Laws.

5605.1 All appointed boards, committees, and commissions, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, shall be responsible to the Board of Selectmen.

5606. Prohibitions

No member of the Board of Selectmen shall serve on any appointed town board established by these by-laws for which the Board of Selectmen is the appointing authority, except by an affirmative vote of three (3) of the members of the Board of Selectmen.

5607. Intergovernmental Relations

Members of the Board of Selectmen will represent the town on federal, state, regional, and inter-municipal committees, or may designate a town employee or other person to represent the town; and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to Pass Over Article 45. VOTED: Carried.

Article 46

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding the following Article LVII Town Administrator as follows:

Article LVII – Town Administrator

5701. Appointment; Qualification; Term

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint, by an affirmative vote of four (4) members, a Town Administrator for a term of three years that is renewable by the Selectmen upon receiving a satisfactory evaluation from the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen shall set the Town Administrator's compensation within the amount annually appropriated for this purpose. The Town Administrator shall be appointed solely on the basis of executive, administrative, and educational qualifications.

5701.1 The Town Administrator shall be a professionally qualified person of proven ability, especially fitted to perform the duties of the office by education, training and previous experience in municipal administration. The Town Administrator will have a Bachelors Degree, preferably a Masters Degree, in Public Administration, Public Policy, Business Management or related field; at least five (5) years experience in an upper level executive municipal positions; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

5701.2 The Administrator shall devote full time to the office and shall not hold any other public office, elective or appointive, or engage in any other business or occupation during his or her term, unless such action is approved in advance, in writing, by the Board of Selectmen. The town may from time to time, by by-law, establish such additional qualifications as seem necessary and appropriate.

5702. Relationship of the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen

The Town Administrator shall be the primary officer responsible for the implementation of the policy directives of the Board of Selectmen. The daily administration of the affairs of the town shall be the responsibility of the Town Administrator.

5703. Vacancy in Office

The Board of Selectmen shall fill any permanent vacancy in the office of Town Administrator as soon as possible. Pending the appointment of a Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint some other qualified person to serve as the Acting Town Administrator.

5704. Temporary Absence

The Town Administrator may, by letter filed with the Town Clerk and Board of Selectmen designate as Acting Town Administrator, a qualified officer of the town to perform the duties of the Town Administrator during a temporary absence or disability. If such absence or disability exceeds thirty (30) days, any designation made by the Administrator shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen. In the event of failure of the Town Administrator to make such designation, or if the



person so designated is unable to serve, the Board of Selectmen may designate some other qualified person to perform the duties of the Town Administrator until the Town Administrator shall return.

**5705. Procedures for Removal of Town Administrator**

The Board of Selectmen, by an affirmative vote of four (4) of its members, may initiate the removal of the Town Administrator prior to the expiration of an employment contract by adopting a preliminary resolution of removal. Said resolution shall set forth in reasonable detail the reason or reasons for said removal. The preliminary resolution may suspend the Administrator for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. The resolution shall be delivered to the Administrator forthwith upon its adoption.

5705.1 The Administrator, within five (5) days of receipt of the resolution of removal, may request a public hearing by the Board of Selectmen on the reasons stated in the resolution of removal. The Board of Selectmen shall convene the requested hearing not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30) days after receipt of the request by the Town Administrator. The Town Administrator may be represented by counsel of his or her choice, may call witnesses, may question witnesses and may file a statement on his or her behalf.

5705.2 If the Town Administrator does not request a public hearing then the Board of Selectmen may adopt a final resolution of removal not earlier than ten (10) days after the delivery of the preliminary resolution of removal and not later than twenty (20) days after the delivery of the preliminary resolution. If the Town Administrator does not request a public hearing, then the Board of Selectmen may adopt a final resolution of removal not earlier than five (5) days or later than ten (10) days after the close of the public hearing. A final resolution of removal must have an affirmative vote of four (4) members of the Board of Selectmen. Failure to adopt a final resolution of removal within the time limits set forth herein shall nullify the preliminary resolution of removal.

5705.3 The action of the Board of Selectmen in suspending or removing the Town Administrator shall be final. The Administrator shall continue to receive his or her salary until a final resolution of removal becomes effective.

**5706. Powers and Duties**

The Town Administrator shall be the chief administrative officer of the town. The Town Administrator shall be responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the proper administration of all town affairs placed in his or her charge by or under the by-laws. The Town Administrator shall have the following powers and perform the following duties:

5706.1 Implement and carry out all policies and goals established by the Board of Selectmen;

5706.2 Prepare and submit an annual operating budget and capital improvement program and budget;

5706.3 Investigate or inquire into the affairs of any town department under his jurisdiction or when authorized by the Board of Selectmen, investigate or inquire into the affairs of any town department;

5706.4 Attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Selectmen, unless unavailable for reasonable cause, and shall have a voice, but no vote, in all of its proceedings;

5706.5 Keep the Board of Selectmen fully informed as to the needs of the town and make recommendations to the board;

5706.6 Inform the Board of Selectmen on departmental operations, fiscal matters, administrative actions and provide regular periodic reports to the Board of Selectmen;

5706.7 Inform the Board of Selectmen of the availability of public and private funding opportunities;

- 5706.8 Administer personnel policies, practices, and rules and regulations, any compensation plan and any related matter for all municipal employees, except school employees;
- 5706.9 Be responsible for the negotiation, administration and enforcement of collective bargaining agreements and other employment agreements on behalf of the Board of Selectmen;
- 5706.10 Have jurisdiction over all town property, insuring that a full inventory of all real and personal property is kept excluding property under the jurisdiction of the school committee;
- 5706.11 Shall be responsible for and oversee the purchase of all supplies, materials, services and equipment, and approve the award of all contracts for all town departments;
- 5706.12 Coordinate the activities of all appointed and elected boards, committees and commissions and may require elected boards and individuals to meet with and provide information to the Town Administrator, at reasonable times for the purpose of coordination of financial planning;
- 5706.13 May create new full time, compensated positions subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen and funding by town meeting;
- 5706.14 Supervise, direct and be responsible for the efficient administration of all officers appointed by the Board of Selectmen and their respective departments, and for all functions for which the Town Administrator is given responsibility, authority or control by this charter, by by-law, by Town Meeting vote or by vote of the Board of Selectmen;
- 5706.15 Delegate, authorize or direct any subordinate or employee appointed by the Board of Selectmen to exercise any power, duty, or responsibility which the office of the Town Administrator is authorized to exercise, provided that all acts that are performed under such delegation are deemed to be the acts of the Town Administrator; NOTE: The words Town Administrator was deleted and the words Board of Selectmen inserted therein.
- 5706.16 Administer and enforce either directly or through a person or persons supervised by the Town Administrator, in accordance with this by-law all provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth applicable to the town, all by-laws, and all regulations established by the Board of Selectmen;
- 5706.17 Attend all sessions of the Town Meeting to answer all questions addressed to the Town Administrator and which are related to warrant articles and matters of general supervision of the Town Administrator.
- 5706.18 Administer or oversee annual performance evaluations of all department heads and employees appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to Pass Over Article 46. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 47

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 12B of M.G.L. Chapter 138, which would prohibit nudity or partial nudity in a licensed premises, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 47. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 48

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23D which provides that a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding a judicial or quasi judicial hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from any session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received, if the member before voting certifies in writing, under the penalties of perjury, that the member has examined all evidence submitted at the missed session or sessions, including examination of an audio or video recording of the missed session or sessions. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede otherwise applicable quorum requirements, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to Pass Over Article 48. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 49

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the land described below to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of developing affordable housing or for the purpose of disposition by sale or lease, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or lease for a period in excess of three years all or a portion of land recorded with the Registry of Deeds at Book 2833, page 168; Book 2833, page 170; and Book 2833, page 172, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 49. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 50

To see if the Town will vote to: (a) approve the form of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement between J & S Restaurant Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Kozy Nook Restaurant and the Town of Westport for land located at 645 State Road (Map 7, Lot 373 and Map 24, Lot 1L) on file with the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk; (b) authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the TIF Agreement, and any documents relating thereto, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to implement those documents; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve and certify the proposed project as provided in the TIF Plan and to apply to the Fall River Economic Target Area (ETA) and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC) for approval and designation of the Economic Opportunity Area (EOA), TIF Plan and TIF Agreement, and any certified project, and take such other and further action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article to enhance economic development on the Route 6 corridor as recommended by the Master Plan, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMITTEE

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 50.

Motion and second to call the question. VOTED: Unanimously.

VOTED: Unanimously to accept the provisions of Article 50.

#### Article 51

To see if the Town of Westport will, in accordance with G.L. c. 40, section 4A, authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Board of Health, to enter into an inter-municipal agreement for a term not to exceed 25 years with one or more other governmental entities to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion and second to amend Article 51 by deleting in the second line the word "Health" and inserting

"Selectmen in co-operation with the Board of Health".

VOTED: Unanimously as amended.

Motion and second to advance Articles 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60 and that these articles be adopted with the Finance Committee recommendations. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 52

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A -Library Department, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Library Clerk	5	+20	K-A	PT

and inserting therein:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Principal Clerk	5	+20	K-A	PT

and if necessary to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3265.00 to the Library Department budget therefore, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$3,265.00 from Free Cash.

#### Article 53

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A -Library Department, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Library Substitute	5	-20	Hourly	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD/LIBRARY TRUSTEES

VOTED: (Unanimously).

#### Article 54

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A -Council on Aging, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Director	1	35	Salary	FT

and inserting therein:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Director	1	40	Salary	FT

and, if necessary, to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,200 to the Council on Aging Budget therefore, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD/BOARD OF SELECTMEN/COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$5,200 from Free Cash.

Article 55

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A – Council on Aging, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Principal Clerk	2	35	K-A	FT

and inserting therein:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Principal Clerk	2	40	K-A	FT

and, if necessary, to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,783 to the Council on Aging Budget therefore, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$3,783 from Free Cash.

Article 56

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A – Council on Aging, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Volunteer Coordinator	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD/COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 57

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A – Council on Aging, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Program Aide	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD/COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: (Unanimously)

Article 58

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A – Board of Selectmen, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Public Access Equipment Operator	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 59

To see if the Town will vote to amend the personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A – Cable Advisory, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Public Access Coordinator	2	-20	Salary	PT

and inserting therein under Schedule A – Board of Selectmen:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Public Access Coordinator	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 60

To see if the Town will vote to amend the personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A – Conservation commission, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Recording Clerk	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

VOTED: (Unanimously)

#### Article 61

To see if the Town will vote to accept the recommendation of the Westport Point Historic District Expansion Study Committee and the Westport Historical Commission to expand the area included in the Westport Point Historic District by adding 16 lots (plat/lot numbers 58/80, 58/81, 58/82, 58/83, 58/84, 58/85, 58/86, 58/87, 58/88, 83/76, 83/77, 83/78, 83/79, 83/80, 83/81 and 83/82) and amend the Westport Historical Commission By-Law dated April 3, 1973 by deleting the map and legal description of the Westport Point Historic District recorded July 9, 1973 (as an attachment to the Westport Historical Commission By-Law) and substituting a revised map dated March 10, 2006, which includes the originally established district and the proposed additions recommended above, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 61.

VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 61 carried by 2/3 vote.

#### Article 62

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Historical Commission By-Law Section 6 to substitute 45 days for the 21 days established therein as the period between an application for a Certificate and the Commission's filing of its determination on that application with the Town Clerk, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 62. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 63

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

#### Resolution Regarding Ending Lottery Diversion

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport has not received 100% of its share of the Lottery Funds as well as other cities and towns in the Commonwealth, be it resolved that:

- It is the consensus of the town meeting that local lottery revenues should not be used by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to balance the state budget.
- That state revenues have increased at record levels, therefore there should be no reason to continue the diversion.
- Local property taxes have increased tremendously and continuing the diversion will elevate taxes even higher in order to provide local services.
- The Town of Westport has cut services due to severe cuts in local aid over the past several years.

Be it further resolved that the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Legislators be requested to commit to uncapping the lottery diversion and to return 100% of the town's share of lottery funds beginning in Fiscal Year 2007.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 63. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 64

To see if the Town will pass a By-Law requiring that any person walking or cycling on a Town road during hours of darkness wear or prominently display on their person a light or light reflective material.

BY PETITION

Motion and second to amend Article 64 by adding the following: "Anyone violating this by-law will be assessed with a \$10.00 penalty."

Motion and second to Pass Over Article 64. VOTED: Carried.

### Article 65

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Jillian Way, one of the streets serving the Westport Meadows (Phase II) subdivision, and or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Motion and second to accept the layout as a public way of Jillian Way, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain land or rights in land within said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Westport, and the utilities within said way.

Motion and second to call the question. VOTED: Carried.

VOTED: To accept the provisions of Article 65. Carried.



#### Article 66

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Courtlyn Lane, one of the streets serving the Westport Meadows (Phase II) subdivision, and or take any other action relative thereto

BY PETITION

Motion and second to accept the layout as a public way of Courtlyn Lane, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain land or rights in land within said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Westport, and the utilities within said way.

VOTED: To accept the provisions of Article 66. Carried.

#### Article 67

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Aime's Way, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Motion and second to amend Article 67 with the following language:

Motion and second to accept the layout as a public way of Aime's Way, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain land or rights in land within said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Westport, and the utilities within said way.

VOTED: The provisions of Article 67 were lost.

#### Article 68

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Pension Reserve Fund and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion and second to appropriate \$85,000 from Free Cash. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 69

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion and second to Pass Over Article 69. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 70

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion and second to appropriate \$95,000 from Free Cash. VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 9:57 p.m. There were 168 registered voters and 10 press and visitors in attendance.

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more copies in as many places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this 24th day of April in the year two thousand six.

Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman  
David P. Dionne, Vice-Chairman  
Veronica F. Beaulieu  
J. Duncan Albert  
Robert P. Rebello  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790

I this 25th day of April 2006, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL ELECTION  
JUNE 27, 2006**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

On Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June next, it being the Fourth Tuesday of the month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to vote on the following questions, viz:

Question No. 1:

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half so-called, the amount required to pay for the bonds issued in order to Construct, originally equip and furnish a new public safety facility?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Question No. 2:

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and on-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to acquire land, or interests in land, for the purposes of open space, recreation, conservation, agricultural preservation and protection of environmental resource areas?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Question No. 3:

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to purchase and install departmental equipment and computers, remodel and make extraordinary repairs to Town facilities, develop recreational facilities, construct septic systems for Town facilities and pave certain Town properties?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The polls will be open for balloting for the officers, or any questions contained on the official ballot at 10:00 a.m. and shall be closed at 8:00 p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant be posting five or more attested copies thereof in as many public places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Westport this 22nd day of May in the year two thousand six.

Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman  
David P. Dionne, Vice-Chairman  
Veronica F. Beaulieu  
J. Duncan Albert  
Robert P. Rebello  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
May 25, 2006

On this 25th day of May 2006, I posted 6 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center

Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**Westport, Mass.**  
**JUNE 27, 2006**

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following questions, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result of the balloting from the five precincts as certified by the Precinct Officers, being as follows:

Question No. 1 - Public Safety Complex

Yes, one thousand sixty-nine	1069
No, one thousand three hundred sixty-nine	1369
Blanks, eleven	11

Question No. 2 - Open Space Land

Yes, one thousand three hundred ten	1310
No, one thousand one hundred twenty-seven	1127
Blanks, twelve	12

Question No. 3 - Department Equipment

Yes, one thousand one hundred thirty-six	1136
No, one thousand two hundred ninety-one	1291
Blanks, twenty-two	22

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

Westport Planning Board  
Chairman John Montano  
Town Hall Annex  
Main Road, Westport, MA 02790

Dear John,

I am resigning as a member of the Westport Planning Board effective immediately. Changing priorities and circumstances have led me to this decision. I have enjoyed working with you and the Board.

Thomas Perkins  
P O Box N103  
Westport, MA

Cc: Town Clerk  
Received: June 1, 2006

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify ad warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

On Tuesday, the nineteenth day of September, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS .....	4 <sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR .....	1 <sup>ST</sup> COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT .....	1 <sup>ST</sup> BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT .....	8 <sup>TH</sup> BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY .....	BRISTOL DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS .....	BRISTOL COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS .....	BRISTOL SOUTHERN DISTRICT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS .....	BRISTOL COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of July, 2006.

Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman  
David P. Dionne, Vice-Chairman  
Veronica F. Beaulieu  
J. Duncan Albert

Robert P. Rebello  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
July 27, 2006

On this 27th day of July 2006, I posted 7 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall  
Less Super Market

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

## STATE PRIMARY Westport, Mass. SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the candidates of political parties, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result of the balloting from the five precincts as certified by the Precinct Officers, being as follows:

### DEMOCRATIC

#### Senator In Congress

Edward M. Kennedy had one thousand eight hundred seventy-eight	1878
Blanks, six hundred fourteen	614

#### Governor

Christopher F. Gabrieli had five hundred fifty	550
Deval L. Patrick had one thousand two hundred ninety	1290
Thomas F. Reilly had five hundred eighty-five	585
Blanks, sixty-seven	67

#### Lieutenant Governor

Deborah B. Goldberg had seven hundred forty-four	744
Timothy P. Murray had eight hundred sixty-four	864
Andrea C. Silbert had four hundred thirty	430
Blanks, four hundred fifty-four	454

### Attorney General

Martha Coakley had one thousand six hundred forty	1640
Blanks, eight hundred fifty-two	852

### Secretary Of State

William Francis Galvin had one thousand six hundred five	1605
John Bonifaz had three hundred fifty-nine	359
Blanks, five hundred twenty-eight	528

### Treasurer

Timothy P. Cahill had one thousand six hundred fifty	1650
Blanks, eight hundred forty-two	842

### Auditor

A Joseph DeNucci had one thousand five hundred ninety-three	1593
Blanks, eight hundred ninety-nine	899

### Representative In Congress

Barney Frank had one thousand nine hundred fifty-six	1956
Blanks, five hundred thirty-six	536

### Councillor

Carole A. Fiola had one thousand five hundred seventy-six	1576
Kelly Kevin Lydon had three hundred seventy	370
Blanks, five hundred forty-six	546

### Senator In General Court

Joan M. Menard had one thousand eight hundred fifty-four	1854
Blanks, six hundred thirty-eight	638

### Representative In General Court

Michael J. Rodrigues had two thousand forty-two	2042
Blanks, four hundred fifty	450

### District Attorney

Paul F. Walsh, Jr. had eight hundred eighty-two	882
C Samuel Sutter had one thousand five hundred nineteen	1519
Blanks, ninety-one	91

### Clerk Of Courts

Marc J. Santos had one thousand six hundred nineteen	1619
Blanks, eight hundred seventy-three	873

### Register Of Deeds

J Mark Treadup had one thousand five hundred ninety-eight	1598
Blanks, eight hundred ninety-four	894



### County Commissioner

Maria F. Lopes had three hundred thirty-six	336
Gregory DeMelo had three hundred forty	340
Perry C. Long had one thousand five hundred eighty-seven	1587
Blanks, two hundred twenty-nine	229

## REPUBLICAN

### Senator In Congress

Kenneth G. Chase had ninety-eight	98
Kevin P. Scott had eighty-one	81
Blanks, twenty-four	24

### Governor

Kerry Healey had one hundred sixty-four	164
Blanks, thirty-nine	39

### Lieutenant Governor

Reed V. Hillman had one hundred forty-six	146
Blanks, fifty-seven	57

### Attorney General

Larry Frisoli had one hundred thirty-nine	139
Blanks, sixty-four	64

### Secretary Of State

Blanks, two hundred three	203
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### Treasurer

Blanks, two hundred three	203
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### Auditor

Blanks, two hundred three	203
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### Representative In Congress

Blanks, two hundred three	203
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### Councillor

Philip C. Paleologos had one hundred five	105
Blanks, ninety-eight	98

### Senator In General Court

Blanks, two hundred three	203
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<u>Representative In General Court</u>	
Blanks, two hundred three	203
<u>District Attorney</u>	
Paul Walsh (write-in) had four	4
Sam Sutter (write-in) had nine	9
Blanks, one hundred ninety	190
<u>Clerk Of Courts</u>	
Blanks, two hundred three	203
<u>Register Of Deeds</u>	
Blanks, two hundred three	203
<u>County Commissioner</u>	
Perry Long (write-in) had two	2
Blanks, two hundred one	201

A true record,  
 Attest:  
  
 Marlene M. Samson  
 Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
 TOWN OF WESTPORT  
 WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify ad warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

On Tuesday, the seventh day of November, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
 GOVERNOR ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

ATTORNEY GENERAL .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS .....	4 <sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR .....	1 <sup>ST</sup> COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT .....	1 <sup>ST</sup> BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT .....	8 <sup>TH</sup> BRISTOL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY .....	BRISTOL DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS .....	BRISTOL COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS .....	BRISTOL SOUTHERN DISTRICT
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS .....	BRISTOL COUNTY

#### Question 1: Law Proposed By Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

#### Summary

This proposed law would allow local licensing authorities to issue licenses for food stores to sell wine. The proposed law defines a "food store" as a retail vender, such as a grocery store, supermarket, shop, club, outlet, or warehouse-type seller, that sells food to consumers to be eaten elsewhere (which must include meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fresh fruit and produce, and other specified items), and that may sell other items usually found in grocery stores. Holders of licenses to sell wine at food stores could sell wine either on its own or together with any other items they sell. The licensing authorities in any city or town of up to 5000 residents could issue up to 5 licenses for food stores to sell wine. In cities or towns of over 5000 residents, one additional license could be issued for each additional 5000 residents (or fraction of 5000). No person or business could hold more than 10% of the total number of licenses that could be issued under the proposed law. Such licenses would not be counted when applying the laws that limit the number of other kinds of alcoholic beverage licenses that may be issued or held. Any applicant for a license would have to be approved by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and any individual applicant would have to be at least 21 years old and not have been convicted of a felony.

In issuing any licenses for food stores to sell wine, local licensing authorities would have to use the same procedures that apply to other licenses for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Except where the proposed law has different terms, the same laws that apply to issuance, renewal, suspension and termination of licenses for retail sales of alcoholic beverages which are not to be consumed on the seller's premises, and that apply to the operations of holders of such licenses, would govern licenses to sell wine at food stores, and the operation of holders of such licenses. Local authorities could set fees for issuing and renewing such licenses.

A YES VOTE would create a new category of licenses for food stores to sell wine, and it would allow local licensing authorities to issue such licenses.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning the sale of wine.

#### Question 2: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

#### Summary

This proposed law would allow candidates for public office to be nominated by more than one political party or political designation, to have their names appear on the ballot once for each nomination, and to have their votes counted separately for each nomination but then added together to determine the winner of the election.

The proposed law would repeal an existing requirement that in order to appear on the state primary ballot as a candidate for a political party's nomination for certain offices, a person cannot have been enrolled in any other party during the preceding year. The requirement applies to candidates for nomination for statewide office, representative in Congress, governor's councillor, member of the state Legislature, district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate, register of deeds, county commissioner, sheriff, and county treasurer. The proposed law would also allow any person to appear on the primary ballot as a candidate for a party's nomination for those offices if the party's state committee gave its written consent. The proposed law would also repeal the existing requirement that in order to be nominated to appear as an unenrolled candidate on the state election ballot, or on any city or town ballot following a primary, a person cannot have been enrolled in any political party during the 90 days before the deadline for filing nomination papers.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate were nominated by more than one party or political designation, instead of the candidate's name being printed on the ballot once, with the candidate allowed to choose the order in which the party or political designation names appear after the candidate's name, the candidate's name would appear multiple times, once for each nomination received. The candidate would decide the order in which the party or political designation nominations would appear, except that all parties would be listed before all political designations. The ballot would allow voters who vote for a candidate nominated by multiple parties or political designations to vote for that candidate under the party or political designation line of their choice.

If a voter voted for the same candidate for the same office on multiple party or political designation lines, the ballot would remain valid but would be counted as a single vote for the candidate on a line without a party or political designation. If voting technology allowed, voting machines would be required to prevent a voter from voting more than the number of times permitted for any one office.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate received votes under more than one party or political designation, the votes would be combined for purposes of determining whether the candidate had won the election. The total number of votes each candidate received under each party or political designation would be recorded. Election officials would announce and record both the aggregate totals and the total by party or political designation.

The proposed law would allow a political party to obtain official recognition if its candidate had obtained at least 3% of the vote for any statewide office at either of the two most recent state elections, instead of at only the most recent state election as under current law.

The proposed law would allow a person nominated as a candidate for any state, city or town office to withdraw his name from nomination within six days after any party's primary election for the office, whether or not the person sought nomination or was nominated in that primary. Any candidate who withdrew from an election could not be listed on the ballot for that election, regardless of whether the candidate received multiple nominations.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow a candidate for public office to be nominated for the same office by more than one political party or political designation at the same election.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning nomination of candidates for public office.

### Question 3: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006.

#### Summary

This proposed law would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain, collectively with the relevant state agencies about all terms and conditions of the provision of child care services under the state's child care assistance program

and its regulations.

Under the proposed law, these family child care providers who provide state-subsidized child care would not be considered public employees, but if 30% of the providers gave written authorization for an employee organization to be their exclusive representative in collective bargaining, the state Labor Relations Commission would hold a secret mail ballot election on whether to certify that organization as the exclusive representative. Parts of the state's public employee labor relations law and regulations would apply to the election and collective bargaining processes. The proposed law would not authorize providers to engage in a strike or other refusal to deliver childcare services.

An exclusive representative, if certified, could then communicate with providers to develop and present a proposal to the state agencies concerning the terms and conditions of child care provider services. The proposed law would then require the parties to negotiate in good faith to try to reach a binding agreement. If the agreed-upon terms and conditions required changes in existing regulations, the state agencies could not finally agree to the terms until they completed the required procedures for changing regulations and any cost items agreed to by the parties had been approved by the state Legislature. If any actions taken under the proposed law required spending state funds, that spending would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature. Any complaint that one of the parties was refusing to negotiate in good faith could be filed with and ruled upon by the Labor Relations Commission. An exclusive representative could collect a fee from providers for the costs of representing them.

An exclusive representative could be de-certified under Commission regulations and procedures if certain conditions were met. The Commission could not accept a de-certification petition for at least 2 years after the first exclusive representative was certified, and any such petition would have to be supported by 50% or more of the total number of providers. The Commission would then hold a secret mail ballot election for the providers to vote on whether to decertify the exclusive representative.

The proposed law states that activities carried out under it would be exempt from federal anti-trust laws. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow licensed and other authorized providers of childcare in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the state.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning licensed and other authorized family child care providers.

And in any other local binding questions or public policy questions.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of October, 2006.

Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman  
David P. Dionne, Vice-Chairman  
Veronica F. Beaulieu  
J. Duncan Albert  
Robert P. Rebello  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
October 25, 2006

On this 25th day of October 2006, I posted 7 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall  
Lees Super Market

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

## STATE ELECTION Westport, Mass. NOVEMBER 7, 2006

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following named persons and questions, were assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result of the balloting from the five precincts as certified by the Precinct Officers, being as follows:

### Senator In Congress

Edward M. Kennedy had three thousand nine hundred ninety-six	3996
Kenneth G. Chase had one thousand seven hundred fifty-three	1753
Blanks, one hundred sixty-eight	168

### Governor & Lieutenant Governor

Healey and Hillman had one thousand nine hundred forty-three	1943
Patrick and Murray had three thousand four hundred ninety-five	3495
Mihos and Sullivan had three hundred one	301
Ross and Robinson had one hundred nine	109
Blanks, sixty-nine	69

### Attorney General

Martha Coakley had four thousand fifty-two	4052
Larry Frisoli had one thousand four hundred eighty-five	1485
Blanks, three hundred eighty	380

### Secretary Of State

William Francis Galvin had four thousand one hundred thirty-eight	4138
Jill E. Stein had one thousand one hundred thirteen	1113
Blanks, six hundred sixty-six	666

### Treasurer

Timothy P. Cahill had four thousand one hundred sixty-nine	4169
James O'Keefe had nine hundred sixty-three	963

Blanks, seven hundred eighty-five

785

Auditor

A. Joseph DeNucci had three thousand eight hundred ninety-four  
Rand Wilson had one thousand one hundred sixty  
Blanks, eight hundred sixty-three

3894  
1160  
863

Representative In Congress

Barney Frank had four thousand five hundred ninety-six  
Blanks, one thousand three hundred twenty-one

4596  
1321

Councillor

Carole A. Fiola had three thousand three hundred thirty-two  
Philip C. Paleologos had one thousand three hundred twenty-five  
Paul R. Viveros had seven hundred ninety  
Blanks, four hundred seventy

3332  
1325  
790  
470

Senator In General Court

Joan M. Menard had four thousand five hundred fifty  
Blanks, one thousand three hundred sixty-seven

4550  
1367

Representative In General Court

Michael J. Rodrigues had four thousand eight hundred fifty-nine  
Blanks, one thousand fifty-eight

4859  
1058

District Attorney

C Samuel Sutter had four thousand seven hundred eleven  
Paul Walsh (write-in) had eight  
Blanks, one thousand one hundred ninety-eight

4711  
8  
1198

Clerk of the Courts

Marc J. Santos had four thousand three hundred fifteen  
Blanks, one thousand six hundred two

4315  
1602

Register Of Deeds

J. Mark Treadup had three thousand one hundred fifty-three  
Robert M. Goepner, Jr. had two thousand twenty-four  
Blanks, seven hundred forty

3153  
2024  
740

County Commissioner

Maria F. Lopes had four thousand two hundred four  
Perry Long (write-in) had six  
Blanks, one thousand seven hundred seven

4204  
6  
1707

Question 1

Yes, two thousand one hundred thirty-four

2134



No, three thousand four hundred seventy-two  
Blanks, three hundred eleven

3472  
311

Question 2

Yes, one thousand six hundred two  
No, three thousand seven hundred twenty-nine  
Blanks, five hundred eighty-six

1602  
3729  
586

Question 3

Yes, two thousand eighty-seven  
No, three thousand two hundred sixty-two  
Blanks, five hundred sixty-eight

2087  
3262  
568

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
NOVEMBER 28, 2006**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble at the Westport High School on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Agreeable to the warrant calling said meeting, the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the Westport High School on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting in accordance with a By-law adopted under Article 45 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1963. All in attendance stood to salute the flag of our nation.

VOTED: (Unanimously) to dispense with the reading of the warrant and with the reading of the Constable's return of service of the warrant and that the Moderator not be required to read articles of the warrant verbatim, but be allowed to refer to articles by number and by subject matter.

VOTED: (Unanimously) to allow the Moderator to declare that a two-thirds vote has been achieved according to General Law, Chapter 39, § 15.

Article 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items within the current appropriations such sums of money necessary to supplement the budgets of various departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to approve the following transfers/supplemental requests:

From:	To:	Amount:
<u>Supplements:</u>		
Available Funds	Fire Department Expenses (rent)	\$ 10,000
Available Funds	Diman Regional Assessment	40,203
Available Funds (Chapter 70)	School Department	66,141
Available Funds	Selectmen Expenses (Perry Property/Utilities)	5,000
Available Funds	Building Dept. Mileage	395
	Total	\$121,739
<u>Transfers:</u>		
Board of Health Personal Services	Landfill Personal Services	\$ 15,000
Appeals Board Expenses	Appeals Board Personal Services	1,000

VOTED: Unanimously.

## Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items within the current appropriations such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to pass over Article 2. VOTED: Unanimously.

## Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items within the current appropriations a sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of completing a layout plan for Main Road from Kirby Road to Hix Bridge Road, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to transfer \$5,000 from available funds. VOTED: Unanimously.

## Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items within the current appropriations the sum of \$7,500 for the purchase of a pickup truck for the Town Hall Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to transfer \$7,500 from available funds. VOTED: Unanimously.

## Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or authorize the transfer from various line items within the current appropriations a sum of money sufficient to fully fund salary increases for all elected officials, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to transfer \$9,533.67 to fund salary increases for all elected officials as follows:

	5/2/06 ATM	11/28/06 STM	Salary
Moderator	\$ 682	\$ 20.46	\$ 702.46
Selectmen – Chairman	6,519	195.57	6,714.57

Board Members (4)	25,457	817.06	26,274.06
Assessors – Board Members (3)	15,276	458.28	15,734.28
Board of Health – Members (3)	6,519	1,415.57	7,934.57
Highway Surveyor	62,683	1,880.49	64,563.49
Tax Collector	52,736	1,582.08	54,318.08
Town Clerk	52,736	1,582.08	54,318.08
Treasurer	52,736	1,582.08	54,318.08
Total	\$275,344	\$ 9,533.67	\$284,877.67

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or authorize the transfer from various line items within the current appropriations a sum of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and the Westport Permanent Firefighters Association, Local 1802, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to transfer \$56,436 from available funds. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or authorize the transfer from various line items within the current appropriations a sum of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and the Westport Highway Department, L.A.W., Local 254 and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to transfer \$13,475 from available funds. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or authorize the transfer from various line items within the current appropriations a sum of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and the Police Officers of Westport Alliance, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to transfer \$79,750 from available funds. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or authorize the transfer from various line items within the current appropriations a sum of money sufficient to fully fund the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Westport and the Town Hall, Library, and Cemetery Departments, L.A.W., Local 254, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to transfer \$32,581 from available funds. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or authorize the transfer from various line items within the current appropriations a sum of money sufficient to fully fund salary

increases for non-union employees, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to transfer \$51,678 from available funds. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the November 8, 2005 STM Article #4 the sum of \$18,000 for the purpose of hiring a third permanent full-time worker at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 11. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of funding a consultant(s) and other related expenses to address the code violations and building issues at the Westport Police Station, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

POLICE CHIEF

Motion and second to transfer \$10,000 from available funds. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Waterline Enterprise Budget approved at the May 2, 2006, Annual Town Meeting, by transferring from the Waterline Enterprise available water surplus, a sum of \$50,000.00 to a Waterline Enterprise Capital Emergency Reserve for extraordinary and unforeseen expenses in the Waterline Enterprise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 13. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2007, a revolving fund for the Westport Police Department into which will be paid all receipts from Police Cruiser Fees associated with private details, from which costs not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of cruisers, associated equipment and/or any incurred police cruiser-related expense, not to include salaries, which sum may be expended without further appropriation by the Westport Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

POLICE CHIEF

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 14. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to accept the recommendation of the Westport Point Historic District Expansion Study Committee and the Westport Historical Commission to expand the area included in the Westport Point Historic District by adding 16 lots (plat/lot numbers 58/80, 58/81, 58/82, 58/83, 58/84, 58/85, 58/86, 58/87, 58/88, 83/76, 83/77, 83/78, 83/79, 83/80, 83/81 and 83/82) and amend the Westport Historical Commission By-Law dated April 3, 1973 by deleting the map and legal description of the Westport Point Historic District recorded July 9, 1973 (as an attachment to the Westport Historical Commission By-Law) and substituting a revised map dated March 10, 2006, which includes the originally established district and the proposed additions recommended above, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 10. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to accept, for all boards, committees, or commissions that hold adjudicatory hearings, the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23D which provide that a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding a judicial or quasi judicial hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from a session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received, if the member before voting certifies in writing, under the penalties of perjury, that the member has examined all evidence submitted at the missed session, including examination of an audio or video recording or transcript of the missed session. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Acceptance of M.G.L. c.39, Section 23D shall not change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede otherwise applicable quorum requirements, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 16. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout as a public way of Aime's Way, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain land or rights in land within said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Westport, and the utilities within said way, and or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 17. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout as a public way of Meadowbrook Lane, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain land or rights in land within said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Westport, and the utilities within said way, and or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 18. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout as a public way of Longwood Drive, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain land or rights in land within said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Westport, and the utilities within said way, and or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 19. VOTED: Carried.

#### Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, determined by 'The New Fire Station Building Committee', for the construction, original equipping and furnishing of a New South End Fire Station in the same location as previously planned for a Combined Public Safety Building Complex; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Motion and second to pass over Article 20. VOTED: Unanimously.

## Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$195,912.00 from the recent Massachusetts School Building Authority reimbursement for the purpose of debt retirement; and further, to reduce by the sum of \$195,912.00, the amount raised and appropriated for such purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 21. VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second to adjourn and dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 8:17 p.m. VOTED: Unanimously.

There were 209 registered voters and 9 visitors and press in attendance.

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more copies in as many places within said Town at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this 13th day of November in the year two thousand and six.

Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman  
David P. Dionne, Vice-Chairman  
Veronica F. Beaulieu  
J. Duncan Albert  
Robert P. Rebello  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
November 14, 2006

On this 14th day of November 2006, I posted 7 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall  
Lees Super Market

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Westport Agricultural Commission Hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2006. The organization is as follows:

## Members

Shirley Robbins, Co-Chair  
Rob Russell, Co-Chair  
Ed Ferreira  
Sandi Porter  
Karl Santos  
Jay Tripp  
John Bettencourt

## Alternates

Carolyn Ferry  
Miranda Ferry  
Ronald Potter  
Lee Tripp  
John Earle

## Advisors

Barbara Hanley, Secretary  
Gaelen Canning  
Charlie Costa  
Anthony Cucchi  
Trip Millikin

## Mission

To facilitate and encourage the pursuit of agriculture in Westport, and to promote agricultural based opportunities in Town.

This year, Westport Agricultural Commission has drafted a Strategic Plan for Agriculture that is currently being circulated to the farming community for comment and feedback. Several of the actions in this plan have already been undertaken. Copies are available by contacting the Secretary Barbara Hanley at 508.636.8826. The goals of the draft Strategic Plan are summarized:

1. Productive, Economically Viable Farms: A Westport that retains farmers, attracts new farmers, has an infrastructure that supports agriculture, and has no net loss of farmland.
2. Supportive, Proactive Community: AgCom will work toward Westport's Master Plan inclusion of AgCom goals, townspeople who are educated about and understand agriculture, its value, and the needs of its farmers, and elected and appointed town boards and officials who are farm friendly, and who make decisions that support agriculture.
3. Secure, Healthy Farm Families: Young people see agriculture as a positive career/job option for their future, communication is improved within and among Farm Families, and farmstead tax relief, affordable housing, and health insurance are accessible.

Meanwhile, the Agricultural Commission has continued mediation between farmers and town boards and state agencies. When complaints are registered by residents to town boards or other agencies regarding agricultural activities, the AgCom immediately appoints two or three peers to get involved. The team works with the farmer, board members, and town staff to educate where needed, and to reach a consensus if at all possible. The Westport Agricultural Commission has been quite successful with this goal, thanks to the hard work of its members and the commitment of Town boards to work together for the greater good of Westport. Communication is productive, not divisive!



### Other Actions This Year Include:

- We have become active in the Bristol Conservation District to get more Farm Plans done for our farmers, which helps qualify us for cost-share and grant money. These Conservation Plans identify natural resources for protection and improvement of farmland assets, consistent with the good sustainable agricultural practices.
- We currently have a pilot cheese making venture with one of our dairy farms and have gotten the Town to offer cheese class scholarships to other dairy farmers. The hope is that this farmstead cheese model, if successful, will attract other farmers to value-added business.
- We are actively encouraging farmers to shift into value-added production versus commodity production in order to be more profitable.
- We have secured a domain name, [westportfamilyfarms.com](http://westportfamilyfarms.com), for a future website for marketing emerging farm businesses and their value-added products.
- We help new farmers (we've got two this year) with preliminary business planning and connection with the larger agricultural community and resources.
- We have prioritized 61B lands for the Land Trust, Community Preservation Committee and Agricultural/Open Space Trust Fund Council.
- On March 3 of this year, we are co-hosting the Grants & Trade Show Brunch for Bristol County farmers with Dartmouth and Rehoboth AgComs, in conjunction with the Bristol Conservation District. We anticipate more than 250 farmers, including our usual 120 we typically see from our Annual Farmers Dinner with Dartmouth. Being held at White's of Westport, this program will include 18 service providers and granting groups, and a dozen agricultural vendors. The objective is to connect Bristol farmers with the people who have grant money for farm improvements and agricultural economic development.
- We held an informational meeting on the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) with Dartmouth's AgCom, and drew regional attendance.

We welcome all questions, feedback, ideas, and volunteers! Please contact a member of the Agricultural Commission or the Secretary (636-8826 or [barbarahanley@charter.net](mailto:barbarahanley@charter.net)).

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hanley, Secretary

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT ARTS COUNCIL**

The Westport Arts Council hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2006. The council is comprised of five members. They are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Whitmore Boogaerts	Treasurer	June 30, 2008
Barbara Bates	Helen Ellis Charitable Trust	June 30, 2009
George Cataldo		June 30, 2008
Elizabeth Collins		June 30, 2009
Elaine Ostroff	Chair	June 30, 2008

The Westport Arts Council administered two grant programs during the year 2006, with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and from the Helen Ellis Charitable Trust, administered by the Bank of America. Following are the awards made under each program, their recipients, the program that was funded and the amount.

Massachusetts Cultural Council: \$5,285 to ten organizations and or individuals for partial or full funding of their programs:

Jon Alden	Photographic Essay, Wolf Pit School Restoration	\$500
Artworks! at Dover Street	Teen Internship Program	\$500
Greater Tiverton Community Chorus	Three Choral Concerts in Westport	\$1,000
Henry Lappen	Juggling Performance	\$400
John Root	Intergenerational Music Performance	\$500
Robert St. Amour	Entertainment for Seniors, Our Lady of Grace Church	\$210
Westport Free Public Library	"Tune into the Beat" Summer Reading Program	\$425
Westport Elementary School	Fourth Grade Trip to RISD Museum	\$1,100
Westport River Watershed Alliance Art	Young Environmental Artist Award	\$500
Kelly Zucco	Showstoppers Performances	\$150

The Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust awards provided \$20,710 to the following 23 organizations and individuals for full or partial funding of their programs:

Art Street	Chalk One Up with Sidewalk Sam	\$1,500
Chip and Gay Gillespie	1906 Labor Day Picnic Booklet	\$300
Richard Clark	"And Now Mark Twain" at COA	\$300
Concerts at the Point	Classical Music for Middle School	\$1,000
Concerts at the Point	Musicians of Old Post Road, in Central Village	\$1,800
Early Learning Center	Holiday Spectacular, Kindergartners	\$750
Greater Tiverton Community Chorus	Three Choral Concerts in Westport	\$300
Jacqueline Pinheiro, Glassworks	Stained Glass Class Social Day Care, COA	\$400
Jacqueline Pinheiro, Glassworks	Tile Craft Program Social Day Care, COA	\$150
Maria Mulcahy	Family, Farm and Holy Ghost Festival	\$2,000
Robert St. Amour	Entertainment for Seniors, Lady of Grace Church	\$210
Southcoast Historical Association	Overview of Life in 18 <sup>th</sup> Century	\$350
Westport Arts Council	Celebrate Westport in Central Village Family Festival	\$3,000
Westport Arts Council	Helen Ellis Exhibit Space at Lees	\$2,000
Westport Elementary School	Transportation to RISD Museum	\$500
Westport Fire Department	Preserving Historic Papers, Artifacts	\$900
Westport Free Public Library	Roger Tincknell & David Bates Children's Program	\$500
Westport High School	Museum of Fine Arts trip	\$450
Westport High School	Oral Histories and Portraits of Seniors	\$500
Westport Historical Society	"Postcard to the Future"	\$1,000
Westport Middle School	School-wide Assemblies, Story Teller	\$750
Westport Recreation Committee	Battle of the Bands	\$350
Westport River Watershed Alliance	2006 Photographic Calendar	\$2,000

The Arts Council continued its efforts to encourage pedestrian safety in Central Village. In collaboration with the Planning Board and SRPEDD, design guidelines for Central Village were developed and passed at Town Meeting. Arts Council funding to Celebrate Westport in Central Village supported organizations that held events in underused places in Central Village, especially in the air-conditioned gymnasium at the Town Hall Annex. The Council is extremely appreciative of the assistance from the Recreation Commission in helping sponsor several events. The Helen Ellis Gallery at Lees Market was launched and three exhibits were held in 2006. Thanks to Al Lees for making the space available. Five Bench-Mark designs for Central Village were selected by the jury for the competition that was launched in 2005 to create safe places for pedestrians to sit along Main Road. The winners are: Bench-Mark 1 – Jack Ryan and Meghan Forestiere of Providence;

Bench-Mark 2 – Joshua Eck of Providence; Bench-Mark 3 – Cameron Webster of Westport; Bench-Mark 4 – Mitch Ryerson of Cambridge; Bench-Mark 5 - Mitch Ryerson of Cambridge. There was an exhibition of all the submissions at the Helen Ellis Gallery at Lees in June. The installation will take place in late spring 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Ostroff, Chair

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2006. The organization of the Board is as follows:

### Regular Members

Clayton Harrison - Chairman  
Gerald Coutinho - Vice Chairman  
Donna Lambert - Clerk  
Kendal D. Tripp  
Christopher J. Graham

Term expires: 6/30/2009  
Term expires: 6/30/2007  
Term expires: 6/30/2010  
Term expires: 6/30/2011  
Term expires: 6/30/2008

### Associate Members

Barbara Hanley  
Glenn E. Mauk

Term expires: 6/30/2007  
Term expires: 6/30/2007

### Principal Clerk

Diane Pelland

During the calendar year, the Board conducted the following:

- 6 hearings for Variance Requests (2 were granted, 2 were denied and 2 are pending)
- 1 hearing for an Appeal of Determination (denied)
- 2 hearings for Request for Findings (2 granted with conditions)
- 1 hearing for a Special Permit (Adult Entertainment – denied)

Also, decisions were approved and finalized for 2 – Chapter 40B projects, Strawberry Fields and Briggs Landing. The Strawberry Fields project consisted of 54 units; 50 will be one-bedroom units and 4 will be 2-bedroom units. The Strawberry Fields project will render 16 units as affordable. The Briggs Landing project consisted of 91 units; 68 will be 3-bedroom single family houses and 23 will be 4-bedroom single family houses. The Briggs Landing project will render 23 units as affordable. The affordable units agreed upon will add to the Town's subsidy housing inventory.

The Board would like to thank Judy Lingley, Recording Clerk (resigned early 2006) and to thank Diane Pelland for assuming the duties of Principal Clerk in April, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton Harrison, Chairman

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 2006 with organization as follows:

Mr. Stephen J. Medeiros, Chairman  
Mr. John J. McDermott  
Mr. Robert Grillo

Mr. Paul A Matheson III, Assistant Assessor/Appraiser  
Ms. Sharon M. Potter, Office Manager  
Ms. Carol F. Tripp, Senior Clerk  
Mrs. Stella Farias, Clerk

Tax Rate Summary for Fiscal 2007:

Fiscal 2007 Tax Rate \$5.25 per m.

I.	Tax Levy Calculation		
A.	Total amount to be raised		\$29,593,044.50
B.	Total Estimated Receipts & Available funds		12,266,146.00
C.	Tax Levy		\$17,326,898.50
II.	Amount to be Raised		
A.	Appropriations		\$28,535,869.67
B.	Other amounts to be raised:		
1.	Total cherry sheet offsets		110,257.00
2.	Snow & Ice deficit		94,574.00
C.	State and County Cherry Sheet Charges		525,270.00
D.	Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		327,073.83
E.	Total Amount to be Raised		\$29,593,044.50
III.	Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources		
A.	Estimated receipts – State		
1.	Cherry Sheet estimated receipts		6,355,673.00
2.	Massachusetts School Building Authority payments		195,912.00
B.	Estimated Receipts-Local		
1.	Local receipts not allocated	3,720,000.00	
2.	Offset receipts	0.00	
3.	Enterprise funds	272,137.00	
4.	Community Preservation funds	1,022,106.00	
	Total III. B		\$ 5,014,243.00
C.	Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes		
1.	Free Cash	414,318.00	
2.	Other Available Funds	286,000.00	
	Total III. C		\$ 700,318.00
D.	Other Revenue Sources Appropriated Specifically to Reduce the Tax Rate		00.00
E.	Total Estimated Receipts and Other Sources		\$12,266,146.00
IV.	Summary of Total Amount to be Raised and Total Receipts from All Sources		
A.	Total amount to be raised		\$29,593,044.50
B.	Total estimated receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$12,266,146.00	
C.	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Levy	\$17,326,898.50	
D.	Total Receipts From All Sources		\$29,593,044.50

Under General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 10, we classify property reportable to the State as follows:

Property Class	# of Parcels	Valuation as of 1/1/2006
101-Single Family	5510	2,447,584,080
102-Condominium	107	34,808,200
Misc-Res 103,109	156	123,932,800
104-Two Family	348	140,618,800
105-Three Family	13	4,996,200
111-125 4-8 Units	29	17,609,400
130-32&106 Vacant Land	1423	210,557,300
300-393 Commercial	264	132,983,700
400-452 Industrial	18	8,520,600
Ch 61 Forest Land	23	1,464,110
Ch 61A Agricultural	237	5,320,220
Ch 61B Recreational	16	5,522,990
012-048 Mixed Use	193	132,596,490
Total Real Estate	8337	3,266,514,890
Personal Property	990	10,694,500
Public Utilities	12	23,152,230
Total Personal Property	1002	33,846,730

Number of Transfers of Property in 2006 503

#### Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2006

Number of Vehicles Assessed \$25. Per m.	19,878
Excise Assessed	\$1,919,291.60
Valuation of Automobiles	82,612,450

#### Farm Animal Excise Tax

Number of Farms	20
Excise assessed \$5. Per m.	\$3,143.58
Valuation of Animals & Machinery	628,715

#### Boat Excise Tax

Number of Boats	1225
Excise assessed \$10. Per m.	\$61,529.00
Valuation of Boats	6,125,900

We wish to tank the various departments in the Town Hall for their continued cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Medeiros, Chairman

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health respectively submits the following report for the year ending 2006.

## The Board of Health Organized as Follows

Sean M. Leach	Chairman
Donna Lambert	Secretary
Dr. John J. Colletti	Member

## Board of Health Department Staff & Appointees

James J. Walsh	Senior Public Health Agent/State Animal Inspector
John R. Swartz (Hired 9/11/06)	Part-Time Health Agent
Raymond Belanger (Hired 9/18/06)	Part-Time Health Agent
Nancy J. Paquet	Principal Clerk
Patricia Kershaw	Senior Clerk
Lucy Tabit	Recording Clerk
Keith Spooner (Resigned 10/19/06)	Landfill Worker
Raymond Lamer	Landfill Worker
Wayne Parisee (Hired 12/3/06)	Landfill Worker
Dr. Dennis Callen	Medical Advisor
Marlene Samson	Burial Agent/Special Board of Health Agent

## Board Of Health Nursing Department Staff

Kathleen Burns, R.N	Part-time Public Health Nurse
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## LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Jonathan H. Potter Jr.  
Harry L. Potter  
Shane Erickson Potter

## Certificates, Licenses, Permits, & Applications Issued

Bakery Permits: 5; Body Art Practitioners: 5; Body Art Establishments: 1; Bottled Water Permits: 6; Catering Permits: 8; Food Service Establishment Permits: 38; Frozen Dessert Permits: 3; Mobile Food Service Permit: 3; Pasteurization Permit: 1; Residential Kitchen Permits: 5; Retail Food Service Permits 25; Seasonal Food Service Permits 8; Temporary Food Service Permits 8; Above-Ground Pool Permits: 30; Camps/Motels Permits: 6; Duplicate Permit Issued: 1; Equine Permits: 18; Funeral Director Certificates: 3; Garbage Removal Permits: 4; In-Ground Pool Permits: 14; Installer's Permits: 66; Massage Establishment Permits: 11; Massage Therapy Permits: 21; Perc Applications-New Construction & Upgrades: 176; Perc Applications-Repairs: 117; Extra Perc Holes: 33; 1-4 Piggery Permits: 6; Piggery Permits: 2; Port-a-Jon Permits: 8; Semi Private Pool Permits: 1; Septic Repair Permits Issued: 120 (43 with Variances); Septic Application Submission New Construction: 71; Septic Application Submission Upgrade: 9; Septic Application Submission Repairs: 125; Septic New Construction Permits Issued: 81; Septic Upgrades Permits Issued: 12; Septic Permits 1 Year Extension Issued: 1; Septic Plan Revision Reviews: 52; Sewage Removal Permits: 17; Stable Permits: 18; Tanning Salon Permits: 2; Tobacco Permits: 19; Well Permits: 86; Late Renewal Penalties: 5; Smoking Violation Tickets: 5; Regulation Violation: 5; Shell Application: 1; Shell Permit: 1.



## Animal Bite Reports

Dog bites:	22
Cat bites:	18
Other:	2

## Transfer Station Collections

732 tons of recyclables, which include cardboard, scrap metal, tin, magazine/junk mail, newspaper, plastics #1 & #2, glass (clothing tonnage was not included in the recyclables). Payments totaling \$29,163 were received from the various recycling vendors during the year 2006. An additional 332 tons of recyclables were collected privately by ABC Disposal, Inc.

1735 tons of Municipal Solid Waste/C&D were transferred to New Bedford Waste Services during 2006, which cost the Town \$149,619.

## 2006

The Board meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

2006 was another busy year for the Board of Health as more and more development takes place in Town. In order to continue to protect the public health and environment, the Board of Health has successfully implemented its Septic System Pump-Out Program and continued its well water testing discount fee program. The credit for the success is due to the dedicated staff at the Board.

The addition of filling two vacant staff member positions has helped the BOH maintain its responsiveness and service in the public health, as well as protection of the environment.

Another way the Board worked to better protect and monitor the public health, safety and environment is for the Board of Health to strictly enforce existing regulations. This was done despite litigious action by several applicants.

Our Town Nurse, Kathy Burns, continues to provide excellent health services to those in need. Her dedication in planning and implementation for the possibility of the Bird Flu pandemic along with the Senior Health Agent, James Walsh, will greatly improve the Town's ability to handle any overall emergency.

Board of Health Members and Agents actively served on other Town committees: Affordable Housing, Storm Water, Safety Complex, Homeland Security, Emergency Response, Estuary Committee, and the Water & Sewer Committee.

In regular business, the Board continued their work reviewing septic repairs, upgrades, and new construction applications (approximately 65 during a 6-month period). Overall, road kill remains a time-consuming endeavor, and the Board still considers pursuing an animal control officer position.

## Board of Health Goals

The Board has set goals for the upcoming years, many of which would be more realistic to achieve through the presence of a Public Health Director. Among these objectives are:

- 1) To adopt educational programs and address problem areas in the Health Regulations and By-Laws,
- 2) To increase recycling and composting efforts,
- 3) To increase disease prevention and awareness,
- 4) To improve compliance with public health regulations by increasing fines to violators; and
- 5) To maintain a stronger presence in the community to promote, monitor, and improve the public



health and welfare by:

- a) Protecting valuable water resources through the promulgation of regulations aimed at exceeding minimal standards,
- b) Improving the ability of the Board to protect public health through increasing the professionalism of the office, and the knowledge and awareness of the staff and Board members and coordinating with other Town departments.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the Board of Health Department's employees and my fellow Board members. They continue to serve the Town well through their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Leach, Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH NURSING DEPARTMENT**

I hereby submit the report for the Nursing Department for the year 2006.

### Group of Professional Personnel

Kathleen Burns R.N.  
Dennis Callen  
Jean Leimert, M.D.  
Carmen Maiocco

Part-time Staff Nurse  
Medical Advisor  
Well Child Clinic Pediatrician  
Lead Testing

### Clinic Volunteers

Germaine Baker  
Jeanne Aquilia

Nursing services Rendered from 1/1/06 through 12/31/06

### Office Visits and Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinic/ Walk-Ins	793
Flu shots	540
Mantoux Tests	10
B12 Injections	94
Glucose Screenings	08
Blood Pressure Clinic @ Senior Center	83
Other Injections Per Physician Order	07

### Adult Immunizations

Measles, Mumps and Rubella	03
Tetanus and Diphtheria	07

Hepatitis B	21
Pneumonia	21
Hepatitis A	02
Varivax	05

### Adolescent Immunizations

Hepatitis B	01
Tetanus & Diphtheria & Pertussis	05
Varivax	01

### Communicable Disease Cases and Case Reports: 134

The cases and reports included Lyme Disease, Pertussis, Hepatitis B & C, Streptococcus Pneumonia, Babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis, Strep A Influenza, Viral Meningitis and Enteric Diseases

### Well Child Clinic

Total Exams	12
D.T.A.P. Vaccine	08
M.M.R. Vaccine	01
Prevnar Vaccine	05
I.P.V. Vaccine	06
H.I.B. Vaccine	06
Hepatitis B Vaccine	06
Rotavirus Vaccine	02
Tuberculosis Screening	02

<u>Home Visits</u>	26
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WIC Satellite Program held monthly

Durable Medical Equipment – The Town Nurse accepts donations of equipment to loan to others in need.

Deposits to Treasurer: \$8,669.41

The responsibilities of the Westport Town Nurse include protecting, preserving, and improving the health of the Town residents. Clerical duties, vaccine management, vaccine distribution, referrals, and participating in community health meetings are also the nurse's responsibilities. Educational conferences attended this year included Immunization updates, Tuberculosis, MA Pandemic, EEE, Pertussis, and MA Pro. Services provided include:

1). Blood Pressure Clinics: Scheduled for every Monday morning. Clients also come in at other times for blood pressure readings. BP clinics include education on medication, nutrition, and healthy life styles. Apical pulse readings and lung auscultation are also performed as needed. Doctors also recommend having their clients come in for several BP readings to evaluate the need for or change in cardiovascular medications.

Chronic diseases, which include cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes, are among the most common and preventable health problems. Teaching healthy behaviors (e.g. eating nutritious foods, being physically active and avoiding tobacco use) can prevent or control chronic diseases.

2). Communicable disease case investigations and case reports: mandated by the MDPH, are an important part of the town nurse's duties. These reports help document and describe the extent of disease in a population, spread of disease to new areas, and assess control measures. During the investigation, education and support are provided to the client. At risk contacts are also identified in order to prevent further transmission of the disease.

3). Well-Child Clinic: Scheduled every 1 - 2 months for children birth to 5 years of age. This clinic is free and children are eligible regardless of having or not having health insurance. All immunizations and lead testing required by the MDPH are given as well as height and weight check. The Pediatrician, Dr. Jean Leimert completes a physical exam on each child. Health records are maintained for each child and copies are provided to the families.

4). Immunizations: In addition to the required childhood vaccines, the MDPH has expanded the availability of state-supplied vaccines for high-risk adults. Also, vaccines required for college entry are available. There are patient eligibility criteria for the administration of these vaccines. Tetanus boosters and pneumonia vaccines are always available. Vaccination provides partial or complete protection against the consequences of infection for the vaccinated person. Benefits include protection from symptomatic illness, improved quality of life, and prevention of death. Westport continues to be part of the Active Pertussis surveillance Project.

5). Flu Clinics: The entire allotment of 540 doses of flu vaccine was given out to Westport residents by scheduling appointments over several days. Two smaller clinics for the day-care clients at the senior center were also provided. The residents have expressed that the appointments are better than a large flu clinic. In the 2005-2006 flu season, the Nursing Department again participated in Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program. This allows for reimbursement for the administration of the Flu vaccine to those subscribed to Medicare Part B Insurance and select HMO's. The vaccine is provided free from the MDPH. The administration reimbursement fee for 2005-2006 is \$20.69. All the billing has been completed and reimbursement should arrive in Feb.'07. The fee charge for those under 65 years was \$10.00. The total amount from the fee charge was \$1,487.00 and was deposited in the general fund. No one was denied the flu vaccine because of inability to pay.

Special thanks to Board of Health staff and my faithful volunteers for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burns, R.N.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

On June 30, 2006 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty-seven years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The Mosquito Control Project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where

mosquito larvae is present.

**Catch Basin Treatment** - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

**Mosquito Surveillance Program** - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number – a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes and should be sprayed.

**Water Management** - A year round endeavor to clean and maintain mosquito drainage ditches in areas to reduce standing water conducive to mosquito larvae.

**Public Outreach** - Providing important information to the residents of the county with respect to personal protection against mosquito bites, mosquito breeding prevention on one's property and mosquito data.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally sensitive so that they do not negatively impact people or the environment. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to ensure that dosage rates remain at legal levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project in Westport:

- Sprayed over 9,600 acres
- Treated 28.4 acres in 29 locations with BTI for mosquito larvae
- Received 627 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,750 feet of brush
- Treated 131 catch basins

I would like to thank the Town officials and the people of Westport for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Wayne N. Andrews, Superintendent

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Buildings for the year ending December 31, 2006.

A total of 695 building permits were issued. The total valuation for all permits was \$31,017,166. Fifty-six woodstove, fireplace and chimney permits were processed valued at \$319,374.

59	Single Family Dwellings (with or w/o Garage)	\$ 14,475,019
2	Duplex.....	679,310
58	Foundations.....	597,000
13	Accessory Apartments.....	742,165
77	Alterations and Additions.....	5,341,630

23	Garages (with or w/o additions).....	1,176,941
40	Renovations and Repairs.....	1,212,467
56	Woodstoves, Chimneys, Fireplaces.....	319,374
53	Decks and Porches.....	763,655
12	Greenhouses & Sunrooms.....	179,945
43	Sheds & Barns .....	1,273,100
34	Aboveground Pools.....	153,250
12	Inground Pools.....	259,320
29	Demolitions.....	N/V
5	Municipal/State.....	36,500
43	Commercial.....	2,197,002
3	Clubs, Organizations, Churches.....	10,000
2	Relocated Buildings.....	20,000
2	Handicap Ramps.....	2,500
1	Public Water Building.....	31,920
2	Repair Fire Damage.....	59,000
2	Fence/Retaining Wall.....	10,400
48	Replacement Windows.....	350,725
25	Siding.....	219,857
73	Roof Shingles.....	492,981
2	Windtowers.....	18,150
Grand Total.....		\$36,727,496

Yard Sale Permits (38).....\$201

Fees to Treasurer.....\$95,280  
(Including Building Permits, Yard Sale Permits, Woodstove Booklets, Requested Inspections, Certification Inspections, Re-Inspections, Occupancy Permits, etc.)

Miles Traveled.....11,350

Respectfully submitted,

John McNally  
Inspector of Buildings

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of the inspections made by the Gas Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2006. Included are all residential, commercial, club and municipal permits.

Rough Inspections.....	126
Final Inspections.....	114
Unit Heaters .....	0
Boilers.....	7
Gas Fireplaces.....	9

Furnaces.....	9
Gas Log.....	2
Generators.....	9
Direct Vent Heaters.....	4
Space Heaters.....	10
First Stage.....	22
Construction Heaters.....	0
B-Vent Chimneys.....	0
Water Heaters.....	2
Dryers.....	2
Roof Top Unit.....	0
Piping/Tests.....	0
Ranges.....	22
Grilles.....	1
Flue Pipe.....	0
Pool Heaters.....	5
Kiln.....	1
Consultations.....	1
Miscellaneous.....	2
Building Department.....	2
Re-Inspections.....	17
 Total Inspections Made.....	 368
Total Permits Issued.....	223
 Fees to the Treasurer.....	 \$11,420
Miles Traveled.....	3,012

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Labonte,  
Gas Inspector

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of inspections made by the Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2006. Included are all residential, commercial, club and municipal permits.

Rough Inspections.....	176
Final Inspections.....	174
Water Heaters.....	28
Water Meter/Water Service.....	5
Septic Pumps.....	33
Back-Flow Preventors.....	17
Bathtubs/Showers/Valves.....	4
Water Piping.....	1
Municipal Requests.....	1
Drains.....	2
Kitchen Sinks/Dishwashers.....	1
Drinking Fountains.....	0
Building Department Requests.....	1

Washing Machine.....	0
Water Filters.....	1
Boilers.....	3
Consultations.....	4
No Permit.....	2
Re-Inspections.....	29
 Total Inspections Made.....	 484
Total Permits Issued.....	534
 Fees Paid to Treasurer.....	 \$26,495
Miles Traveled.....	4,013

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Labonte  
Plumbing Inspector

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my report as Wire Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2006.

Single Family Dwellings, Overhead.....	21
Single Family Dwellings, Underground.....	53
Duplexes.....	2
Alterations and Additions.....	75
New Services, Overhead.....	21
New Services, Underground.....	21
Rewire/Repair/Remodel.....	38
Barns, Sheds.....	9
Garages.....	16
Commercial.....	57
Alarms and Security Systems.....	55
Temporary Services.....	19
Upgrade Services.....	18
Relocate/Repair Services.....	9
Service Entry Cable/Meter Sockets.....	25
Transformer Pads.....	0
Septic Pumps.....	31
Water Pumps.....	2
Hot Tubs.....	2
Boilers/Furnaces.....	5
Generators.....	10
Chairlifts.....	0
Pools, Inground.....	10
Pools, Aboveground.....	17
Municipal, Federal, State, Churches, Fairs.....	9
Greenhouses.....	0
Road Layouts.....	5
Poles.....	3
Air Conditioners.....	6
G.F.I.....	5
East Beach Trailer Service Repairs.....	89



Annual Permits.....	0
Fire.....	2
Re-Inspections, Additional Fees.....	54
Miles traveled by Inspectors.....	11,246
Fees paid to Treasure.....	\$42,694

Respectfully submitted,

William Plamondon  
Dane Winship  
Assistant Inspectors of Wires

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the report for the Cemetery Department for the year 2006.

### Reimbursements to the Town of Westport

61 Interments	\$ 27,450.00
1 Infant	175.00
27 Cremations	4,950.00
81 Foundations	7,308.67
58 Grass & Device	2,900.00
16 Saturday & Sunday Fees	3,200.00
Sale of Lots	15,750.00
Perpetual Care	<u>20,800.00</u>
Total	\$ 82,533.67

Respectfully submitted,

Westell G. Norman Jr.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITIZENS FOR CITIZENS, INC. REPRESENTATIVE

It is Citizen for Citizen's mission to: assist members of the low-income community by the provision of services and programs, which attack the cycle of poverty. The following services were provided to the citizens of Westport.

### Westport, Zip Code 02790

Program	Households	Individuals	Dollars Expended
Extended School Child Care	103	150	\$ 485,238.16

Family Child Care	1	4	9,265.50
Family Planning	124	124	24,800.00
FEMA	1	3	300.00
Food Pantry	125	236	10,752.00
Food Stamps	11	25	772.00
Fuel Assistance 2006	459	836	408,881.79
Head Start	10	22	105,410.00
Heating Repairs/Replacements	36	63	14,477.76
Income Tax Preparation	10	10	31,295.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	6	6	8,424.00
Senior Aids	1	1	7,020.00
Weatherization: Mass Technology	1	5	6,744.00
Weatherization: DOE	9	21	15,499.62
Weatherization: N Star Electric AMP	5	5	2,947.00
Weatherization: New England Gas	3	7	7,615.00
Weatherization: Ngrid Electric AMP	8	8	3,712.00
Woman/Infants/Children Nutrition	1	2	540.00
<b>Totals For Zip Code 02790</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>\$1,143,893.82</b>

#### Westport, Zip Code 02791

Program	Households	Individuals	Dollars Expended
Family Planning	2	2	400.00
Fuel Assistance 2006	5	10	3,199.51
Income Tax Preparation	2	2	2,932.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	2	2	2,808.00
<b>Totals For Zip Code 02791</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9,339.51</b>
<b>Totals For Town</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>\$1,153,233.33</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Costa, CFC Secretary  
Executive Board of Directors

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Antone C. Vieira Jr.  
Norma Judson  
Timothy Gillespie  
Warren Messier

Elizabeth Collins  
Charles Costa  
Richard Lambert  
William Wyatt

The Community Preservation Act (MGL44B) was passed by the 2001 annual town meeting. In approving the Act, taxpayers approved a 2% surcharge on real estate taxes to fund this program. In addition, the Act requires the state to match funds raised by the 2% surcharge for use in Community Preservation. Funds can

be used for open space, historic preservation, affordable housing, and land for recreation use. A minimum of 10% each year needs to be devoted to each of the categories of open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation.

A Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was established in April 2002, after voters had approved this action by an annual election ballot question. CPC consists of nine (9) voting members pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, Section 5. The Committee, appointed by the Selectmen, include three members-at-large (Charles Costa, Tony Vieira, and William Wyatt) and representatives of the Town's Conservation Committee (Richard Lambert), Historical Commission (Norma Judson), Planning Board (Tim Gillespie), Recreation Commission (open), Housing Authority (Elizabeth Collins), and Finance Committee (Warren Messier).

In preparation for each year's budget, CPC members conduct in depth research on our town's community preservation needs, possibilities, and resources. This includes interviews with interested citizens, committees, and town officials. CPC also reviews the town's updated master plan as well as the goals and objectives of the town departments, boards, and committees. In addition, Public Hearings were held to gather additional input from town residents. The recommendations that follow were approved at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting for Fiscal Year 2007 and are grouped by areas required by the Act.

At any time after fiscal year FY08 the town can revoke the Act by following the same procedure that was followed in adopting the Act. That is by a vote of Town Meeting followed by an annual town election ballot question. Otherwise, the Community Preservation Act remains in place. Details of the Act can be found in Chapter 267 of the Acts of 2000 by the Massachusetts Legislature.

Projects approved for FY07 by the 2006 Annual Town Meeting include:

### Open Space

Estuaries Assessment/Restoration Project - The overarching goal of this project is the protection and restoration of the health of the Westport River embayment system through watershed nitrogen assessment, planning and management. The information gathered will support restoration and management plans for the river in the coming years.

The Westport Estuary consists of two river systems: the East Branch, 2018 acres, and the West Branch, 1425 acres. Historically the river has provided livelihoods for shell fishermen and light industry. The river also serves as a destination for numerous boaters and tourists who enjoy fishing, clamming, swimming, and boating. It is difficult to place a monetary value on the river, nevertheless most agree the river has a significant value to the Westport community.

From Native American clam shell mounds near the mouth of the river, through the first farm of Richard Sisson established near the Head in 1671, the lumber and grist mills of the 18th and 19th Century, the whaling ships of the mid-19th Century, the water-powered factories along the Upper East Branch in the late 19th and early 20th Century, the extensive farming and commercial shell-fishing throughout the 20th Century, to recreational boating, fishing and shell-fishing of the latter part of the 20th Century, the river has provided, and continues to provide, the linkages, the energy and the aquatic resources for the people of Westport.

This is a two-year project with CPC recommended and town meeting approved \$60,000 from FY07 CPA available funds, and \$60,000 from FY08 CPA available funds. Basic tasks include:

- Compiling, reviewing, and synthesizing exiting studies;
- Conducting field data collection;
- Determining nitrogen targets for management and/or restoration;
- Determining nitrogen management options on site-specific basis;
- Testing "what if scenarios" for nitrogen management options;
- Providing assistance in selecting implementation options;

- Enhancing public education as to the health of the Westport River.

Westport heritage is defined by its farms and fisheries. This restoration project will help preserve that heritage. The river is central to the history of whaling and the industry it promoted in the 19th and 20th century. CPC believes this project will enable our town to understand and develop best land use solutions for nitrogen management that in turn will see improved quality in the river. Given the growth in population and additional building presently planned, CPC believes this project is essential to preserve the estuaries, and our history.

### Westport Point Historic Waterways Restoration III

This is the final phase of a three year, CPC's commitment to the Westport River Dredging Project. CPC is recommended and town meeting approved \$15,000 from FY07 CPA available funds to complete this project. The town meeting previously committed \$30,000 from FY04 funds and \$50,000 from FY05 funds for this project. Further details of this project appear in the last two Town Reports.

### Wood Farm Land Acquisition

This project encompasses 12.9 acres of prime agricultural land at the corner of Adamsville Road and Sodom Road owned by the Wood family. The land lies at the center of a major block of 621 acres of farmland protected by Agricultural Preservation Restrictions, specifically the Santos, Perry, Souza, Sharples, Rapoza, and Medeiros farms.

The purchase price for the property is \$1,000,000, of which Westport through Community Preservation funds contributed \$260,000. The land ranks very high with the state's APR program and an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) will be placed on the land. The land will then be sold for agricultural purposes only and placed back on the tax rolls.

The Westport Agricultural/Open Space Trust Council contributed approximately \$90,000 toward the APR purchase as well. The balance and the largest part of this purchase was raised from the individual contributions to the Westport Land Conservation Trust and The Trustees of Reservations. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$260,000 from FY07 CPA available funds to support this acquisition.

### Historic Preservation

Town Hall Restoration III Project - This is the third year of a four-year restoration project to restore the interior and exterior of the Westport Town Hall. Built in 1938, the building was constructed under the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The WPA was created in 1935 to provide economic relief to the citizens of the United States who were suffering through the Great Depression. It offered work to the unemployed on an unprecedented scale by spending money on a wide variety of programs, including highways and building construction.

The Town Hall stands as a reminder of a difficult time in our nation's history. The WPA was created under the presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our 32nd president. The early years of FDR's presidency were significant to Westport, since FDR's personal secretary was Louis M. Howe, whose home at 27 Horseneck Road was visited on many occasions by the president, who sought Howe's counsel on many difficult issues of the day. The building also represents an example of municipal architecture that expressed pride of its citizens. The Town Hall has a simple but elegant design and CPC believes preserving it should be a priority.

CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$80,000 from FY07 available funds for Phase III of this project, which will include windows, ceilings, and lighting restoration.

Bell School Restoration Project - The Westport Historical Society was formed in 1965 and acquired its

current headquarters (the Bell School at 25 Drift Road) in 1972. At that time the building was in considerable disrepair. Dedicated Town residents rescued the building and are now making it available to the community.

The building is in need of further restoration to make the structure more usable. It is recommended that CPA funds be used to restore the exterior and to paint as well as repair floors, walls, and ceilings. In addition, 16 storm windows with tinted glass against U/V rays will be installed if the recommendation is approved. Water damage has occurred in the building and there is a dangerous gas heater on the second floor. In addition, the building has a highly inefficient furnace. These additional repairs will be the responsibility of the Westport Historical Society and they estimate spending an additional \$21,000 on these repairs.

The Bell School was erected shortly after 1841 on the land purchased from Abner Gifford to hold a grammar school on the first floor and a high school on the second. It officially became the Sandy Hill Academy, District No. 14, but was commonly called the Bell School as it was the only school in Town with a bell.

CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$19,775 for this project from FY07 available funds.

Historic Roadside Markers Project - The Westport Historical Commission has requested additional funds to continue their roadside markers project. These signs highlight different parts of our town's history. The markers would continue along the line of the historic signs presently installed around some areas of town.

CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$1,308 for this project from FY07 available funds.

Westport Point Church Roof Project - The Westport Point United Methodist Church is requesting Town support in the restoration of their building. Built in 1884, the Church has stood in a place of geographical prominence in the historic district of Westport Point. The Church was founded by America Bonney around 1818. The prominence of the Church to the community is signified by the prominent place given to America Bonney's memorial stone in the foremost and central place, right along the western wall, in the Westport Point Cemetery, where his body was buried in 1819. For many years the Church opened its doors and the halls of Howland Hall for the use and betterment of the community.

The restoration project for the building is estimated at \$30,550. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$9,000 for this project from FY07 available funds with the remainder of the project being funded by the Westport Point United Methodist Church.

Westport Historic Cemetery Restoration Project - There are estimated at least 65 cemeteries in Westport that are in danger of being destroyed. A Cemetery Identification Group is presently identifying, and surveying, and registering these cemeteries with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Just recently, an example of the need for this type of project was experienced by the Town in the ELJ case on Charlotte White Road as a developer attempted to develop some property. This restoration project will focus on documenting, registering, and marking cemeteries in Westport in order to protect them from any destruction in the future. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$6,023 for this project from FY07 available funds.

## Community Housing

Perry Property Acquisition - Purchase Price was \$750,000 payable over two years (will apply \$310,863 from CPA community housing reserve fund and \$25,000 from FY04 Housing Authority Project). Detail presentations were made at three public hearings on this project. CPC members believe that acquisition of the Perry property provides the potential for a model community housing initiative encompassing the Town-owned Quinn property and the Perry property into the Noquochoke Village. The committee recommends that Town Meeting consider this acquisition as the first step in addressing the affordable housing options available to the community. Community housing serves individuals and families earning less than 80 % of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) area median income. The committee also recognizes the much more open discussion and input on final specifications for the Noquochoke Village needs to occur before the Town proceeds to the actual development stage. Community

housing on the Quinn property without the use of the Perry property didn't seem like a practical option to CPC. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$550,000 in FY07 (with \$310, 863 from community housing reserves, \$25,000 from the balance in the FY04 Housing Authority Project, and \$214,137 in FY07 available funds), and \$200,000 in FY08 available funds.

### Administrative Account

CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$21,000 from FY07 available funds. In the previous years CPC has recommended \$14,000 for this account and balances each year not used have been returned to the general CPA fund to be re-allocated. The committee recommended the increase in this account to handle anticipated administrative support and legal representation for projects approved by Town Meeting, as well as, projects recommended to the Annual Town Meeting this May.

Total funds recommended and approved by Town Meeting from FY07 CPA available funds:

- \$ 60,000 (Estuaries) and \$60,000 for FY08 available funds
- \$ 260,000 (Wood Farm Acquisition)
- \$ 80,000 Bell School)
- \$ 6,023 (Historic Cemeteries)
- \$ 15,000 (dredging)
- \$ 21,000 (administrative account)
- \$ 1,308 (historic markers)
- \$ 9,000 (Westport Point Church)
- \$ 214,137 (Perry Property portion, with additional monies of \$310,863 from community housing reserve account and \$25,000 from FY04 housing authority project account—for \$550,000 payment in July 2006 and the remainder of \$200,000 in July 2007 out of FY08 available funds)

Total: \$ 686,243

TOTAL BUDGET recommended and approved at the 2006 Town Meeting:

- \$ 686,243 (FY07 available funds)
- \$ 310,863 (Community Housing Reserves)
- \$ 25,000 (transfer from FY04 project account for housing authority)

TOTAL BUDGET \$1,022,106

The CPC Committee meets normally on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall. All meetings are open and residents are given opportunity to address the committee at every meeting. Public hearings are held on each year's budget recommendation to further gather resident's input. Written comments and questions are also welcome and can be directed to members of the Community Preservation Committee, Town Hall, 816 Main Road Westport, MA 02790.

Respectfully submitted,

Antone C. Vieira, Jr., Chairman



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION/SOIL BOARD

The Conservation Commission/Soil Conservation Board hereby submits its annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2006.

## Overview

The Conservation Commission is a seven-member volunteer board, appointed by the Selectmen to oversee and protect Westport's extensive inland and coastal wetlands, riverfront and certain other natural resources.

Our primary responsibility is to review wetland delineations and permit applications for activity in or near wetland and riverfront areas under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) and the Rivers Protection Act. The Commission issues decisions and permits after a public hearing and presentations by the applicant and the Conservation Agent. The applicant, abutters or other interested parties can appeal decisions to the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The Agent reviews septic and building permit requests to help applicants determine whether they also need to file with the Conservation Commission. The Commission staff work closely with the Board of Health and Building Inspector in these reviews and have set up a revised procedure for reviewing septic permits to facilitate the permitting process.

The Commission is responsible for updating the Town's Open Space Plan as needed, and for overseeing town-held conservation restrictions, which protect valuable natural areas from development. The Commission also serves as the Soil Conservation Board for the Town, and reviews permit applications for storage, transfer and removal of certain soils and minerals as set forth in Westport's Soil Bylaw.

## Personnel Updates

During 2006 there were no personnel changes. Anne Phelps, who has a doctorate in Ecology, has been the Conservation Agent since April 2004 and our long-time Principal Clerk is Leone Farias. Commission members include: Tanja Ryden (Chair), Susan Pedreira (Vice Chair), and members Paul Hebert, Richard Lambert, Tom McGarr, Jack Reynolds and Ed Rooney. The continuity and experience of staff and commission members was helpful in managing the heavy workload. Commission members also attended numerous on-sites. Under a newly established regulation, the Commission was able to hire consultants to assist with two project reviews.

## Commission Activity & Highlights

The Commission met bi-weekly (alternate Tuesday evenings) for 26 meetings for the year. Totals for various filings under the state Wetlands Protection Act were: 64 Notices of Intent, 69 Requests for Determination of Applicability, 12 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Determination, and 51 miscellaneous (Requests for Extensions or Amended Orders of Condition and Certificates of Compliance).

Violations of the Wetlands Protection Act continued to take up a significant amount of the Agent and Commission's time, although many of the major problems had been adequately addressed by the end of 2005. The Commission tries to work with property owners to rectify violations informally whenever possible. If necessary an Enforcement Order is issued, which may be recorded at the Registry of Deeds as a lien on the property in cases where we are unable to negotiate adequate compliance.

The Commission appointed an eight-member Open Space Committee to conduct the five-year update to the Town's Open Space Plan and the document was completed by year's end.



The Soil Board granted 13 requests for renewal of Soil Transfer Permits.

### Coordination with Town Boards

The Agent serves on the Local Emergency Planning Committee and is a member of the Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals. Commission members also represent the Conservation Commission on the Stormwater Management Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Agricultural Preservation Trust Council, Harbor Dredging Committee and Economic Development Committee.

### Budget and Wetland Funds

The Commission has been level-funded in its town budget for the past five fiscal years, and has increasingly relied on the Wetland Protection Fund to cover regular operating expenses formerly budgeted from taxation.

This has allowed the Commission to maintain the agent and clerk full-time, which has been essential to manage the workload. However, given the sustained increase in development requiring permits under the Wetland Protection Act over the last few years, the Commission may need additional staff in the future. In the short-term, the Commission will rely on hiring outside consultants as needed, using Wetland Fund dollars. However, overall funding constraints limit the Commission's ability to improve its services and upgrade its data resources to better manage the protection of Westport's natural resources from land development activity.

I thank both the staff and Commissioners for their dedication and willingness to devote many long evenings to serving the Town of Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanja Ryden, Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Council on Aging respectfully submits this report for the year ending December 31, 2006.

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Bruce Belling	7/25/05	June 30, 2007
Susan M. Costa	9/25/06	June 30, 2007
Selena Howard	6/30/99	June 30, 2008
Beth Easterly	9/25/06	June 30, 2008
Heather Heath Reed	9/25/06	June 30, 2009

### C.O.A. Staff - Town Funded

Director	Susan A. Oliveira
Principal Clerk	Lorraine C. Roy
Maintenance Specialist	John Medeiros

## Transportation Program - Partial Town/Partial Grant Funded

### Van Drivers

Ernest A. Chretien  
Roland G. Chretien  
Raymond G. Dupras  
Richard Fragoza  
Robert J. Kowalczyk  
Evelyn O'Hara  
Richard Wordell

## C.O.A. Staff - Grant Funded

Office Intern	Roberta Chaves
Outreach Worker	M. Lydia King
Volunteer Coordinator	Vacant
Volunteers (unpaid)	

## Senior Social Day Care Program - Self Funded/Partial Grant Funded

Program Director	Gloria Cardoso-Santos
Assistant Director	Vacant
Activity Director/Adm. Asst.	Tammy Woodson
Program Aide (grant funded)	Vacant

According to Town Census 2006, there are 4,014 people over the age of 60 living in Westport, which amounts to 26.5 % of the total Town population. One of the most surprising statistics in our community is that there are 816 people over the age of 80, with 117 of them aged 90 to 100. One of the goals of the Westport Council on Aging is to identify the needs of our elders and link them with services to enable them to stay living independently in their own homes. We believe that we do this quietly and efficiently. Councils on Aging many times function as the "silent side of safety". The information, services and case management we offer can often prevent a crisis situation that would impact the entire community. Likewise, our Senior Social Day Program can provide new interests and the socialization needed to prevent isolation and depression.

Statistics tend to be impersonal and do not tell the complete story. The statistic giving the numbers of people who come in for office visits does not tell you about the scope of our services; including extended time spent counseling, and multiple phone calls to various agencies to coordinate services in an emergency. Neither do statistics reflect the after-hours phone calls and visits to clients and their families. A statistic of 517 General Help/Client Support units includes things like food baskets, the loan of a wheelchair or other durable medical equipment, or help with fuel/repair bills. Many of our statistics are estimated units of service, due to multiples of service provision.

Westport is a rural community of 33,900 acres without public transportation, where losing one's ability to drive can quickly lead to isolation and depression, and potentially to serious physical and mental health problems. The COA Transportation Program helps many Westport elders and handicapped individuals maintain their independence, despite giving up their licenses. In the statistical data below you will see that the Council on Aging provided 7,968 one-way rides to 219 individual clients in 2006, driving 68,889 miles between Westport, Fall River, Somerset, Dartmouth, and New Bedford. Our three handicapped-accessible vans and one mini-van covered over 300 miles daily, carrying passengers to adult day programs, medical appointments, work, shopping, or on errands. Our door-to-door Dial-a-Ride staffers help clients getting on and off the van, and with parcels. The Transportation Program also assists in deliveries of food baskets during holidays, and monthly Brown Bags to needy elders.

Our Senior Social Day Program provides important services to participants and their caregivers. Numbers do not accurately reflect the scope of the family social services we are able to generate with this program.

For every person in this supportive day program, we are serving at least one additional person, the caregiver. Our trained staff provides six hours of supervised activities to each client, allowing the caregiver respite time to regenerate or continue to hold down a job. We also provide a caregiver support group to help. Fifty-eight families were served by this program in 2006, versus 45 in 2005, and 25 in 2004. Although this is a fee-supported program, there are scholarships available for Westport residents to attend.

Days at the Senior Center may get hectic, but are never boring, with a wide-range of activities offered for everyone. Physical exercise classes include: T'ai Chi, aerobics, and osteoporosis-prevention weight-lifting. For those with a more artistic nature there are classes in watercolor painting, knitting, quilting, poetry, computer skills, and play reading. A Weight-Watchers class meets here on Thursdays. Periodically we offer informative seminars on many subjects, including health promotion and insurance, and financial, legal, and estate planning, reverse mortgages, etc. Fun activities include pool tournaments, entertainers, club meetings, and Bingo. Although visitors are not always faithful with signing in, our Visitors Log shows 13,692 signatures for 2006.

The staff, volunteers, and the COA Board work very hard to encourage healthy aging, not just longer life for the people in our community. Each year the financial crunch increases as the over 60 population in Westport grows and we are asked to provide more services with fewer resources and less staff. With help from the Town, grantors and private donations from individuals, the Council on Aging has met that challenge in 2006, and we plan to explore all avenues to continue to offer more to our elders in the future.

In 2006, there were 12,672 duplicated visitors to the Hazel Tripp Senior Center, averaging 57 daily unduplicated visitors. Our Senior Social Day Program served 45 families in 2006, versus 25 in 2005. Of a total of 20,084 service units provided to the community in 2006: 6,993 units were provided through Senior Center activities; 2,540 units by the Senior Social Day Program; 2,583 units by the Outreach Program through office, phone or home visits; and 7,968 units [rides] by the Transportation Program. These service units represent numbers of interactions rather than amounts of time. Some single interactions [such as SHINE, support groups, counseling, and rides] can take up to 2 hours each of staff time.

### Services Provided in 2006

<u>Programs, Services &amp; Activities</u>	<u>Service Units</u>
Client Support	290
Community Education	163
Family Assistance	20
Financial	22
Fitness/Exercise	4,469
General Help	118
S.H.I.N.E. (Health Insurance Counseling)	295
Health Screening	83
Instructional Courses	1,301
Other Health Services	83
Recreation	139
Social Day Care	2,540
Transportation	
Clients Served	219
Miles Traveled	68,889
One-Way Trips	7,968
 <u>Outreach Program</u>	
New Clients	112
Repeat Clients	554
Unduplicated Clients	128
Under 60	12
Office Visits	152

Home Visits	63
Case Management	613
Phone Consults	603
Program/meetings	84
Support Group	49
Mailings	24
Hours w/At Risk Clients	52
Hours supervising Interns	23
General Help	67
Health Benefit Counseling	34
Grief Counseling	8
Emergency Relief Fund	5

It is the policy of the Westport Council on Aging to offer classes and programs first to Westport Residents 60+, then to younger people if room exists, unless grants restrict this.

The above has been the 2006 calendar year in review for the Westport Council On Aging. Let us continue to work together to provide more to the community in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Costa, Chairman  
Council on Aging

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RONALD DESROSIERS MEMORIAL FUND & WESTPORT CITIZENS BETTERMENT FUND & COMMITTEE

The following is a report of the Westport Citizens Betterment Committee for the year ending December 31, 2006.

Unfortunately this year we lost two members of our committee. Claude Ledoux chose not to be reappointed and we lost "Maggie" Plamondon after a long unsuccessful struggle with illness. The Board of Selectmen reappointed Shirley Desrosiers (Chair), Lena Napert, and Charlene Wood. Margaret Silva was appointed to fill one of the vacancies. All appointments expire June 30, 2007. Anyone interested in filing the remaining vacancy should contact the Board of Selectmen's office. I should note that serving on the committee is not very demanding on anyone's time.

This year the committee received six very exciting applications. It was very difficult to choose between them (as usual). The recipients of the 2006 grant awards were: Westport Youth Athletic Association in the amount of \$1,000 to rebuild stone walls at the entrance of the recreational facility on American Legion Highway. A second \$500 grant was awarded to the Sidewalk Committee to assist with the cost of developing a Central Village Pedestrian and Safety Plan and a third grant in the amount of \$500 was awarded to Melissa Pacheco to assist with the cost of developing a Scattering Garden at Beech Grove Cemetery.

The Westport Citizens Betterment Committee and Trustee of the Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund welcome contributions to enable the committee to increase the amount of grants we give out each year. As most of you are aware, these grants are awarded to projects slated to benefit the community and its residents. You may make a donation by contacting the Board of Selectmen's office at 508-636-1003. With more donations perhaps we will be able to fund more deserving projects in the future.

The balance in the Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund is \$31,412.13 of which only \$11,827.11 is expendable. The balance in the Westport Citizens Betterment Fund is \$4,868.53.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Desrosiers, Chair

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The following is a report of the Finance Committee for the year ending December 31, 2006.

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee (FinCom) to present a balanced budget to the Annual Town Meeting.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2006, ending June 30, 2006, the Finance Committee and our Town Accountant projected revenues to increase 5.27% higher than in the previous several years. Heavy demands were submitted from most departments for increased spending after several years of cutbacks. While previous years of small revenue increases and heavy demands were met by taking funds from a number of reserve accounts, the Finance Committee felt that those reserves could no longer be tapped. Therefore, only the most urgent requests could be funded.

Capital equipment and infrastructure needs, which had been postponed for years, could not be met within the budget. To alleviate that the Finance Committee recommended and the Town Meeting approved a modest bond issue for the most needed capital improvement items to the amount of \$550,000 with an attendant increase in the tax rate of a modest \$0.04/\$1000 of evaluation over a five year period. Unfortunately this issue was defeated at the polls in the fall.

A major item was the proposal for a new Public Safety complex to be built at the intersection of Route 88 and Hix Bridge Road at a cost of \$14M. This was again recommended by the Finance Committee and approved at the May Town Meeting, but it failed to pass at the polls. This would have replaced both the Fire Station at the intersection of Main Road and Adamsville Road and the Police Station on Main Road. The fire facility is in dire need of replacement and in the case of the Police Department, major renovation.

In the fall of 2006 salary increases were negotiated at 3% per year for the next 3 years. In addition for all unions except schools and fire, sick pay reimbursements were also incorporated into the new contracts. This additional financial burden added to the previously agreed unused sick pay at retirement going from 25% to 50%, will add to the Town's financial costs starting in FY09. But the financial impact has not been estimated at the time of this writing.

Of major importance is the requirement coming from GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board) to require the unfunded liability for retirees' health obligations, to be carried on the Towns' financial statement commencing with the calendar year 2007 financial statement. An actuarial study will calculate this obligation in 2007. Some studies have suggested that Westport's present value of retirement health promises may be between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for each current and retired employee.

The Town has little control over benefit employee expenses. Those were budgeted to rise 13% in FY07. This increase was due to a 12% increase in health insurance costs, which were in line with industry and other communities. Because Town employees already pay about half the health care premium, (higher than in most towns) the cost can't be shifted further to the employees. In FY07 our retirement benefits increased 17% due to early retirement and additional people coming into the retirement range. In total, benefit expenses have risen 77% in the past five years.

Membership in the Finance Committee remained the same this year as it was last year with the terms of three members being reappointed for an additional three years.

Fuel and Energy increases have put an unexpected burden on Town finances. The Finance Committee, working together, collected the energy usages from all the Town departments and adjusted department budgets to ensure that all departments were using the same cost of energy. The Finance Committee has chosen certain energy prices for budgeting purposes, and has assured the departments, that if energy bills run over budgeted amounts, the Finance Committee will cover the overage from our reserves. Conversely, if department energy costs are below projections, this extra funding is to be returned to the Town's general fund at the end of the fiscal year, to be used as "free cash" two years hence. The Board of Selectmen is currently interviewing suppliers of electricity and natural gas to enable the Board to evaluate the advisability of the Town contracting for a year or more of energy at a time. Energy contracts would give the Finance Committee guaranteed prices for electricity and natural gas for the life of the contract.

The Diman School assessment continues to increase as the State's new Chapter 70 formula charges are phased in. Westport must bear a greater amount of the cost of the school than before the formula changed. The assessment for FY07 yields a cost to Westport of \$767,000, 77% of the actual cost per student, which currently is the maximum percentage the Town, will have to bear. Westport also shoulders 77% of the cost per pupil in the public school system. The cost per pupil at Diman of \$12,480 (grades 9-12) compares with a cost of \$7639 per student in Westport Public School (grades PreK-12)

This year the State fulfilled its obligation to the School Bond with a repayment of about half of the total bond cost. This will have a decreasing effect on the tax rate as the bonds become due and paid.

Early estimates for FY08 are showing slowing revenue growth. New housing starts slowed in 2007, so the boost from new growth will be less. Governor Patrick's administration is projecting a one billion dollar deficit for FY08, so we conservatively estimated no increase in state aid. In the face of wage escalation of 3% and benefit increases of 15% we believe that total departmental spending can rise only 1.5%. This promises to be a difficult year for the upcoming budget process, and the Finance Committee has scheduled a meeting to explain to Town Departments heads the financial situation. We are also scheduling budget reviews and explanations to many Town organizations. As usual, the Finance Committee has scheduled individual department budget review meetings each Tuesday commencing in February and continuing through late March to finalize recommendations for the Annual Town meeting.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Paul Schmid III, Chairman	June 30, 2009
Jane Loos, Vice Chairman	June 30, 2008
Lisa Arnold	June 30, 2007
John Baughan	June 30, 2007
Todd Cormier	June 30, 2008
Edward Goldberg	June 30, 2008
Robert N. McCarthy	June 30, 2007
Warren Messier	June 30, 2009
John E. Miller	June 30, 2009

Respectfully submitted

Finance Committee



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief for the year ending December 31, 2006.

The mission of the Westport Fire Department is to protect life, property and the environment from fire, medical emergencies, hazardous materials, natural disaster and terrorist related incidents. We will do this through emergency mitigation, code enforcement, public education and training.

## Fire Chief

Brian R. Legendre

Stephen A. Motta (Retired 1/28/06)

## Deputy Chief

Allen N. Manley, Jr.

## Lieutenants

John W. Andrade

Bruce Martin

Daniel F. Ledoux (Acting 3/19/06 – 6/3/06)

Michael P. Silvia

Brian A. Beaulieu

## Firefighter/EMT's

Douglas P. Orr

Raymond E. Benoit

Glenn R. Nunes

Matthew Cowell

Darren Nunes

Mark Brisk

Daniel Baldwin

Anthony Ward

Brian D. Souza

Daniel F. Ledoux

Keith Nickelson

Dennis Pelland

Glenn Mackillop

Paul Duhon

Steve Lopes

Andrew Ferrarini

## Call Firefighters

Chris Caswell

Roger Maynard

Kendall G. Nickelson

Chad Vaillancourt

Ronald Vien

James T. Ellis

Coury Garside

Thomas Gallant

Ryan O'Meara

Nolan A. Robidoux

William G. Baraby

Joshua Barrette

David DeMello

Sean Lynch

Steve Tavares

Todd Mackay

Bryan Moniz

Kenneth Reilly

Timothy Bernard

James Perry

Nathan Freitas

Brian Leverett

Jeffrey J. Mello

Andrew Raymond

Michael Texeira

Sam Texeira

Michael DesRoches

Brian Fernandes

David Smyka

Matthew Weaver

## Ladies Auxiliary

Theresa A. Vaillancourt

Julie Manley

Janet Souza

Kimberley T. Legendre

Janice Silvia

Gail Ledoux



Maggie Beaulieu  
Sonia Nickelson  
Paula Nunes  
Paula Brisk  
Jillyn Baldwin  
Allison Garside  
Susan Maynard  
Kathy Foley

Terry Martin  
Melanie Pelland  
Denise Donatelli  
Jen Duhon  
Allison Teves  
Lisa Ellis  
Jenn Vieira

Principal Clerk

Theresa A. Vaillancourt

Medical Director

Hank Crowley Jr., MD

EMS Coordinator

Glenn R. Nunes

Computer Coordinator

Michael P. Silvia

E-911 Coordinators

John W. Andrade

Paul Duhon

Training Division

Bruce Martin Jr.  
Glenn Nunes

Keith Nickelson  
Anthony Ward

Fire & Explosion Investigation Division

Allen N. Manley Jr.  
Daniel F. Ledoux  
Dennis Pelland

Michael P. Silvia  
William G. Baraby  
Daniel Baldwin

Fire & Life Safety Education Division

Brian Beaulieu

Kenneth Reilly

The Fire Department answered 2,021 calls the year 2005. They were broken down as follows:

Buildings	45
Woods/Brush	26
Vehicles	21
Lost Persons	2
Fire Alarms	101
Bomb/Explosive Device	2
Jaws-of-Life	37
Investigations	48
Dumpsters	6
Unauthorized Burning	57
Public Assist	23
Hazardous Materials	28
Water Rescues	0
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	10
Good Intent	65

Motor Vehicle Accidents	142
Emergency EMS Calls	1,283
Mutual Aid	
EMS Mutual Aid Given	60
EMS Mutual Aid Received	23
Fire Mutual Aid Given	13
Fire Mutual Aid Received	9
Emergency Ambulance	1,283
Fire Related Calls	738

#### Summary Of Vehicle Runs For The Year:

Engine 1	85
Engine 2	178
Engine 3	51
Engine 4	63
Engine 5	124
Engine 6	104
Tanker 1	57
Car 1	62
Car 2	72
Car 3	20
Car 4	35
Marine 1	1
Marine 2	1
Personal Vehicles	5
Special Operations Unit	16
Ambulance 1	539
Ambulance 2	722
Ambulance 3	226

#### Permits Issued During The Year:

Smoke Detectors	292
Oil Burners	65
Underground Tank Removal	3
Propane	56
Open Air Fire	2,579
Blasting	7
Above Ground Tank	2
Black Powder	4
Waste Oil	25
Fire Reports	28
Sprinklers	1
Tank Trucks	14
Garages	50
Bar/restaurant	17

As 2006 ends it marks my first year as Fire Chief for the Town of Westport. The past year has brought about many changes within the Westport Fire Department. Allen N. Manley, Jr. was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief in March and together we have set a positive course for the Department's future. A written handbook for Department Policies and Procedures was developed and implemented. A committee was also formed to review and update the Department's standard operating procedures. Department members have received extensive training over the past year in NIMS/Incident Command and we have adopted its practices as mandated by the Department of Homeland Security. The Department is currently made up of 20 fulltime

firefighters and 30 call-firefighters that work together to provide the best service possible to the Town of Westport. This year a Ladies Auxiliary was formed to support the firefighters during prolonged incidents. This volunteer group of ladies has already raised over \$ 3,000.00 to help with their mission.

The Annual Town Meeting approved the creation of a Hazardous Materials Revolving Account to allow the Department to replace equipment used at a Haz-Mat scene by billing the responsible party for all expenses related to the incident. This account to date has allowed the Department to recover over \$4,500.00 in Haz-Mat related costs. Lieutenant Bruce Martin has completed the 160-hour Hazardous Materials Technician program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and is state certified as a Haz-Mat Technician. There are two other department members that will take this training over the next year.

A new requirement for any newly hired full time firefighter is to attend and complete the 490-hour recruit academy at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. In 2006 we had four recruits attend the State sponsored training. The firefighters who attended are Steve Lopes, Anthony Ward, Andrew Ferrarini, and Timothy Bernard. All members graduated and are now State certified to Firefighter Level II.

The Department was able to replace one of its positions lost in the budget crunch of 2002. This has greatly reduced the strain on the department's overtime budget and has increased the productivity and safety of personnel. We are still short one position from our full staffing level and with the support of the citizens at Town Meeting in 2007 we are hopeful that we can finally get back to the staffing levels we had 10 years ago.

The Department has aggressively applied for grants from Federal, State, and private sources to supplement our budget and acquire the costly equipment we need to do our job properly. We have applied for a federal grant totaling \$ 292,968.00 to replace our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (air packs) and to purchase an OSHA approved air filling station to fill the tanks. We have taken delivery of our 2006 Smeal Ladder Truck in early December. The ladder truck was funded through a Federal grant we received in 2005 totaling over \$ 584,000.00. Training has started for department members and hopefully the truck will be placed in full service by March 2007. I would like to publicly thank our grant writer, Deputy Allen N. Manley, Jr. for the excellent job he has done over the past several years for the Department acquiring grant funding totaling over \$ 750,000.00. Due to the exorbitant cost of firefighting equipment there is no question in my mind that without grant funding we would not have the up to date equipment we have.

2006 was the busiest year on record for the Department with 2,021 emergency responses encompassing both Fire and EMS. The Department turned in \$ 480,783.22 in revenue to the Town Treasurer for calendar year 2006. The Department also applied for and received \$ 559,145.77 in grant funding for 2006.

#### 2006 Calendar Year Revenue Breakdown:

Ambulance Revenue:	\$ 465,701.22
Fire Revenue:	\$ 15,082.00
Grant Funding Revenue:	\$ 559,145.77
<b>Total Revenue Generated:</b>	<b>\$1,039,928.99</b>

The following are reports from the Division Coordinators on the yearly activities of their assigned Division within the Westport Fire Department:

#### Training Division Report – by Lieutenant Bruce Martin, Jr.

The training division of the Westport Fire Department began the year by conducting another recruit class for call firefighters. The class, which started in April with 12 students, concluded in June with the graduation of 11 new call firefighters. We also had four full-time members attend the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit program consisting of 490 hours of basic and advanced firefighting practices. Department members continue to train in a variety of disciplines aided at increasing the Departments day to day mission readiness. Department member's received a combination of over 1,253 hours of training in such areas as water rescue,

ice rescue, hazardous materials awareness and operations, fire officer supervisory training, emergency vehicle operations as well as continually sharpening their basic firefighting skills thru monthly department drills and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy courses.

With the new arrival of Ladder 7, a 105 ft aerial ladder manufactured by Smeal Fire Apparatus, extensive training has begun to get all members proficient in the operation of this new piece of equipment. Ladder 7 will be put into service in March of 2007.

The training division will be starting to train members of other departments within town, on the use of the NIMS/Incident Command system. This will bring all required Town Departments up to speed with the practices mandated by the Department of Homeland Security.

I would like to thank the members of the training division who assisted me this past year. I would also like to thank the new firefighters who gave over 100 hours of their time to attend the Westport Fire Departments Recruit program, in order to serve the Department and their Community as Call Firefighters.

**Fire & Explosion Investigation Division Report – by Deputy Allen N. Manley, Jr.**

The Fire & Explosive Investigation Division was reorganized allowing two new investigators to be added to the division. Dennis Pelland and Daniel Baldwin both successfully completed and passed the forty-eight hour Basic Fire Investigation Program held at the Massachusetts Fire Academy. This brings the total number of investigators to five dedicated, highly trained and skilled firefighters who are qualified to determine the origin and cause of all fire and explosion incidents.

Most incidents require one or two investigators to effectively determine where and how the fire occurred. Other incidents require the use of the entire team, and occasionally assistance of valuable resources provided by the Westport Police Department and the Massachusetts State Fire Marshal's Office. In all cases, each incident is thoroughly examined and reconstructed, in search of facts to determine whether a fire was accidental, or intentionally set.

The team received over 1000 hours of specialized training in areas consisting of Advanced Investigation Techniques, Building Construction, Criminal Procedures, Explosive Devices, Interviewing, Photography and Scene Reconstruction.

Our goal for this year is to continue to gain experience through education and training provided by professional affiliations with the International Association of Arson Investigators, Massachusetts State Fire Academy and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In addition to our own training, instruction by our division will be offered to firefighters and police officers for an opportunity to see first hand various types of explosives. This will give them guidance for safe and proper response to such incidents, including the correct handling of hazardous devices, and bomb threats.

There were seventeen (17) investigations conducted by the F&EID during the calendar year of 2006. This included fifteen (15) fires that were accidental, one (1) was arson and the remaining one was undetermined. The remaining investigation represents a bomb threat that turned out to be a hoax. The only arson related fire resulted in a juvenile being referred to the Juvenile Fire-setter Intervention Program.

Summary	Total	Accidental	Incendiary	Undetermined	Value
Structure Fires	13	12	1		\$1,068,600.00
Vehicle Fires	2	1	0	1	\$150,000.00
Boat Fires	1	1			\$50,000.00
Bomb Threat	1	1			\$0.00
Total Investigations	17	15	1	1	\$1,268,600.00

### Fire and Life Safety Education Division Report – by Lieutenant Brian A. Beaulieu

The Fire and Life Education Division is, and has been committed to educating students in the Town for a number of years. Educators meet with students from pre-school, kindergarten, second, and fourth grades up to four times a year, educating the students about basic fire safety, such as stay low and crawl under smoke, having meeting places, and get out – stay out, as well as fire prevention tips such as smoke detector testing and holiday safety. There are presently no programs presented to the middle school age students.

We work with the Westport high school staff and students, and the school resource officer to educate students from the high school with issues such as seat belt use, impaired operation of motor vehicles, and long-term injuries. This has been accomplished through lecture type assembly and mock crashes held on school grounds.

Firefighter Kenneth Reilly and myself continue to update our knowledge at the annual fire and life safety education conference, and have become members of the S.A.F.E. Task Force, which is tasked with training other fire educators.

The committee has many hopes for expanding programs in the future to encompass all age groups, and to make Westport a safer place for us all.

### Computer Coordinators Report – by Lieutenant Michael P. Silvia

This past year, the Fire Department has taken a large step forward in the field of computers. With the help of Keith Novo the Town's computer specialist, we were able to provide high-speed Internet access to both fire stations, which is a first for the Department. This provided the firefighters with access to online sites such as the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, National Fire Academy, and a number of firefighting related sites and on-line courses. We were also able to link both stations together in a network allowing both stations to enter and retrieve fire reports, station log information and other correspondence all on one computer system.

We were also able to reduce the amount of paper that was once used in printing and storing fire and ambulance reports. These reports are now stored on the system and are printed as needed.

Lastly, the Department now has a web page, which is part of the Town's web site. With the help of Webmaster Greg Stone, who designed the site, we are able to provide information about the Department as well as give monthly safety tips to the public. We encourage everyone to visit our web site at <http://www.westport-ma.com/fire/index.html>.

### EMS Coordinators Report – by Firefighter/Paramedic Glenn Nunes

The Westport Fire Department's EMS division has changed considerably over the past several years. Assuring advanced life support would be available at all times from the Westport Fire Department was just one goal that has been met. Also, having the most modern equipment available to our staff so we can render the appropriate care to sick and injured patients is another.

The EMS Education Division has become much more progressive with the hiring of our own personal medical director to oversee the quality of daily EMS operations. Our director has an extensive history in Paramedicine and has emergency room experience, which we feel is an asset to our service. EMS training is constant in the fire department to assure that the care we are providing is state of the art and is appropriate to the patient's condition. Emergency medicine and the technology is constantly changing which requires our EMT's at all levels to be familiar with these changes and to make the proper adjustment with keeping the ultimate goal in mind which is to provide the most advance patient care available to our patients.

Earlier this year, 11 new call firefighters successfully completed a First Responder Course in emergency care, which allows them to work closely with the EMT's to provide treatment at an emergency scene. The training division also got together with the Town's Lifeguards at Cherry & Webb Beach to provided training

such as CPR, First Aid, and the use of Automated External Defibrillators. The early administration of this emergency care by the lifeguards could be significant in patient outcome. The Westport Cub Scout Pack 100 also received a basic first aid class which consisted in airway barrier devices and other simple techniques involving patient comfort until more advanced help arrived. The Westport Fire Department personnel will continue to adopt new standards in patient care and assure the public that they are receiving the most advanced pre-hospital care available. I am honored to be a part of a team that shares the knowledge, skills and motivation that our staff does.

### E-911 Coordinators Report – by Lieutenant John W. Andrade

Building construction and the addition of new streets has grown considerably over the course of the year. As a result, I added an assistant, Firefighter Paul Duhon, to help with this influx of work and to cover in my absence. I would like to stress the importance of having house numbers visible from the street or laneway. It saves valuable time while responding with our emergency vehicles. If you reside down a laneway, your house number should be posted at the top of the lane. House numbers visible from the street are required in all new construction. Laneways are required by the State Law to be a minimum of 18 feet wide and it would be beneficial if they were cleared of brush and overhang to accommodate our apparatus. Our focus in the upcoming year is continued improvement in the E-911 system with the safety of the citizens of Westport as our top priority.

### In Conclusion

I would like to thank all Town Departments and Boards for their support over the past year. I would especially like to thank the Highway Department, Building Department, Police Department, Town Administrator, and the Finance Committee for all the projects they assisted us with.

The Department will continue to change and adapt as the Town changes. We are still actively looking at options to replace the Central Village Fire Station that was built in 1928. Hopefully an updated plan will be revealed in 2007 that will meet the Town's needs for today and for the future.

I would like to thank the business community for their continued support with our mission. Together working as a team we can make a safer community. There are several businesses that have gone above and beyond to support the mission of the Fire Department. They include Lees Market, Distinctive Auto Body, Mid City Steel, Northeast Welding, and the Nichols Foundation.

In closing the Fire Department will continue to be an active part of the community by participating in and sponsoring family orientated safety events thought the year. These events such as Safety Day and the Fourth of July Parade would not be possible if it were not for the dedicated employees the Town has in the Westport Fire Department Staff. I would like to thank the Westport Permanent Firefighters Association, Westport Call-Firefighters Association, and the Westport Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for their continued support to the Department and the Citizens of Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Legendre  
Fire Chief



# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FISH COMMISSIONERS**

The activities of the Fish Commissioners for the Year 2006 were as follows:

The recently installed (20005) culvert at the River Road Herring Run located at Cockeast Pond has been observed by the Fish Commissioners to enhance the passage of spawning herring. The herring were observed moving freely to Cockeast through the newly installed culvert on several occasions between 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. It must be noted that because the run itself is shallow, the herring rarely run in daylight.

The dredging of Adamsville Pond has begun and is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2007. This project should enhance the survival of spawning alewives since the deeper water should be added protection from predators.

After completion of this project, the Fish Commissioners, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries will work to introduce spawning herring into the refurbished pond.

Just a reminder, the state of Massachusetts has imposed a herring moratorium until January 2009. Therefore, possession of the river herring is unlawful and will be enforced by state and local officials.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Sullivan, Chairman  
James Coughlan  
Michael O'Connor  
Fish Commissioners

## **GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006**

### Introduction

It is with continuing pride that I submit to you this 2005-2006 Annual Summary Report, which describes our programs and successes.

Recognized as a leader among vocational technical high schools by local and statewide employers, Diman Regional, serving the district communities of Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, and Westport, has a long and proud tradition of producing highly skilled graduates. Our graduates not only possess the skills necessary to enter the workforce but also the academic foundation to continue their education at a two- or four-year college/university, community college, or technical institution.

In keeping with its mission "to develop the unique potential of each learner," Diman Regional continues to purchase and utilize cutting-edge technology, to update curricula, and to provide professional development opportunities for its staff. To say we are proud of the vocational technical programs and academic instruction we provide is an understatement.

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and administration, I thank the Greater Fall River Vocational School



District Committee, governmental leaders, citizens, and parents for their continued unwavering support.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Rogerio Ramos  
Superintendent-Director

**GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Gabriel Andrade, Chairperson - Fall River  
Thomas Branco - Somerset  
James Clarkin - Fall River  
Larry Couto - Fall River  
Edward Hill - Swansea  
Paul Jennings - Westport

**GENERAL INFORMATION REPORTS**

**Summer Programs 2005**

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School offered remedial make-up programs in English, Math, Science and Shop Related Theory as our continuing commitment to assist students experiencing difficulty. The remedial program was self-funded with an enrollment of 42 students.

The breakdown:            ELA - 18                                  Math - 15                                  Related - 9

**Orientation Process**

On August 23-26, 2005, an orientation program was held in the school cafeteria for all new students. Students were given instructions for the opening of school, bus routes were assigned, and handbooks, as well as student schedules, were distributed and explained. Students also took photos for student ID's.

A "Parent Night" was held on September 20, 2005, to familiarize parents of new students with school programs and the school's philosophy and policies. School administrators were present to explain their roles and what Diman expects of the students. An estimated 300 parents and students attended.

**Admissions**

For the school year 2005-2006 there were 719 applications for grade nine. In April 2005 the newly accepted students were tested in reading comprehension, numerical ability, mechanical reasoning, and language usage. Results were used to assist in the initial academic placement of incoming grade nine students. Three hundred sixty (365) were enrolled as of October 1, 2005.

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Grade 9	224	141	365
Grade 10	199	156	355
Grade 11	192	140	332
Grade 12	176	94	270
LPN – FR	4	68	72

LPN – NB	5	17	22
Totals	800	616	1416

### Career Day

Pupil Personnel Services sponsored their 21<sup>st</sup> College Career Day on November 2, 2005 with 38 colleges and technical schools represented. Approximately 350 seniors and juniors took advantage of the opportunity to speak with the representatives present.

### Testing

All sophomores and those students who failed the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (M.C.A.S.) exam were tested. The first retest was held November 14 thru November 18, 2005. Make-up session was November 21, 2005. Math sessions were 60 minutes long and ELA sessions were 45 minutes. Another retest was held March 6 thru March 10, 2006, with sessions the same as November. Make-up was held on April 5, 2006. The remainder of the testing was held May 23 thru May 26 with 2 days of math in 60-minute sessions and one day each of Science and History.

### Westport Scholarship Recipients 2006

Bristol Norfolk Home Builders Association	Jonathan Castro
Diman Alumni Scholarship	Alexander Beaulieu
Diman Parent Advisory Council	Jonathan Castro Rachel Levesque Jeffrey Stockwell
Frank J. Quinn Scholarship	Jeffrey Stockwell
Thomas Rodrigues Memorial Scholarship	Alexander Beaulieu

### School Improvement Council

The following individuals served upon the School Improvement Council: Mr. Brian S. Bentley, Mrs. Susan DeJesus, Mr. Roger Dugal, Mr. Leonard Freeman, Mr. Robert Goulet, Mrs. Michelle Letendre, Mrs. Maureen Pacheco, Mrs. Gisele Parent, Mr. William Pavao, Mr. Carl Sawejko, Ms. Debbie Silveira, Mrs. Barbara Sousa, Mrs. Michelle Sylvaria, and Mrs. Cynthia Vadeboncoeur. Through their efforts the School Improvement Plan was revised and presented to the School Committee who adopted it in June of 2006.

### Junior Class

The Junior Class celebrated with a semi-formal cruise on the Vista Jubilee with a dinner-cruise from Warren, RI. to Newport, RI on May 26, 2006. The Junior Class Advisor focused on the fundraising and the planning of the Semi-Formal. In October 2005, \$650 was sent to the American Red Cross for "Hurricane Katrina Relief" via a national presentation of Diman's National Honor Society. The Junior Class was very successful in fundraising. As of 5/31/06, the Junior Class fund has a balance of \$4,174.69. The students successfully participated in a Fall 2005 and a Spring 2006 fundraiser. The Junior Class purchased 210 gray luggage tags for \$239.60 and they were imprinted with a Diman logo to be distributed to the entire faculty and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week.

## Senior Class

The Senior Class started the year with a balance of \$9012.79. Two fundraisers were held during the year through *Qsp/Readers Digest*. Students sold \$6396.50 worth of merchandise in the November sale and \$5259.00 in the spring sale. The venue for the senior prom this year was the Biltmore Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. Attendance at the prom was very good, 272 students and 31 faculty. Behavior of the Diman students was impeccable as attested to by the Providence Police detail hired for the evening. For Teacher Appreciation Week the senior class presented every teacher and worker at Diman with Diman stadium cushions. The cost of the gift was \$606.85. The senior gift was presented to the school on Class Night. This year, the class donated a cog and gear clock. It was purchased from Bombay Company at a cost of \$188.95.

## Key Club

The 2005 - 2006 school year was Mrs. Susan DeJesus' fifth year as the Diman Key Club Advisor. There were 10 members who participated in the various activities throughout the school year. Most meetings were held on alternating Tuesday mornings before school. The first endeavor for the Key Club was to join with the National Honor Society in a collection drive, the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fundraiser. Students collected donations in the total amount of \$857.84. Shortly after the hurricane fund, a Diman Auto Body student's house burned while the student was at school. In response, the Auto Body students, National Honor Society and the Key Club collected donations totaling \$2000.00.

The largest undertaking was the Key Club's Annual Food Drive. Forty-two (42) Christmas Food Baskets were distributed to families in addition to a generous contribution of non-perishable food goods to a local food kitchen. The baskets for the families consisted of canned and non-perishable food, potatoes, carrots, butternut squash, onions, brown-and-serve rolls, and a fresh-baked pie. These foodstuffs were made available from the actual food drive, mostly conducted in shops, monetary contributions from faculty and staffs, proceeds from Faculty purchases of \$1.00 Off Lunch Coupons, squash from a farm in Little Compton, and pies baked in our Culinary Arts Shop. In addition, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, jars of peanut butter and turkeys were purchased for all baskets.

Diman Key Club runs a "Send a Rose for Valentine's Day" as a fundraiser. Students have roses sent to their friends for \$2.00 per rose and faculty may purchase roses for \$20.00 per dozen. This year we sold 1150 roses. In March, Key Club students took orders from faculty for the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days Campaign. Diman was recognized as one of the top ten contributors in the area. Also in March, Easter stuffed animals were sold to the student body. In May, the Key Club sold small flowering plants and pink chocolate roses for Mother's Day. This allowed students an affordable way to remember their mothers and grandmothers on Mother's Day. Also in May, the Key Club banded together with SkillsUSA and National Honor Society to purchase "DIMAN" sunglasses cases for a gift to all faculty and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.

In June, the Key Club purchased "Diman Regional Voc-Tech High School Class of 2006" orange and black pens to be given to all seniors on Class Night 2006. All senior class members of SkillsUSA, National Honor Society, and Key Club were also given "DIMAN" sunglasses cases as a "Thank You" from their respective advisers. Key Club members from the senior class also received a framed certificate of participation from Key Club. End of the year activities included a sales table at Class Night and Graduation 2006 where "Class of 2006" pens, frames, and pennants were sold along with sunglasses cases, candy bars, water, mylar balloons, and stadium cushions. The Key Club final contributions will be to a freshman Diman student who was recently diagnosed with a serious condition preventing him from completing this school year and a donation to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

## National Honor Society

Mrs. Donna Klamkin was the National Honor Society Advisor and with her leadership the NHS completed their major service project, the "Salvation Army Clothe-A-Child Project", which began in early November and

was completed in December. Through the generosity of students, faculty, and staff members who made either monetary donations or personally sponsored a child, the chapter was able to purchase either a coat/hat/gloves or a complete outfit for 50 needy local children. Along with each outfit, a brand-new, age-appropriate book for each of child was purchased. Other fundraisers including the Home and Garden Candles, "Send-a-Candy Cane to a Friend," and the bake sale at SkillsUSA day helped fund other service projects: the Hurricane Katrina Collection, the Josh Bonanca Family Fire Collection, the Library Book Drive for Atlantis Charter School, and Diman Teacher Appreciation Week in conjunction with the Key Club and SkillsUSA.

Four Chapter officers and the advisor attended the National Conference in Washington, DC from November 9 – November 13, 2005. Highlights included a private meeting with Congressman James McGovern and a day spent sightseeing in the nation's capital. The students attended various workshops and seminars designed to make them more effective student leaders. Two members of the Chapter (Ryan Pacheco and Ian Andrew) volunteered to serve on the Mayor's Youth Council for this year and they attended their first meeting at Government Center.

An Induction Ceremony was held on May 18<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium, which was very well attended by families and staff. The guest speaker was former Diman student/NHS President Suzanne Raposo who presented a wonderful and inspirational speech to the attendees. The Senior NHS Breakfast was held on May 25<sup>th</sup> with 8 of the 9 senior members in attendance. We were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Moore of the Isaiah Avila Scholarship Foundation who were there to present four \$100.00 cash gifts to the members. Names were placed in a bowl (only the 8 present were eligible to be included) and the students who were presented the cash awards and the colleges that they plan to attend were: Kayla Novo (enrolling at UMASS Dartmouth to study Nursing); Stephanie Mauricio (BCC for Dental Hygiene); Amanda Diogo (BCC for Liberal Arts) and Jacob Feinberg (Utah State University for Biology).

### Project Spotlight

The spotlight Program, advised by Mrs. Jonsson, is affiliated with the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth. It is an after-school program at UMASS-Dartmouth for area high school students of higher learning potential. Thirty-two students from Diman were enrolled in this program featuring mini courses, lectures and motivational speakers.

### Student Government

The Diman Student Government's Advisory Council was once again quite active this year, attending most of the regional Southeast Advisory Council (SAC) meetings held in Wareham. Linda Braga and Robert Mundy attended these meetings. When Linda was unable to attend Michelle Cadavid substituted for her. David Proulx replaced Robert Mundy as representative when Robert left school. Dave's alternate is Tyler Hill. The aforementioned students were actively involved on the following regional committees: Public Relations, Student Handbook, and Legislative. The main agenda items at these meetings centered on current/pending legislation concerning student issues involving student rights; MCAS; competency exams for vocational students; MCAS and the Special Needs student; field trips; school authority over non-campus activities; and issues related to raising the driving age.

Similar to the past couple of years, student concerns at Diman centered mostly on the attendance policy, the summer reading assignment, and the student dress code. The students thought that Diman's attendance policy was too stringent. Once again it was explained to them that the Education Reform Act requires a 95% attendance rate and that the educational requirements needed to meet MCAS standards are related to attendance. After a lengthy discussion, the students realized that it would be unlikely that any change in the attendance policy (e.g. relaxing the standards) would be forthcoming. Linda Braga explained that many school throughout the Commonwealth are "tightening-up" their attendance requirements due to state mandates and that the students at these schools have articulated the same concerns as Diman students; however, as Linda explained, "the State rules". At one of the SAC meetings a Department of Education representative addressed the students. When the issue of attendance came up, the DOE representative

explained that "strict attendance rules" were necessary due to state requirements. Another major concern of Diman students was the type and length of the summer assignments. They are of the opinion that summer vacation is "their time" and they should not be required to do school related work during this time. It was explained to them, as last year, that learning is a life-long experience that "there is no vacation from learning". The students were also made aware that the summer assignment was a mandate from the School Committee and the chances of changing this policy were remote, especially in light of the fact that society is making more demands on education. Early in the year, a number of students expressed displeasure with Diman's student dress code. "Diman's dress code is too strict", was the cry. Linda Braga explained that similar concerns were raised at the regional SAC meeting and that the DOE representative was asked to comment on this issue. The response was that these dress codes exist for the health and safety of all the students in the school, and not directed to what is "fashionable". The Student Advisory Council also reviewed and made suggestions to the Student Handbook, School Improvement Plan, and the Student Athlete Handbook.

During the past year, the Student Advisory Council and the Key Club collaborated on a number of activities including the Holiday "Canned Goods" Drive to supply food baskets for needy Diman families; operation of the concession stand at the basketball games; and the preparation of roses sold for Valentine's Day. It is hoped that next year these two organizations can collaborate on more activities. The Student Advisory Council also hopes to assist other clubs and organizations in their activities as well.

On March 5, 2005 Diman hosted the regional SAC meeting. It is hoped that during the 2006 - 2007 school year that we will once again be able to host another meeting. The 2005 meeting was well received by the DOE officials.

On April 7 2006, Linda Braga of the Machine Shop and Davie Proulx of Building Technology accompanied Mr. Dugal to Boston for the 59<sup>th</sup> annual Student Government Day. On this day, students from throughout the Commonwealth assume the roles of constitutional officers, court justices, and members of the General Court. During the day the student delegates held a simulated joint session hearing and participate in formal session of the Senate and House. The student delegates were instructed on the Hearing Process and Committee Rules, debated four bills, and voted. This year, Diman was fortunate to have its student representatives assume the role of a Supreme Court Justice. The students learned first hand about the working of the judicial branch of government and its role in a constitutional democracy.

Among the goals for next year are to have bi-weekly meetings with the Advisory Council, bi-monthly meeting with the Student Senate, assist in Parent's Night, Open House/trade Fair, Diman Information Night, the Blood Drive, etc., in addition to working with other clubs and organizations with their activities. Another goal is to organize the Student Government in committee structure similar to the way it is organized on the State level.

## Athletics

The 2005 - 2006 school year saw the return of Football to Diman. The team played a Junior Varsity and freshman schedule in which 73 athletes finished the season. Also a number of other teams experienced success during their season. The girls' volleyball team qualified for the state Vocational Tournament but was defeated in the first round. The ice hockey team defeated Masphee in the first round of the state playoffs and was defeated in the second round. The baseball team qualified for the state and state vocational tournaments and was defeated in the first rounds. The girls' softball team went deep into the state playoffs winning first and second round games and finally losing in the semi finals of the south section.

## "The Artisan" - Yearbook

Student recruitment for the yearbook staff began at the end of the 2004 - 2005 school year and the response was great. Meetings were held over the summer and a theme was chosen. As the school year began the student turnout was positive and there were about 8 seniors, 1 junior, and 3 sophomores, one of which was a returning student. The yearbook staff decided on a spring delivery for next years' yearbook. ext year, students will get their yearbooks on class night and then be mailed a supplement that will have the following



events: spring sports, prom, graduation, national SkillsUSA. A spring delivery means good communication between yearbook staff and the official school photographer so that an accurate calendar can be established and pictures taken in a timely manner. This was only the second year using the computer to create the yearbook; Taylor Publishing has been great helping with software questions. The layout of each page is simple and very basic.

### "The Tradesman", School Newspaper

"The Tradesman" this year produced five issues with approximately eight pages per issue. The newspaper focused on school issues, human-interest stories, sports and film reviews. Senior Paul Rego and Melanie de Sousa served as Co-Editors in Chief and Senior Stephanie Pavao served as the managing editor. The major stories of the year included a sensitive piece about the death of an America hero and 2004 Diman alum, Michael Bouthot, who served in Iraq, the VICA school competition, the Open House Trade Fair and the school's expansion plans. The newspaper this year also featured some creative writing, including a poem by junior Zach Saber that lamented the country's wars overseas. The newspaper called on students to write stories, conduct interviews and take photographs. Mr. Wagner served as the faculty advisor who assigned stories and crafted headlines. The Graphic Arts Department designed the newspaper.

### Diversity Club (INDG)

Ms. Julie Ferreira was the Diversity Club advisor for the 2005 - 2006 school year. Members attended monthly meetings held at 7:30 a.m. in the access center. Some of the commitments of membership are to promote diversity, cultural awareness, and give support to students and staff on multi-cultural issues in school and community. The group takes a stand against prejudice, hatred, and promotes and appreciation and understanding of tolerance of others and education for all. Members participated at the Interschool Diversity Networking Group meetings held bi-monthly at various Vocational Technical Schools in the state. Interschool Diversity Networking Group is now in its twelfth year of coordinating unity and cooperative relationships between various schools in the Southeastern Massachusetts area. Their motto is "The World: We All Have a Hand In It", and we aim to keep diversity as an integral component of the education process. They get together to share ideas and for our students to network with other students for additional support as well as the opportunity to discuss future school and community events. The Diversity Club students participated in a diversity symposium on February 14, 2006 held at Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School. The students made an oral and visual presentation on various cultural differences and shared their experiences with one another.

### Southeast Equity Leaders Committee (Seel)

Ms. Julie Ferreira was Diman's representative on the SEEL committee for the 2005-06 school year. She attended bi-monthly meetings held at various vocational schools in the Southeastern Massachusetts area. The committee discussed ways to help prepare more students for success in non-traditional technical careers. The committee is committed to looking for successful strategies to help increase the recruitment, retention, completion, and placement of students in nontraditional fields of study. The goal of the SEEL committee is to open up discussion through networking to assist students interested in non-traditional careers to become successful. Mrs. Ferreira participated in the Construction Career Day held at the Laborer's Training Center in Hopkinton, MA on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, along with five female students from non-traditional shops, which exposed them to various jobs in the construction trade and educated them about the requirements for future careers in the union. They participated in hands-on demonstrations using heavy equipment while assisted by trained construction professionals. There was a non-traditional conference for male students on December 13, 2005 held at Cape Cod Technical High School and it was a great success. There was a panel of men in non-traditional careers to inform students of their experiences in working in a non-traditional field.

## Tech Prep (Women in Technology)

Female Tech Prep students who are interested in a technology or engineering career may participate in the Women In Technology (WIT) program. These students receive support for the pursuit of a non-traditional trade through activities provided by Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. During the year, Diman, in conjunction with Dartmouth High School, participated in the Project Based Learning Program. Two WIT juniors in the Machine Shop, Brittany Codega and Keri Rioux, and one WIT junior in Drafting worked on a project for Sensata Technologies (Texas Instruments Sensors & Controls Division) based in Attleboro. As a team, the students designed an "OWS (Occupant Weight Sensor) Calibration test fixture" that met Texas Instruments' requirements while capturing an ergonomically correct, simplistic and efficient design. The end product was extremely useful for production. The students not only presented the product to the company president, but also presented to business leaders and other dignitaries at BCC. They also presented at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth to college professors and to other high school students interested in a possible career in engineering. On November 1, 2005, seven students participated in the Team Building Course held at Camp Burgess. The female students were divided amongst the following shops: Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Drafting, Machine, and Office Technologies. They interacted with approximately 43 other female students from participating high schools.

## Adventures In Technology

Adventures In Technology is made up of students in the Electronics Shop. The students' aim in their fundraising was to develop funds to cover the cost of their certifications in the electronics field. They collected soda bottles at lunch, had raffles, a breakfast, and sold candy in the school. These efforts proved to be very well done. Due to the fundraising success, they did share well with other needs throughout the school by donating to the food drive for those in need, funding certifications for soldering and instrumentation, a school gift of a mascot outfit, including a donation to the Harrington Scholarship, and, finally, a physics day at Six Flags.

## Professional Development

Professional Development opportunities were provided to all faculty members including the circulation of information for professional development opportunities, as well as the planning, coordination and implementation of courses, conferences and workshops for the 2005 - 2006 academic year. Courses were provided for undergraduate and graduate credit through Bridgewater State College and Fitchburg State College. These courses were chosen to help staff move towards vocational certification and advanced graduate degrees. Two days each month were designated as P-L-C days or Professional Learning Community days. On these days, students were dismissed at 1:42 pm so that faculty members could meet to discuss matters of an educational nature. A Professional Development Team was formed in June of 2006 with the goal of targeting one day each month for Professional Development activities. On these days, the students will be dismissed at 11:00am. A Professional Day was held April 29, 2006 for all faculty and staff. A monthly "Professional Opportunities Update" was prepared and distributed to staff members to make them aware of current opportunities for enrichment.

## SkillsUSA-VICA

Diman's chapter of SkillsUSA began with a late start as Mr. David Viveros and Mr. Michael Oliveira took on the role of co-chapter advisors for this school year. In spite of the starting time, they had a very successful year. Total enrolment for this year was 155members: 123 students and 32 advisors. Elected as officers were as follows: President: Ian Andrew-Precision Machining, Vice President: Alyssa Riley-Dental, Parliamentarian: Rebecca Marques-Health Careers, Reporters: Alyssa Bouchard-Metal Fab, Amanda Silva-Culinary Arts, Treasurers: Jessica Torres-Culinary Arts, Steven Rioux-Electronics, Secretaries: Darianna Frometa-Office Tech., Erica Dube-Metal Fabrication, Alternate Officers: Shane Cardoso-Drafting, David Proulx-Bldg. Trades. Mr. Viveros took a group of seven students to the Fall Leadership conference at which the students received several rewards and Darianna Frometa, after having a very successful conference,



decided to run for state office. For the first time the officers decided to do a community service project. The group helped raise over \$400.00 to send nine Holiday Care packages to military troops serving in Iraq with a Diman connection. After the many local competitions were held 70 students from Diman competed at the Massachusetts SkillsUSA District competition at which Diman was the host school. Of the 70 students, 34 won medals in their respective programs. The last weekend in April, 59 students and 22 advisors attended the Massachusetts 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Leadership and Skills Conference, which was held in Marlboro, MA. At the end of the conference, 27 students had won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medallions. As the school year concluded, SkillsUSA's 25 members and staff were preparing to attend the 42<sup>nd</sup> National Skills and Leadership Conference in Kansas City, MO during the week of June 19-24.

## Academic Program Overview

### English Language Arts Department

There were two new members added to the ELA department, Mrs. Kathleen Fischer and Mr. William Goncalo. Both were effective and conscientious teachers, who gained the respect of the ELA faculty and the student body. Each new teacher had an experienced ELA instructor as a mentor. Curriculum: All four levels of the ELA/RLA/Title One are teaching to the four strands and twenty-eight standards of the Massachusetts Frameworks. The curriculum includes: texts, supplementary novels, audio and video tapes, computer technology and word processing. Shop Cycle assignments include: novels, writing assignments, poetry, and curriculum projects. Student Growth and Development: The ELA/RLA/Title One students are expected to read and write independently not only during their Shop Cycle but throughout the entire year. Textbooks and supplementary novels were implemented in their respective curriculum. During the 2005-2006 school year, many of the ELA faculty had their classes read, write and present contemporary book reviews on independent reading books that were borrowed from the school library.

### Mathematics Department

Mr. Ed Gillespie, the Lead teacher of the Math department for many years, retired in June. His professionalism and dedication to improving the curriculum has benefited the students. Two new math instructors joined the Math department, Mr. Steven Stefanik and Ms. Denise Soares. Experienced Math department members mentored both teachers. Curriculum: The Math department began the first year of implementation of a new four year scope and sequence designed to strengthen the course offerings and allow the general student population to take Algebra 1A in their freshmen year, Geometry in their sophomore year, Algebra 1B in their junior year and Algebra II in their senior year. The two-year Integrated Math program for Grade 9 and Grade 10 students was still offered, however, as a remedial program. Honors level courses are in place in all grade levels with the rigor of these courses increasing. MCAS Math was offered again to juniors and seniors, who have yet to pass the MCAS Math test. All the Special Needs math courses are blocks in all four grade levels. Supplies: New Algebra textbooks were purchased for the incoming freshmen (Class of 2009). New Geometry textbooks will be purchased for the same class as they enter their sophomore year. Whatever each instructor needed in terms of manipulatives or other educational tools were obtained. Student Growth and Development: The Math department feels that they are providing opportunities for all students to nurture their potential to the fullest. Department Accomplishments: The department worked in a coordinated effort to provide the highest quality of mathematical education to the student body. A new direction was established for the math program. Teachers have worked diligently in reviewing textbooks, meeting with textbook company representatives, and revising curriculum. Many members of the math department attended local workshops, completed college courses, including *Mathematics for All Learners* offered at Diman by UMass Boston, and participated in professional development activities including the MAVA conference in June. The math department faculty adopted a new lesson plan format, which includes the framework being taught. All members of the department are now using the computer to do their lesson plans. The department-wide finals were revised and are a work in progress. Student Accomplishments: More students enrolled in remediation programs (Saturday MCAS, Project Success, and the BCC MCAS Academy) this year than ever before.

## Science Department

One new member was added to the Science department, Mrs. Barbara Souza. She was mentored by an experienced science teacher. Mrs. Souza is a welcomed addition to the science department. Mrs. Michelle Sylvaria resigned to pursue an Ed. D. Degree. Her expertise in teaching, curriculum, and mentoring was a great asset to the department and the school. Curriculum: This is the first year Anatomy & Physiology II was offered to seniors. This course is offered to Health Career and Dental majors as they no longer receive this subject in their shop and it is necessary for their major. Sophomores took a one-year Biology class in order to be eligible to take the MCAS science test. The results will be analyzed and the curriculum adapted as necessary. Freshmen started a two-year course in Biology offered in a block format. This was the last year Biology will be offered to juniors. Next year is the last year Biology II will be offered to seniors. In 2006-2007 Marine Biology will be available to juniors as their science elective. Tech-Prep and Women-in-Technology programs continue to offer students linkage between academics and shop. Next year's new Biology 9, A&P I & II, and Applied Physics 1 & II were aligned to the frameworks. The frameworks in Biology were changed in January 2006, so this process must be repeated. Supplies: New Chemistry, Applied Physics and Marine Biology textbooks were ordered for the 2006-2007 school year. Additional microscopes were ordered, as well as, replacement of out-dated equipment for Applied Physics. Start-up supplies were also needed for the Marine Biology course. Additional lab material was purchased as part of the Biology curriculum. Labs were equipped with hand sanitizers and safety glove dispensers. A yearly microscope maintenance program is planned starting this summer. Student Growth and Development: It would be safe to conclude that our students mastered many science concepts. Many students designed and performed their own original experiments. Department Accomplishments: On PLC days the department worked diligently to designed lab activities that were aligned to the frameworks. The curriculum is being revised so that it will be standards based rather than chapter based. A new summer assignment was developed for all grade levels that included reading a book, keeping a journal and doing a project. A lesson plan template was also developed for the department. Many members of the Science department attended local workshops, completed college courses and participated in professional development activities including the MAVA conference in June. Michelle Sylvaria initiated and ran two in-school book discussion groups. The course finals were revised and given at the end of the year. Four members of the Science department served on the School Improvement Committee Celeste Torres completed Biology certification. Liam Murphy continues to pursue an M. Ed. Degree.

## Social Studies Department

One new faculty member, Mr. Richard Phillips, was hired in the Social Studies department to replace Mr. Karl Cabucio, who joined the Office Technology staff. He was mentored by a Social Studies teacher. Curriculum: The History/Social Studies course offerings are a single period of U.S. History I in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and a single period of U.S. History II in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Juniors take World History and the majority of juniors also take American Government. A Junior/senior elective, Current Events, is also offered. Senior electives include: Sociology, Law, and Economics. Department wide final exams were given to all students. Review and revision are slated for the upcoming year. The summer assignment in Social Studies continues to be problematic. Students were required to read articles pertaining to the four core courses and provide a written summary of each article. Professional Development opportunities in the History/Social Studies are available through the Southeastern Massachusetts Teaching American History Consortium. Mr. Roger Guimond is Diman's liaison to the Consortium. He has attended a number of workshops dealing primarily with the organization and planning of the Consortium activities. Supplies: All materials needed by the department have been purchased either through the budget or with grant money. Student Growth and Development: Students are tested on a regular basis. They are given shop cycle assignment and classroom projects. All students take final exams.

## Special Needs Department

Mr. Nate Byrnes was hired for the 2005-2006 school year to fill the position left vacant when Mr. James Killavey retired in June 2005. Mr. Byrnes taught both Basic Program and Standard Program students. All required faculty submitted Individual Professional Development Plans (IPDP) and Special Education faculty

filed High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE) Plans to the Principal and the Director of Special Education, respectively. Final exams were mandatory for the third year at Diman in all academic classes in the Standard Program. Regular Education teachers were reminded to adhere to all students accommodations in the study preparation and administration of final exams to their students with disabilities and any students on 504 Plans. Curriculum: The SPED Department utilizes curricula aligned to mirror the regular education departments' curricula based on the Massachusetts Frameworks but reflecting modifications for reading levels and other academic weaknesses, as well as materials and teaching methods utilized. During the 2004/05 school year, Mr. Briggs re-aligned the freshman math curriculum. During 2005/2006, he re-aligned the sophomore math curriculum to mirror the newly re-aligned regular education grade 10 math curriculum. Student Growth and Development: It is the Special Needs Department's goal to prepare students for everyday life skills including the world of work. The Department has students that are involved in clubs such as Key Club, Drama Club, and Tech Prep. Many of our students receive ribbons for Trade Fair projects in various shops. Some students also compete and place in Skills USA. Our students also become eligible to participate in the Co-Op Program at the end of their junior year and in senior year. SPED students also work in an individualized computer reading program (Success Maker) purchased by the Department in a continuing effort to offer practice and remediation through motivational reading and math programs. Students receive summer packets in math, science, and history. Also, they are expected to choose one book from a department Summer Reading List particular to the grade they will enter in the fall. All students sign a sheet indicating receipt of the summer reading assignment which includes a data sheet as well as information pertaining to grading and extra credit. All students will be tested on the reading selection in September. The list is also made available on the Diman website in the case that a student misplaces the handout. For the grade 9 reading assignment in summer 2006, the Special Education department is piloting a new approach. One book has been chosen and will be accompanied by a study guide. The study guide will be the basis for the test administered in September. MCAS: Beginning in the 2004/05 school year, all SPED students with disabilities who received services in math or ELA were administered MCAS tests in small group settings in special education classrooms by special education instructors and some guidance personnel.

### All Departments

Department Meetings: All departments held a minimum of four department meetings during the 2005-2006 school year. Any faculty member who was unable to attend one of the scheduled department meetings was required to contact the Academic Coordinator. All meeting minutes were submitted to the Academic Coordinator. Members of the Special Education department attended one department meeting in their content area and three of the Special Education department meetings. The Professional Learning Community days allowed time for department members to meet and discuss curriculum, instruction and assessment.

### Academic Advisory Committees

On October 3, 2005 and February 7, 2006 the Academic Advisory Committees met. Topics of discussion included: MCAS results, revision of Summer Work Packets and department policy on collecting and grading of the SWP, lesson plan format template development, shop-cycle assignments, integration projects, final exams, curriculum review and revision, professional development needs and student placement. Most academic departments have a similar problem in not being able to attract and retain members for their committees. All Academic Advisory Committees submitted minutes to the Academic Coordinator.

### Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council had another very successful year. PAC began the year at New Student Parent Night held in September by informing parents of the goals of PAC and recruiting new members. PAC expanded participation in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade activities. Gift Certificates or gifts were given to students at the Homecoming Dance, Junior Prom, Senior Prom and at the end of the year. The PAC held several raffles throughout the school year including a very successful Christmas Tree Raffle. Other activities included

Parent Teacher Night, the Annual December Pancake Breakfast, Open House, and Yard Sale. Through their fund raising efforts ten \$250 PAC scholarships were awarded to seniors who would be continuing their education. One \$500 scholarship was awarded to a student whose parent had served on PAC. Additionally, Service Awards were given to students who assisted PAC in their fund raising activities. The Post Prom Party at Diman was held in the gymnasium. Any graduating senior and a guest could attend the post prom. Over twenty PAC members and twenty-five LPN students volunteered for post prom related activities including decorating, "manning" the phones, supervision, food selling, and clean up. Over two hundred and fifty students attended and most staying throughout the night. Prizes were raffled off all night. IMG donated a computer system and this was the main prize.

### Vocational Program Overview

The Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration shop installed air conditioning for the Westport Senior Center and the house building project, as well as refrigeration repairs throughout the school.

The Automotive Collision Repair program provided its services to both Diman and the surrounding communities. Somerset had their police cars, SUV, trailer, and motorcycle repaired while Fall River's fire vehicle was repaired as well. In addition, the department buffed aluminum blocks made by the Machine Shop for the annual Mayor's meeting.

The Automotive Technology Automotive Technology shop both maintained and repaired hundreds of automobiles for the municipalities and residents therein during the 2005-2006 school year. The AM shop program is NATEF/ASE Certified.

Diman's Building Technology program was involved in numerous community service programs throughout the school year. Repair to the bleachers at the Bank Street Armory, installation of a climbing wall at Case Junior High, and signs for the Henry Lord Middle School and the Somerset Police and Fire Departments were some of the accomplishments completed by the shop.

The Culinary Arts program was busy serving the staff and public throughout the 2005-2006 school year. In addition to serving daily breakfast and lunch offerings, the CA Department provided community service by preparing turkeys for the Salvation Army during the Thanksgiving holiday. The CA program is nationally certified by the American Culinary Federation.

The Dental Assisting program participated in the giant community Health Fair held on May 17, 2006. In addition, nine juniors passed the Radiation Health and Safety Exam and 11 juniors passed the Radiology exam administered by DANBY.

The Drafting department was prodigiously engaged in activities for Diman and the sending communities in the 2006 school year. The kitchen cabinet layout and the Diman Press Box were two of the many jobs done by the Drafting department.

The Electrical department has had an impressive year that included a tremendous amount of community service work for the sending communities. Project locations included: Town of Westport Senior Center, Fall River's Central and Stanley Street Fire Station, City Hall, and First Night celebration to name but a few.

The Electronics department had a gold medal winner in the SkillsUSA competition during the 2006 school year (Senior Steven Rioux). The ET program offers students certification/licensing opportunities by NARTE, ETA, ETPA, and the FCC.

The Graphic Communications program was busy for the 2005/2006 school year helping civic organizations including, but not limited to, the Bank Street Armory in Fall River, the City of Fall River, the Greater Fall River Softball League, Fall River Knights of Columbus, The Fall River Police Department, and the Fall River Chamber of Commerce to name but a few. The department also does work for the various departments and instructors at Diman, accounting for an average of 200,000 copies per month. The GA department is scheduled to be certified by the Printing Industries of America in 2007.



The Health Careers shop demonstrated civic pride by sponsoring their annual blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross in December of 2005. The drive raised numerous pints of blood at this most critical time of the year. The HC department also raised money in their annual walk-a-thon. Another success story for the HC shop in 2006 was the junior CNA program under the tutelage of Mrs. Berube. The pass rate of 100% speaks for itself as this certification is an important first step in the careers of many HC students.

The House and Mill Carpentry program had a very successful year in 2006. Besides the completion of the Solomon home in June of 2006, the department's cabinetmaking program manufactured beautiful cabinets and a kitchen island that adds further to the sophistication of the Solomon home. The HMC department also provided services for Diman and the sending communities as well. Hall of Fame plaques were manufactured for the Diman Alumni to give to the 2005 Hall of Fame recipients. Furthermore, Diman "wooden nickels", manufactured using Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) technology, were awarded to many dignitaries as a gift for their contributions to the Diman community. Gifts were also made by the House and Mill Carpentry program that were raffled off at the Massachusetts Vocational Association conference in March of 2006. The program will return to Westport to build the Cadime home on Gifford Road in 2006-2007.

Diman's Metal Fabrication and Welding program was exceedingly busy in the 2006 school year. The department produced thousands of dollars worth of work for the District as well as the sending communities. The Westport Senior Center and Fall River's First Night were two of the many recipients who benefited from the work done in the MF program. Alyssa Bouchard, a senior in the Metal Fabrication and Welding shop, won gold at the national SkillsUSA competition held in June of 2006. The Metal Fabrication and Welding program received national certification in 2005 by the American Welding Society.

The Office Technology program has completed a four-year curriculum and has been awarded conditional Chapter 74 approval with full approval slated for the end of the 2007 school year. The department completed a plethora of work for the sending communities including converting the Fall River Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures Manual to a computerized document.

During this past school year, the Precision Machine shop worked diligently to hone student competencies while serving both the Diman and sending communities. Community service projects completed include manufacturing clocks for the annual Mayor's meeting sponsored by Mayor Edward Lambert, as well as the Somerset Housing Authority and the Fall River Police Department. The Machine Shop program is nationally certified by the National Institute of Metalworking Skills organization.

Plumbing Technology students were provided with a plethora of experiential learning opportunities that proved invaluable to the students and communities that were served by said students during the 2005 - 2006 school year. The list of community service project locations include: Fall River's Bicentennial Comfort Station, Fall River's Water Department, Somerset Public Access Cable TV, along with numerous plumbing repair jobs for the school.

### Co-Operative Education

On May 26, 2006, senior sign-out day, a total of one hundred eighty-five (185) applications were on file from students in the class of 2006 indicating their interest to participate in the Co-op program. During the 2005-2006 school year, one hundred twenty-eight (128) senior placements were for these students. As of this date, a total of ninety-one (91) students have been offered jobs by their Co-op employers. At the present time, nearly eighty (80) students in the class of 2007 are currently participating in the summer Co-op program as juniors. In September, these students will become eligible to have their Co-op agreements rolled-over so that they can continue to take advantage of the Co-op program during their senior year. During the 2005-2006 school year, over sixty-five (65) employers supervised and continued training these one hundred twenty-eight (128) seniors. All of these students had met the "academic/vocational requirements" before being placed into the Cooperative Education Program. These employers offered skill-upgrade training in several diversified occupational clusters using the workplace as a learning environment. Our shop instructors and Mr. Robert Ciosek are very pleased and appreciate the fact that thirty-seven (37) employers in the Greater Fall River area have hired our students to work for them during the summer months and we value the training that our students are receiving. The vast majority of the employers participating in our Co-

op program all agree that a student trainee must possess several basic fundamental skills such as a positive attitude and a good attendance record. One of the most important strategies used in brokering for a student is knowing what the employers' needs are and matching those needs to that of students' competencies, abilities, and work traits based on the vocational instructor's evaluation and the student's attendance record.

Quality safety practices are being employed by employers and that all parties understand their responsibilities including the need to keep their "Worker's Compensation Insurance" coverage valid. Each co-op agreement requires that the trainee's school-based learning plan incorporates reading, math, communication, computer skills, principles-of-technology, critical thinking and safety. Environmental concerns are also being fully utilized in a paid work-based learning productive activity with either private/public sector employers. This is the connection required in order to meet the twenty (20) elements for a successful "School to Work Co-operative Education Program" each year.

## Evening School

Evening School classes are given in the fall and winter semesters. For the 2005-2006 school year, there was a total of 206 enrolled in the fall semester in the following courses: Welding, HVAC, Cabinet Making, Gasfitters, Journeyman Electric, Journeyman Electric I, Journeyman Electric II, Master Electrician, Journeyman Plumbing I, Journeyman Plumbing II, Master Plumbing, and Senior Computers. There were 83 enrolled in the winter semester in the following courses: Welding I, Welding II, Stick Welding, and Electric Code Update. Total enrolled was 289.

## School Of Practical Nursing

The 2005 - 2006 school year of the Practical Nurse Program was very successful in its continued effort to provide quality vocational/technical education. The Day Program admitted 44 students; 33 are anticipated to graduate on June 30, 2006. Three students were admitted as transfers to Term 2 from outside schools. The Part-Time Evening Program continued 30 students from year one and added 6 transfers from the 2005 Day Program. A New Bedford satellite, which opened on August 31, 2004 started a second year with 22 students being admitted. Our 3rd successful fundraising effort for student activities was selling antibacterial gel and lotions. We have finished our 15<sup>th</sup> year of formal articulation with the Registered Nurse Program of Bristol Community College. They have resumed their advanced placement option and, also, are taking spring admissions for the first time. The 9th annual Employment Fair was successfully held in May with approximately 40 vendors attending and was successfully opened up to Health Careers students. Vendors from an expanded geographical area were present due to the presence of the New Bedford satellite. Employment opportunities for the 2005 graduating class remained bright with a documented 100% job placement including those continuing their education. The class achieved a State Board pass rate of 100%.

## Grants

Diman applied for and received funding for various grants, which totaled \$876,495.

- 1). The Carl Perkins Grant (\$199,078) funded:
 

Instructional	Salary & benefits for Office Technology instructor
Auto Body	Spray booth curtains
Auto Mechanics	Mitchell on Demand, Internet all-data update
Air Conditioning	Recovery tanks
Culinary Arts	Mirror grill, Reach-in refrigerator
Dental Assisting	Degreaser, proform knife, model trimmer
Health Careers	Hoyer lifts (2)
House/Mill Carpentry	Shaper-router cullers, upgrade power miters/saws
Office Technology	HP 4-1 photocopier, Xerox color printer, Protocol phone system, computers, shredder, digital camera, Palm handhelds (4)
Plumbing	Portable threading machine

Professional Development: (\$29,863) Travel & attendance at various national conferences. Stipends for instructional program improvement and School to Work.

- 2). The Special Needs 94-142 grant (\$281,270) Salary and benefits for three special education teachers; stipends for strategic TAT Committee, Extends, After-School Homework Support Project. Contractual services for MCAS math coach; Community Connection consultants, Horizon for new IEP software, travel, and supplies, Lisa St. Laurent, licensed therapist, to conduct social group.
- 3). Title V grant (\$4,962) purchased electric library, software, books and videos.
- 4). Title I grant (\$292,243) Salary and benefits of two reading teachers and one math teacher, travel; attendance at Title I conference, field trips and supplies, extends stipends.
- 5). Academic Support (Weekend) (\$18,778) was utilized for a weekend MCAS program for grade 10 and 11 students in English Language Arts, math, and Vocational. Fall program remediation for Grades 11 and 12. Spring preparation program for Grade 10 in ELA and math.
- 6). Title II, Part A (\$58,877) salary and benefits of one math teacher.
- 7). Special Education Program Improvement (\$5,000) stipends for Mentor Program.
- 8). Title II, Part D: (\$6,348) Formation of technology committee to administer needs assessment.
- 9). Certificate of Occupational Proficiency Project Assessment Pilot (\$10,000) Stipends for development and alignment of curriculum in Auto Mechanics and Health Careers. Supplies (\$2,000) for administration of NOCT Exam.

## GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2005 - 2006 BUDGET

### Foundation Budget

\$14,915,844

### Revenue:

Chapter 70 Foundation Aid	\$11,587,076
Community Assessments	<u>3,328,768</u>
	\$14,915,844

### Foundation Expenses:

1000 Administration	\$ 1,305,355
2000 Instruction	8,192,357
3000 Student Related Expenses	509,549
4000 Plant Operations/Maintenance	1,448,172
5000 Retirement & Insurance	<u>3,460,411</u>
	\$14,915,844

### Foundation Community Assessments:

Fall River	\$ 1,248,146
Somerset	713,174
Swansea	766,075
Westport	<u>601,373</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,328,768



## 2005-2006 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

### Transportation (By Regional Agreement)

Student Transportation Expenses	\$ 451,062
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid (41% Reimbursement)	<u>321,848</u>
Regional Transportation Assessment	\$ 129,214

	<u># Students</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Regional Assessment</u>	<u>Community Assessment</u>
Fall River	1001	0.7808	\$129,214	\$ 100,892
Somerset	91	0.0710	\$129,214	9,172
Swansea	103	0.0803	\$129,214	10,381
Westport	87	0.0679	\$129,214	<u>8,769</u>
	1283			\$ 129,214

### Total Community Assessments

	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fall River	\$1,147,254	\$ 100,892	\$1,248,146
Somerset	\$ 704,002	\$ 9,172	713,174
Swansea	\$ 755,694	\$ 10,381	766,075
Westport	<u>\$ 592,604</u>	<u>\$ 8,769</u>	<u>601,373</u>
TOTAL	\$3,199,554	\$ 129,214	\$3,328,768

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HARBORMASTER

The Harbormaster hereby submits his report for the year ending December 31, 2006.

The 2006 boating season had less transient boaters than normal, which was probably a combination of lousy weather from late April through July 20<sup>th</sup> and the cost of fuel at the marinas at about \$3 per gallon.

The first call for help came April 29<sup>th</sup> and it continued until November 26<sup>th</sup> with the Harbormaster Department assisting 55 vessels. On June 17<sup>th</sup> four vessels were broken into and two were cut loose from their moorings. All vessels and missing items were recovered within several days.

On July 29<sup>th</sup> six people were rescued by the Harbormaster boat just before they were swept into the surf out in front of the state beach. Assistants Jonathon Paull and Gary Tripp handled this rescue. On August 19, 2006, the F/V lobster boat "Terry" out of the Town Dock was run down in clear weather by a fast moving sport fish boat off of Cuttyhunk. The sport fish boat sank and the "Terry" was towed into Westport with major damage (total loss) by Tow Boat US and Capt. John Bevis. No personal injuries resulted from this collision.

On August 29<sup>th</sup> one person was rescued from a 10' outboard off of Gooseberry Island with the Coast Guard, the Westport Police Department and the Harbormaster boat responding. This incident reflects how the boating public of today seems to take stupid chances with a lack of respect for the water especially the open ocean. A storm on September 2<sup>nd</sup> cause some vessels to collide on their moorings near the Knubble at Westport Harbor. They were saved by the Harbormaster boat with volunteer Richard Hart helping out.

The late evening and early morning of November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> saw a fire sweep through the 36' Sea Jem at her slip at F. L. Tripp & Son's, which burned some of the dock and totally engulfed the vessel. Fortunately no one was sleeping aboard and the Westport Fire Department put the fire out without sinking the vessel. The Harbormaster assisted on this incident and towed the hull up to the State Boat Ramp where the Westport

Fire Department was able to foam the vessel. This fire appeared to be of an electrical nature and was the third fire at F. L. Tripp's over the last five or six years.

In early November, a strong easterly wind storm (60 mph) hit on the high tide and caused about a 3-foot surge in the East River, which resulted in some vessel damage and a lot of float and dock damage.

The State Boat Ramp had 240 season permits down from 260 in 2005 probably because of the lousy weather and there were also about 100 fewer one-day users.

Overall revenues for 2006 were up by about \$23,000 from dock and slip fees and private moorings and permit fees. The fees for 2006 were \$2.00 per foot for residents, \$4.00 per foot for non-residents and \$10.00 for each private mooring permit, which totaled approximately \$75,000.

The two dredging projects (main channel - Army Corps; around the Town Docks - State) are still plodding along with final permit approval for the main channel completed and the Town Docks' approval very close. If all funding is available, the dredging will hopefully start in October or November of 2007. It is hoped that Congressman Barney Frank and Senators Kerry and Kennedy can win approval for federal funding of about \$660,000 for the main Channel Project (5 years of work so far).

Hix Bridge reconstruction was completed in September 2006 and looks really good with the parking area at the landing cleaned up and ready for Westport residents in 2007. The Route 88 Bridge is still being worked on with mostly electrical issues left to be done and road curbing yet to be replaced. The Highway Department put the floats in and out at Hix Bridge and did the mowing at the State Boat Ramp parking lot overflow area and the safety road out to the end of Gooseberry Island (about 1 mile). They did a great job.

Through a CVA grant the vessel pumpout program continued for the 12<sup>th</sup> season with about 9,000 gallons of septage removed. Also, with additional CVA grant monies, two new outboard engines were purchased for the 22' Angler and the 21' Alcar. This extra \$12,000 was greatly appreciated.

A new motor for the 24' Privateer boat, which does most of the rescues and river work, is expected for the start of the 2007 season. The present motor has been used for four years and has over 1000 hours on it and needs to be replaced. This purchase will be fully funded from the Enterprise Fund and its capital line item.

Revenues collected during the 2006 season as follows:

Slip & Mooring Fees (approximately 1,300)	\$ 71,863
Private Mooring \$10 Permits (352)	3,520
Town Mooring Rentals - Seasonal (9)	3,600
Town Mooring - Daily	50
State Boat Ramp (daily gate -2100+)	10,750
State Boat Ramp - Seasonal (240)	8,400
Estimated Boat Excise Tax (Municipal Waterways)	27,878
Estimated Boat Excise Tax (General Fund)	25,885
Total Paid by Boaters in 2006	\$151,946

As always, I would like to publicly thank my dedicated assistants James Perry, Jonathon Paull, Gary Tripp, Greg Robb and John Bevis and volunteer assistant Richard hart (Sweet Pea) for a job well done, and when called upon, at times, put their lives at risk for the sake of the Town and the boating public. Special thanks go out to the women in the Town Clerk's office, the Assessor's office, the Tax Collector's office, the Treasurer's office, the Board of Selectmen's office and the Town Accountant's office. These women make life so much easier for the Harbormaster Department. Professional thanks go out to the Westport Police Department and Dispatchers, the Westport Fire Department, the Harbor Advisory Committee and the River Dredging Committee. These people are a great help to the Harbormaster and his Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard B. Earle  
Harbormaster

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit this report as department head of the Westport Highway Department for the year ending December 31, 2006.

In 2006 the Highway Department continued to maintain 160 miles of roadway. During the paving season the following roads were repaved: Acoaxet Road, Atlantic Avenue, Howland Road, Cross Road, John Reed Road, Hix Bridge Road, Charlotte White Road, Old County Road, Sodom Road, Ridgeline Drive, R Drive and D Drive. These roads, totaling 9.18 miles, were completed by the use of 4883 discarded, recycled tires. Also, after lengthy negotiations with the gas company we were able to complete Sodom Road at no cost to the Town.

A top priority for 2006 was to complete the Storm Water Project at the Head of Westport. We were able to accomplish this before all the deadlines were given to the Highway Department.

The Highway Department has regular duties of:

1. General maintenance and resurfacing of roads;
2. Installation and repair of drainage;
3. Cleaning and installation of catch basins;
4. Tree trimming and brush cutting;
5. Mowing along sides of roads and landings;
6. Processing of loam, sand, gravel and stone on site;
7. Winter season plowing and sanding;
8. Maintenance of vehicles and equipment; and
9. Roadside pick up of rubbish.

As with prior years, the Highway Department has assisted other Town departments with their projects and undertakings. We look forward to accommodating the needs of the Town of Westport and will remain efficient in this undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold J. Sisson Jr.  
Highway Surveyor

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The following is a report of the Westport historical Commission for the year ending December 31, 2006.

### Regular Members:

Geraldine Millham, Chairman  
Norma Judson, Vice Chairman  
Sharon Connors, Treasurer  
Jane Loos, Recording Secretary  
Bette DeVeuve, Clerk  
Dora Millikin  
William Wyatt

### Alternate Members:

Anne Baker  
Barbara Koenitzer  
Arlene Cloutier, Clerk  
Timothy Bryant

The year 2006 was one of major accomplishments for the Westport Historical Commission (WHC).

By unanimous vote of Town Meeting the Westport Point Historic District was expanded to the north by sixteen lots along Main Road. The impetus for this expansion came to the WHC via a petition from the property owners impacted. The article was passed unanimously at the May 2006 Town Meeting and again at special town meeting in November. The repeat was due to the proposed district map not being projected at the May Town Meeting and the report not being given to the Planning Board at the same time it was issued to the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The Attorney General accepted the By-Law change.

The overseeing of the Westport Point Historic District continues to be the most time consuming work of the WHC. During 2005 the WHC held 30 sessions, of which 12 were public hearings and granted 10 certificates of appropriateness, 6 certificates of non-applicability, 0 certificates of hardship. Of the 20 projects reviewed in 2006, 6 were major remodelings, 8 were minor remodelings, 7 were only windows, and one new building. Copies of the WPHD Guidelines were distributed to all Point property owners by mail or by hand, and also to 29 local real estate agents.

The Commission has raised \$5500 for the stabilization of the Waite-Potter house chimney. This artifact is located off Main Road north of Lees Market. The Waite-Potter house is pictured at the top of Westport's Town Seal in honor of its distinction as Westport's earliest structure from the colonial period. Phase 1 of this project involves immediate stabilization of the chimney and removal of overhanging trees and vines. Phase 2 of the project will involve the construction of an open shed structure for the future protection of the chimney. Tax-deductible contribution to this project may be sent to the WHC c/o the Town Hall.

The Wolf Pit School House restoration project was completed at the Head of Westport with the cooperation of its owners and with the financial support of the Community Preservation Committee. \$5800 was raised from the sale of mulberry trees for this project and remains to be spent on future projects at the schoolhouse.

Members continue to be involved in heightening cemetery awareness, mapping and protection. An inventory of all cemeteries in the Town is near completion with the help of volunteers from the Westport Point Neighborhood Association (WPTNA) and a Westport High School student.

Thanks to Pete Baker and Tony Connors the Westport Mill Houses (Beeden Road and Forge Road) are now included in the Westport historic properties inventory on file with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Twelve kit houses were located and documented in Westport. These pre-manufactured homes were available through Montgomery Ward, Sears Roebuck, Aladdin, Liberty and Bennett. They arrived by train, all pre-cut, with lengthy instructions.

The WHC lent its voice and support to the Dartmouth Historical Commission and WHALE in protesting the senseless demolition of the c.1740 Almy House on Horseneck Road, but to no avail. The loss of this landmark building forced the Commission to reconsider the effectiveness of its own demolition delay By-Law. An article will be on the warrant of the spring 2007 Town Meeting increasing the delay time from 180 to 365 days.

WHC house plaques for buildings over 50 years old are still available. Time and weather has taken their toll on many of the existing plaques and the Commission is prepared to supply new or replacement house plaques to applicants throughout Westport at a nominal cost of \$50 per plaque. Application forms for plaques are available on the second floor of the Town Hall on the WHC bulletin board.

The WHC maintains a list of historic buildings and structures in the Westport Inventory of Historic Buildings, Structures, Cemeteries and Objects available in the Head Librarian's office of the Westport Public Library. The WHC Inventory is an ongoing project and we appreciate any additional information or corrections.

The Commission continues to publish and make available a number of publications including *Pa and I* and *Westporters and the Civil War*. Work is underway to republish the *Head of Westport: a Brief History and a Walking Tour Guide to its Historic Houses*.

The Westport Historical Commission's annual budget of \$539 goes to supplies, postage and public notices.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Millham, Chairwoman

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Westport Housing Authority is a public agency operated by a Board of Commissioners composed of four town elected members and a Governor Appointee. This Authority is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) and operates a 48-unit complex known as Greenwood Terrace at 666 State Road. It is the only development under the auspices of the Authority. All units are two room (one bedroom) units suitable for an individual or a couple. This state subsidized housing is available to applicants at least 60 years of age or disabled with incomes not exceeding \$41,000 for one person and \$46,850 for two. There is no asset limit. Rents are based on thirty per-cent (30%) of the tenants income. Applications are processed according to state determined priorities and preferences basis.

### Report 2006

After four years of level funding, the State awarded Housing Authorities a budget increase of 7%. Although highly appreciative of the increase, the increase does not allow for some much needed modernization work within the development. The Authority was able to install a new handicap ramp and walkway for better access to Route 6 and will be making repairs to the front stoops in the coming months. Carbon dioxide detectors were installed to meet the new State Code. As a result of a recent award from the Department of Housing and Community Development, forty (40) new stoves will also be installed shortly. With a need for additional housing in the town, the Authority is still pursuing options to construct additional units on the approximately three acres of land adjacent to the existing site.

### Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners holds their regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Interested community members and tenants are welcome to attend.

#### Members for 2006

Donald Maynard  
Elizabeth Collins  
Duncan Albert  
Ron Costa  
Marjorie Holden

#### Position

Vice-Chairman  
Chairwoman  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Governor's Appointee

#### Term Expires

2011  
2010  
2008  
2011  
2007

Respectfully submitted

Steven A. Beauregard  
Executive Director

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

### Regular Members

Brenda Burke, Chair  
Brian Valcourt, Vice-Chair  
Elizabeth A. Collins  
David P. Dionne  
John Montano

### Alternate Member

Elaine Ostroff

### Advisory Board

Miles Hoisington

The Westport Housing Partnership Committee (WHPC) is striving to expand and diversify the town's housing stock so that people who work in Westport, or who have grown up in Westport, can afford to live here. The primary objective is to create at least 42 Affordable Units every calendar year in order to gradually comply with state requirement of 10% affordable housing. Units can be from new construction as well as rehabilitated units or other identified units that meet state criteria for affordability. Westport's current percentage of Affordable Housing is at 4.62%.

In 2006, the Westport Housing Partnership Committee worked towards accomplishing its housing goals by focusing efforts on doing the preliminary work required to sponsor the creation of approximately 54 units. The proposed development known as Noquochoke Village will be built on two separate but abutting sites; a twenty-four acre town-owned parcel at 1175 American Legion Highway and a seven acre parcel at 1163 American Legion Highway. The Community Preservation Committee and Town Meeting approved WHPC's proposal to acquire the abutting seven-acre parcel. The purchase price of \$750,000 is payable over two years. The total thirty-one acre parcel also has the potential for extensive open space and community recreation, especially in the areas near the river.

Zoning options for the town-sponsored development have yet to be determined. They include Chapter 40B and Chapter 40R. Clearly there appears to be fiscal advantages for the town with 40R. The state provides financial incentives if it becomes a 40R development. However, further evaluation is required to determine if the required density can be accomplished in a way that is consistent with Westport's character and the needs of the neighbors.

A preliminary Advisory Opinion by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) regarding a proposed Chapter 40R Smart Growth Zoning Overlay District was that DHCD could consider the site eligible if the town's application demonstrates a serious commitment to addressing certain inadequacies such as lack of transportation alternatives and/or adequate non-vehicular access to services and density criteria.

To date the following work at the site has been completed:

- Phase I, II, and III of the 21 E, an environmental assessment, to determine the extent of the soil/well contamination. Results from of the assessment show two acres of soil being contaminated by petroleum hydro-carbon contamination in the soil. Two rounds of potable well sampling indicated that all abutters potable wells tested clean. Confirmatory rounds of ground water sampling will be conducted in 2007. Excavation to remove contaminated soil may be done by the town with grant/loan monies from the State or by the Developer.
- General, preliminary perc tests passed.
- Professional property survey on the 24-acre site was done.
- Wetlands were delineated and flagged.
- Mass Highway made a preliminary site visit and will be involved in the development plans.



- Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development organization, (SRPPED) has agreed to assist in the development of a public transportation and pedestrian plan.

Remaining work to be completed includes:

1. Conceptual Plans& Design Standards
2. Economic Feasibility Analysis
3. Land Disposition Plan.

Westport's application was approved to receive a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Community Housing & Development to pay for these tasks.

A Public Forum on Affordable Housing was held in April, 2006 to provide information to the public. A public update was given in November, 2006 at the Route 6 Forum sponsored by the Economic Development Task Force. Our meetings are open to the public and we welcome community participation. Periodic updates on our work are published in the local newspapers.

Two Boston Architectural College students served as interns for several months to assist us in efforts to develop sustainable, affordable housing.

We continue to work closely with Massachusetts Housing Partnership and DHCD. Both state entities assisted us in writing the RFP for the Consultant to complete the remaining tasks and are engaged in the process of writing the Developer's RFP which will go out in 2007.

Committee members have evaluated several other town-owned sites for Affordable Housing Units. Recommended sites that would enable the future construction of smaller developments are a 16.6-acre site on the south side of Route 6 across from the Oriental Pearl Restaurant and a 3.5 acre parcel off Arlington Street formally known as Greenwood Park. In 2007 we will work towards acquiring the necessary funding to begin preliminary, pre-development work on these sites.

As Chair of the Housing Partnership Committee I would like to thank Charlene Wood, Town Administrator who has provided ongoing assistance with contracting issues and as the liaison to Mass Development, the two interns, Sarah Howard McHugh and Evans Martin, and the members of the Housing Partnership Committee for their countless hours of volunteerism, their vision and commitment to facilitating the production of Affordable Housing in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Burke, Chair

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LANDING COMMISSION

### TREASURER

I hereby submit my annual report as Treasurer, December 31, 2006.

Balance January 1, 2006	\$34,022.67
Received from Leases	4,333.00
Interest Received on Deposits	<u>1,791.61</u>
TOTAL	\$40,147.28



Expenditures 2006

3,721.07

Balance December 31, 2006

\$36,426.21

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Foster  
Treasurer

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WESTPORT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees of the Westport Free Public Library hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2006.

### Trustees

Pauline B. Dooley, Chair  
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Library Director  
Assistant Library Director/  
Children's & Young Adult Librarian  
Principal Clerk  
Principal Clerk  
Library Aide  
Library Substitute  
Library Substitute  
Custodian

The Westport Free Public Library is certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners enabling us to share resources with forty other communities in Southeastern Massachusetts.

There have been some personnel changes this year. Library Clerk Barbara Lorentzen resigned in August and Joshua Brum was hired in October to fill that position. Two new substitutes are being hired and we are very fortunate to continue to add volunteers who provide support and assistance to the Library and its staff.

The Trustees formed the Library Improvement Committee this year. Two chairs were added to the adult reading area with money from the gift account; two chairs were reupholstered thanks to the Bridge Club; slatwall shelving was installed at the end of three stacks; and a baby-changing station was purchased for the ladies room.

Our children's and young adult programs continue to be popular. Linda led "Time for Tots" for two and one-half to three-year-olds and "Story Time" for four and five-year-olds in thirteen and ten week sessions in the winter/spring and fall. She visited Codimunk Pre-School, Westport Country Day, Macomber and Westport Elementary Schools. The Young Adults had "Cartooning" and a follow-up "Animation/Caricature" program

with Peter Sawyer in May and June. During school vacations in February and April, Linda led "Chinese Folktales" and "Rainforest" programs.

The Westport Arts Council sponsored Marla Isaac's "Raptors" in March and Lisa Manning's "Cruise Jubilee" in July. In August "Earth Rhythms" with Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell was sponsored by the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust and a gift from the Allen's Neck Community Club (ANCC). David Mello's Halloween program "Tales Best Told in the Dark" was also sponsored by ANCC.

The Summer Reading Program included seven pre-school Pajama Evening Story Hours and twelve Workshops for Children. A free Frisbee demonstration led by Todd Brodeur provided the entertainment for the Summer Reading Picnic.

Members of the Westport community continue to remain generous. Thanks to Neil and Sue Van Sloun computers will continue to be upgraded to meet the requirements of the SAILS Library Network. The Lisa Chase Tripp Trust Fund was established and much-needed multi-media shelving was purchased as a gift from Lisa C. Tripp. Westport Garden Club members enhance our site with seasonal plants and flowers in a decorative planter, and a poinsettia tree, basket, and wreaths during the Holiday season.

The Westport History Collection is growing. Volunteers Betty Slade and Sharon Wypych spent many hours cataloguing and organizing Claude Ledoux's "Westport Matters" CD collection. Betty Slade also added her "Oral Histories" to our collection. All are neatly stored on new CD shelving donated by the Wednesday Bridge Club.

The Friends of the Westport Library (FOWL) annual September Book Sale raised \$2,873.25 (two thousand, eight hundred seventy-three dollars and twenty-five cents) which they donated to the library. Their evening program in August was "Eagles in Westport" led by Jason Zimmer. FOWL also maintains an on-going book sale near the circulation desk.

The Wednesday Bridge Club meets every week at 12:30 p.m. and a Book Club and Writing Group meet once a month on Friday. The above groups welcome new members. We encourage all residents to use our community room for meetings.

In April the Trustees held their first Volunteer Tea to show appreciation for those individuals who help out at the Library. In December the Trustees, in conjunction with FOWL, hosted the second annual Holiday Luncheon for our staff. They work very hard and are dedicated to the Library. We truly appreciate them all.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline B. Dooley, Chair

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MODERATOR**

I respectfully submit my 2006 Annual report as Moderator of the Town of Westport.

### **Town Meetings**

Westport held one Annual and two Special Town Meetings in 2006. The Annual Town Meeting began May 2, 2006 and was completed May 4, 2006.

The first Special Town Meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual Town Meeting on May 2, 2005.

The second Special Town Meeting was held November 28, 2006.

All meetings were held at the auditorium at Westport High School. Voters in attendance exercised true democracy with passion and zeal and with respect for the views of their neighbors and for the town meeting process. They deserve to be commended.

### Finance Committee

The terms of Finance Committee members Paul Schmid, John Miller and Warren Messier expired June 30 2006. All generously consented to serve another 3 years and were re-appointed.

#### Finance Committee As Of January 2007

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Paul Schmid III, Chairman	June 30, 2009
John E. Miller	June 30, 2009
Warren M. Messier	June 30, 2009
Robert N. McCarthy	June 30, 2007
John "Jack" Baughan	June 30, 2007
Lisa Arnold	June 30, 2007
Jane Loos	June 30, 2008
Edward Goldberg	June 30, 2008
Todd Cormier	June 30, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Fors, Moderator

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board hereby submits its annual report for the year 2006.

### Role

Under the Massachusetts General Laws, the Planning Board is charged with formulating and administering Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in accordance with the Subdivision Control Act; with reviewing plans for all proposed subdivisions and monitoring the construction of their new roads; with reviewing and holding public hearings on all zoning amendments; with granting certain Special Permits and Site Plan Approvals and with preparing the Master Plan. In addition, the Board advises the Town on land use projects and policies and tracks development trends affecting Westport. The Planning Board staff supports the Planning Board's mission by administering and monitoring subdivisions, reviewing plans for technical compliance, writing and reviewing by-laws, regulations and policies, and grant proposals, conducting research and analysis to assist the Board and responding to requests for information from other departments and the public.

## Meetings

The Board meets every other Tuesday evening in the Town Hall Annex. During 2006 the Board held 35 regular meetings. The number of meetings increased by 13% from 2005 to 2006. The Board held 19 public hearings, up 12% from last year. Additionally, because several public hearings were extended for up to seven months, the Board held a total of 50 public hearing sessions, up 16% from last year, significantly increasing the administrative burden on the department. Ten of the hearings were for definitive subdivisions or modifications thereof, one for a special permit, and eight were for zoning by-laws or regulations and to institute additional fees.

## Membership

All members are elected to a five-year term. Chairman John Montano will serve until 2011; Vice Chairman Wayne Sunderland until 2008; Clerk Phil Hudner until 2007; Gregory Franchetti until 2009; and Timothy Gillespie will serve until 2007. In 2006, Phil Hudner was appointed to the Board to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Thomas Perkins.

## Staff

Administrative Assistant Gale E. Nigrelli; Principal Clerk Bernadette Oliver.

## Revenues, Grants, Capital Programs

The Board collected a total of \$17,264.65 in filing fees and other charges in 2006, compared to \$17,090 in 2005, \$19,769.15 in 2004 and \$17,555.60 in 2003, reflecting steady stream of revenues. (The year 2004 was exceptional in that the Board received a filing for one very large subdivision.) The Board instituted new fees to support programs added by new zoning by-laws, however the additional revenues from these fees will not be reflected until 2007, as the fee schedule was not finalized until January of that year.

Ms. Nigrelli worked with the Board of Selectmen, Design the Village and the Town Administrator on the Smart Growth grant application that the Town submitted to study the feasibility of decentralized infrastructure and village zoning in Central Village. The Town, working with Design the Village, successfully applied for and received a second Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for this study.

Gale Nigrelli is currently working with the Grant Coordinator and the grant writing consultant the Selectboard has chosen to write the Housing Rehabilitation grant application to develop a coherent strategy and produce a strong application for this increasingly competitive grant program, which generally provides access to hundreds of thousands of dollars to rehabilitate housing and septic systems.

By requiring that its engineering consultant be paid for by project applicants, the Planning Board saved the Town over \$105,302.58 during calendar year 2006.

## Development Activity

Table 1. Subdivision Plans Submitted, Endorsed, Approved In 2006

Type	Plans Submitted	Plans Approved/ Endorsed	Plans Withdrawn	Plans Denied	To be acted on in 2007	New Lots Building Created
ANR	36	31	3	1	1	28
ANR's		2				6

submitted in 2005, acted on in 2006						
Preliminary	4	3	0	1	0	
Definitive*	14	8	1	0	5	39
Definitives submitted in 2005, acted on in 2006	4	4	0	0	0	46
Totals of plans submitted in 2006	54	42	4	2	6	67
Total New Lots Created 2006						119

\*Includes modifications of three definitive plans.

**Table 2. Subdivision Plan Submissions And Number Of New Lots Created  
Percent Change, 2001-2006**

PLAN TYPE	PER CENT CHANGE 2001-2002	PER CENT CHANGE 2002-2003	PER CENT CHANGE 2003-2004	PER CENT CHANGE 2004-2005	PER CENT CHANGE 2005-2006
ANR PLANS	+ 46%	- 9%	+ 16%	-11%	-10%
PRELIMINARY	+400%	- 80%	+ 300%	0%	0%
DEFINITIVE & MODIFICATIONS	+ 71%	+ 8%	+ 38%	-3%	+ 8%
TOTAL SUBMISSIONS*	+ 46%	- 12%	+ 33%	- 5%	+ 7%
NEW BUILDING LOTS	+46%	+ 58%	- 57%	+17%	+25%

\*Includes six site plan approvals and one special permit.

### Site Plan Approvals

The Board addressed six Site Plan Approval applications, determining that they were of a minor nature, and approving them.

### Special Permits

The Board issued its first special permit, for Oak Ridge, an independent living facility.

### Consultations

The Board also conducted 18 consultations, including pre-application consults and others.

Development Activity - The rate of subdivision development activity in Westport as measured by the number of new building lots created in 2006 (119 lots) has increased somewhat in 2006 from the previous year, but not at the same rates seen in 2002, 2003, and 2004. Approval Not Required plan submissions decreased slightly compared to 2005; definitive plan submissions increased slightly; preliminary plan submissions were

the same as in 2005. More than twice as many lots were created through the definitive plan process than via Approval Not Required plans.

Subdivision Monitoring - In 2006 there were approximately 82 subdivisions either under review or construction or unfinished and derelict, up 9% from 2005. Currently Principal Clerk Bernadette Oliver administers receipts and payments for, and monitors approximately 111 escrow accounts for these projects, up 12% from last year, totaling over 1.4 million dollars. Board members and staff conduct site visits and monitor the progress for these projects.

## Highlights

### Zoning By-Laws

1. As a result of the recommendations of the Rte 6 Corridor Study and the Master Plan Action Plan, the Board submitted a zoning by-law requiring Site Plan Approval for commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family residential projects at the spring Town Meeting, which was approved by that body. The Board also wrote regulations to implement that By-Law, based on a model submitted by SRPEDD.
2. At the request of the Selectmen, the Board submitted an article regulating outdoor display and storage on commercial properties, also written by SRPEDD under the Smart Growth grant. This article did not pass Town Meeting.
3. Also at the request of the Board of Selectmen, Ms. Nigrelli wrote revisions to the Flood Plain By-Law, to ensure that the Town is eligible to continue to participate in the federal Flood Plain Insurance Program. The article was approved by Town Meeting.
4. The Board submitted an article establishing a minimum front yard width that was approved by Town Meeting.
5. The Board supported the Building Inspector's proposal to amend the Accessory Apartment By-Law.

### Work With Other Boards And Commissions

- In addition to their Planning Board duties, members Tim Gillespie and Dave Wallace served as co-chairs of the Master Plan Update Committee.
- Tim Gillespie served as the Planning Board's representative to the Community Preservation Committee.
- Wayne Sunderland served as the Planning Board's representative to the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and replaced Greg Franchetti on the Stormwater Committee.
- Greg Franchetti served as the Planning Board's representative to the Dredging Committee and the TIF Committee.
- John Montano was designated as the Planning Board's representative to the Housing Partnership and the Water & Sewer Committee.
- Tom Perkins was the Board's representative to the Estuary Committee, and was succeeded by Tim Gillespie.
- Gale Nigrelli was the Board's representative to the Open Space Plan Update Committee, and served

on the committee administering the Smart Growth grant for studying the feasibility of decentralized water and sewer in Central Village and worked with the housing rehab grant consultant. She also completed projects and prepared GIS maps for several other departments. Maps were provided for the TIF proposal on State Road, and for the Quinn property, among others.

- Phil Hudner served as the Board's representative on the Economic Development Task Force.
- In addition to sending representatives to other Boards, the Board met jointly several times with the Housing Partnership to discuss 40R zoning for the Quinn property and with the committees working on the various Central Village initiatives.

## Roads

The Board gave final releases to several subdivisions and individual roads: and made determinations and recommendations on a number of subdivision roads whose developers proposed that the Town accept the roads as public ways at the Annual Town Meeting. Aime's Way, Courtlyn Lane and Jillian Way were accepted at the Annual Town Meeting. A portion of Meadowbrook Lane and Longwood Drive were accepted at the fall Town Meeting.

## Master Plan Implementation

In addition to the zoning initiatives noted above, the Planning Board has begun working with several other committees on various other initiatives to implement the Master Plan. The Board has contracted with Applied Geographics to update the digital parcel maps from 2000 to 2006, to bring them into basic compliance with the Level One standard established by MassGIS for parcel data, and to revise the map and lot numbers database to correspond to that used by the Assessors. This project is well underway. Once this is completed, in 2007, the Board hopes to make these maps and other GIS data available to all departments and citizens via Applied Geographics' web-based municipal map services.

Respectfully submitted,

John Montano, Chairman



## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Keith A. Pelletier**  
Police Chief

I herein respectfully submit for your information and review the Annual Report of the Police Department for 2006. At the present time, the Department is made up of 29 permanent Officers.

### **ORGANIZATION**

Chief Of Police  
Keith A. Pelletier





We continue to work with and receive support from our neighboring communities and in addition to being a member S.E.M.L.E.C. (Southeastern Mass Law enforcement Council), we signed mutual aid agreements with the Town of Tiverton R. I. and the City of Fall River.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Administrator and all Town Hall Employees, Fire Department, Highway Department, Building Department, School Department and the Board of Health because, they are each equally important participants in making the Community Policing Philosophy become a reality and improve the quality of life of the citizens of Westport.

### For a Second Year, Chief Pelletier Announces the Holiday Kick off of "The Whistle Defense Program - It's Not a Toy"

Through the use of a "Community Policing Grant" the Westport Police Department has purchased 2,000 brass whistles as part of our "Whistle Defense Program". This community program is a signal system that enables you to assist police in preventing and even deterring crime. Each whistle is made out of brass to last a lifetime and comes complete with instructions for use and safety advice.

- If you are attacked or confronted in any way that makes you feel uncomfortable on the street, blow the whistle, create distance and call the police as soon as possible.
- If you fear trouble on the street, blow the whistle, keep a safe distance, and call the police.
- If you see trouble on the street, blow the whistle, keep a safe distance, and call the police.
- If you see trouble from your home, call the police, state address and nature of trouble, open window and blow whistle.

Under no circumstances should this whistle take the place of a trained police officer or offer you a false sense of security. This whistle's sole purpose is to startle your attacker into believing you are not worth the risk. You could easily get hurt if you believe otherwise. Police Officers are highly trained individuals capable of handling such situations. You can do your part of helping them by steering clear of danger.

Inform kids about your whistle and its proper usage. A whistle to your kids could be considered a toy. By allowing your child to treat the whistle as a toy you ultimately are diminishing its' effectiveness in the event of an emergency. The goal of this program is to cut down on crime while reducing the fear of being a victim.

My personal goal as Chief of Police is to ensure that everyone who feels vulnerable to crime can feel safer carrying an alert whistle especially around the holidays. Many of the people who have been given a whistle have reported back to me that they carry it on their key chain and hold it in their hand ready to use whenever they are walking to and from their car in a mall parking lot or a dark street. There is no doubt in my mind that any predator would think twice about attacking someone who summons the piercing sound of the alert whistle.

You can get your whistle by stopping by the Westport Police Department, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Supply is limited so I ask that you take only one per citizen.

If you cannot stop by during business hours please ask to leave a message on my voicemail or you can email me at [Chiefpelletier@aol.com](mailto:Chiefpelletier@aol.com) and I will make arrangements to leave one at the front desk for you.

### Explorer Post #305 - by Deputy Chief John R. Gifford, Post Advisor

Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age, or are 15 years of age but have not yet reached their 21st birthday. Law Enforcement Explorer Posts help youth gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Exploring

offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

Post participants this year have included Nathan A. Dufault, Jared C. Gaglio, Darren M. Kiff, Brandon R. Leonardo, Faye M. Mooney, Matthew M. Oliver, Brian S. Parent, Tara E. Souza, and Ryan D. Snell. We are constantly and continuously trying to recruit new members.

Training has been a large part of Post meetings again this year, as our members work towards attaining a number of proficiency awards. We also participated in Safety Day at the Bicentennial Playground and the Duck Derby held at the Allen's Pond Bird Sanctuary. We also delivered services at D.A.R.E. graduation, a CHIP event in Dartmouth, the "Click It or Ticket" campaign in Westport, Mock Disaster training in Providence, and Patrol Procedures training offered to the Reserve Officers of Westport.

Our continuous fundraiser continues to be the manufacturing and delivery of the reflective address markers you see around Town. They truly help others in finding your home in a swift and efficient manner. We will continue to provide this valuable service to the Town of Westport in 2007.

Post members during this calendar year earned the following awards:

Explorer of the Year	Darren M. Kiff	
Tenure	Darren M. Kiff	
NRA Pro-Marksman	Nathan A. Dufault Darren M. Kiff Faye M. Mooney Brian S. Parent	Jared C. Gaglio Brandon R. Leonardo Matthew M. Oliver Ryan D. Snell

Nathan A. Dufault currently holds the rank of sergeant within the Post.

### Detective Division Report - by Lieutenant Paul E. Holden

The Westport Police Detectives conducted investigations into one hundred and one incidents in 2006. During the year, they made nineteen arrests, requested thirty-three arrest warrants, eighteen summonses, and executed three search warrants.

Their investigations involved two identity thefts, thirty-two breaking and entering incidents, two armed robberies, a kidnapping, ten narcotic investigations and forty-nine larcenies. Their inquiries also involved a number of sudden deaths, an attempted murder, domestic assault and battery, credit card fraud, dangerous weapons, fraud, and counterfeit currency. They and the Secret Service conducted an embezzlement investigation where over one million dollars was reported taken from a local business. They were also involved in a major investigation with the Mass State Police regarding an unsolved murder. Unfortunately, this inquest is still ongoing.

The Detectives have maintained strong working relationships with the local police departments, the Mass State Police and various federal law enforcement agencies. I would like to extend a special thanks to Captain Daniel Racine and the members of the Fall River Police Department Vice and Major Crime Units. They worked with us to help solve a bank robbery, identify eleven male subjects involved in a gang related fight, the arrest of two subjects, and the seizure of over twenty-five hundred dollars in counterfeit bills, crack cocaine, heroin and a stolen vehicle out of Bourne, MA.

Throughout the year the department's patrol officers have assisted the detectives and have shown themselves to be invaluable through the information they provided and assistance they provided including assisting in arrests, maintaining crime scenes and assisting in raids. If the investigations didn't start with patrol, a lot of times it ended with the help from patrol.

Unfortunately, narcotic investigations were again continuous and ongoing. Individuals involved in the sale of narcotics are profiting from the victims of housebreaks, robberies, larcenies, and fraud. Some parents in this town at times cannot give their children lunch money or buy a gallon of milk on the way home from work. But, we find suspects involved in trafficking of drugs have no problem buying up property, businesses, new vehicles, or most things on a whim. Our concern is that they become embedded into our community and over time everyone forgets who they are and what they have done to their fellow citizens. Because over time people forget, these individuals have passed themselves off as something else. For any police department to work effectively, it needs to gather information from the community it serves. The only way to combat these crimes and individuals is with confidential information provided to the police. Please call any police officer you trust and let them know what is going on in your neighborhood. It might just prevent someone in your family or my family from becoming a victim.

As I write this report at the beginning of 2007, Detectives Daniel Sullivan and Christopher Dunn will have been assigned new positions within the Department. These two detectives worked with determination and diligence in all their cases. They provided services to the Town of Westport that by far exceeded my expectations. I wish them luck and would like to thank them for going the distance when called upon. The vigor they brought to the job each day made my job easy.

### Training - by Sergeant Thomas R. Plourde

Basic Sergeant School (80 Hours)	Sergeant Michael O'Connor
Field Training Officer Coordinator (24 hours)	Sergeant Thomas R. Plourde
School Bullying	School Resource Officer Michael Roussel
Basic Recruit Academy (800 Hours)	Officer Barry Beaulieu
National Incident Management System ICS-200 (16 Hours)	All Supervisors [federally mandated]
Basic Radar and Lidar Certification	Sergeant Michael O'Connor Officer Francois Napert Officer Robert Thatcher Officer John Pereira
Drug Enforcement for Patrol Officers (16 Hours)	Officer Robert Thatcher
Firearms Licensing Legal Issues	Lieutenant John Bell
Portuguese Speaking for Law Enforcement Officers	Officer Gary Cambra Sergeant Jeffrey Majewski
Money Laundering Investigations	Detective Christopher Dunn Detective David Leite
Project Lifesaver	Officer Robert Thatcher
Sexual Assault Investigations	Sergeant Thomas R. Plourde Officer Robert Thatcher
Night Shooting Using Simunitions	Officer Bryan McCarthy Officer Michael Silvia Officer Todd Oliver
Internal Affairs Investigations (24 hours)	Lieutenant John Bell

### "Are You Ok" aka "RUOK" - by Administrative Assistant Nancy A. Braga

The Westport Police Department, in partnership with the Westport Council on Aging, established a program approximately six years ago, which places telephone calls to elderly citizens at a predetermined time to check on their well-being. Initially the program utilized a computer system and software to make automated calls to subscribers; however, those calls are now placed by the 911 dispatcher on duty. While being an added responsibility for the dispatcher during their shift, we have found that the "personal" contact with each subscriber is worth the extra effort. During the short daily conversation, the client's physical and mental demeanor can be determined by the dispatcher and if there appears to be an issue, appropriate action can be taken. If a call goes unanswered, the dispatcher sends a Police Officer or other emergency personnel to check on the individual's well-being. If necessary, next of kin, key holders, etc. may be contacted from emergency information on file.

This successful program, which is provided as a public service and for no compensation, allows a check on the elderly and contact with a human while they can still live independently in their own home. Parties who maybe interested in subscribing to the "Are You Okay?" Program should contact the Westport Council on Aging.

### S.T.E.P. (Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program) - by Sergeant Michael D. O'Connor

The Westport Police traffic program is continuing to make an effort to reduce crashes and their associated property damage and injuries. During the course of the year the speed monitoring equipment that allows us to verify the actual speed in an area prior to our enforcement efforts is placed out with several strips that give a computer readout, which we are then able to view and diagnose actual effort expended. Shortly after which, the stationary-lighted radar sign is placed out in the same area to inform the motoring public of the speed they are traveling. It is after this sign is removed that the Officers of the Police Department issue citations to violators in our effort to reduce crashes. When this process is completed we then review the information and actually know if our efforts have succeeded in reducing the speed and thence reduce the likelihood of crashes.

A short note on our most serious crash prone intersection, Sanford Road at State Road, is shown below.

2006 Crashes	12 (to Date)
2005 Crashes	13
2004 Crashes	13
2003 Crashes	19
2002 Crashes	17
2001 Crashes	25
2000 Crashes	21
1999 Crashes	17

#### Citations Town Wide

2006 Citations	2899 (to date)
2005 Citations	2528
2004 Citations	3418
2003 Citations	2791
2002 Citations	1877
2001 Citations	1514
2000 Citations	2497
1999 Citations	2712

### School Resource Officer - High School - by Officer Michael R. Roussel

My assignment as the School Resource Officer continued for the school year 2006 - 2007. This assignment has allowed me to continue to organize and educate people in the various community awareness programs that I was trained in. My personal reward from one of the classes that I present is children restrained in child safety seats. The programs show a bond that continues between the School Department, Police Department, and the Community. The common goal that we have is to continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for the children to live and learn. This Officer continues training in all related programs for school children and SRO's.

Some of the events that the School Resource Officer was involved in were as follows. school bus safety, traffic enforcement in school zones, seat belt awareness, domestic violence, sexual assaults, bullying program, civil rights, and several awareness programs in the classrooms at the High School, Elementary and Macomber Schools.

I am pleased to see that the School Resource Officer program has provided the students with a different view of Police Officers and continue to assist students with problems in and out of the school environment. I have closed many gaps that some students had toward Police Officers. The mutual respect has continued to grow every school year.

From September to December 2006, I have had numerous complaints filed with me requiring an investigation broken down they are as follows: 15 applications for complaints, 2 arrests, 5 drug and/or alcohol investigations, 15 residency investigations, 6 residency re- investigations, 2 community investigations, 0 truancy investigations, 8 assault investigations, 3 assault & battery investigations, 2 larceny investigations, 3 school bus incidents, 2 threats and 1 harassment investigations, 2 runaway investigations, 1 protective order, 3 sexual assaults, 5 disturbing school assembly, 5 disorderly person, 0 trespassing, 0 civil rights violation, 4 medical emergencies, 4 domestic violence investigations, 5 court cases, 1 crisis meeting. Also during the school year, I have made 6 classroom presentations, counseled 53 students for various reasons and attended numerous meetings and functions with students and staff. I have sponsored and cosponsored 3 Child Passenger Safety Checkpoints in the area. I have also installed 60 child passenger seats in the Town of Westport.

### School Resource Officer - Middle School - by Officer Gary M. Foley

This is the fourth year that I have been assigned as the Westport Middle Schools Resource Officer. This position will reinforce the position at the High School held by Officer Roussel. My duties include teaching the D.A.R.E. program to the entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, teaching the "Isafe" Internet Safety Program, the anti-bullying program, enforcing laws and bringing criminal charges when necessary.

I also act as a resource for the students and staff to address issues and concerns. Being in the school allows me to get to know the students in a positive environment, making it possible to address problems before they happen. I look forward to serving in this capacity for years to come and help establish a strong bond between police and the youth of our community.

### D.A.R.E. Program - by Officer Gary M. Foley

The Westport Police D.A.R.E. division is once again striving to teach youths to refrain from the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and to avoid violence. I have instructed all 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes with the core curriculum.

Due to overwhelming support of school officials and parents, the program has enjoyed great success. I attended a week long summer camp sponsored by the Bristol County District's Office in August. The camp was attended by several Westport students and continues to help build strong bonds between the Police and the community. The Westport Police D.A.R.E. program will continue to strive to build positive community bonds with the students that last for not only the school year, but for a lifetime.



### K-9 - Ben (Bloodhound) - by Officer Kristen R. Barboza

Ben and I have enjoyed another productive year in the K-9 Unit. This is our third year working as a team and I feel that our skills are improving. We have assisted the members of our department as well as surrounding cities and towns on several occasions over the past year. These incidents have ranged from helping to locate criminal suspects to missing and/or injured persons. I feel that we are one of many necessary tools that are needed during search and rescue incidents. We have also interacted with members of the community for educational purposes. During these K-9 demonstrations, Ben and I displayed how we work as a team to locate a missing person. I have also provided information on what to do if you become lost in order to keep yourself safe and to increase your chances of being located.

Our on-going training continues to be available at no cost to the town. Several local businesses have also donated their services in order to assist with this necessary program. Add this to the fact that this is provided while still performing my normal police duties translates to a low cost, much needed service to the Town of Westport.

### Firearms Licensing - by Lieutenant John J. Bell

The following is a report from the firearms licensing officer for 2006:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Number of Licenses</u>
Resident Class A Large Capacity License to Carry Firearms	278
Law Enforcement Officer (\$25) – Resident Class A Large Capacity License to Carry Firearms	8
Renewal License for Law Enforcement Officer Employed by Agency (No Fee) – Resident Class A Large Capacity LTC	18
Over 70 Years of Age, Renewal of FID, LTC or Machine Gun License (No Fee) – Resident Class A Large Capacity LTC	31
Resident License to Possess a Machine Gun	3
Firearms Identification Card	19
Over 70 Years of Age, Renewal of FID, LTC, or Machine Gun License (No Fee) – Firearms Identification Card	1
FID Restricted New (\$25), Firearms Identification Card Restricted Chemical Propellant Only	6
FID Restricted Renewal (No Fee), Firearms Identification Card Restricted Chemical Propellant Only	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>367</b>

### Firearms Bureau - by Sergeant Johnny P. Couto

The Westport Police Department Firearms Division maintains Lt. PE Holden and Sgt. JP Couto as its Firearm and Use of Force Instructors. With the assistance of Retired Lt. SD Kovar, the three continue to instruct officers from the Dartmouth, Freetown, and Westport Police Departments. Regular firearms training included



instruction on Less-than-Lethal Munitions, also known as the "Bean-bag Gun" which has now become part of the Department's Use of Force continuum.

On the civilian side of firearms training, the Firearms Safety Class continues to be immensely popular with both Town residents and non-residents. The eight-hour class is held every month and a half at the Police Department's downstairs training room. The class, which is held on Saturdays, is a prerequisite to obtaining a license to carry firearms in Massachusetts. This year alone, over 100 students attended and passed the class which includes instruction of firearms parts, actions, safekeeping, and two tests, one written and one where attendee's must perform a hands on test on real handguns. The class is a bargain at \$45.00 and is open to all that are interested. For more information or the date of the next class, call the station main number.

**Fees, Fines & Reimbursements Received - by Administrative Assistant Nancy A. Braga**

The following fees, fines and reimbursements were received by the Westport Police Department and turned over to the Town Treasurer, George Foster, during the year 2006.

For Court Default/Subpoena/Witness Fees	\$ 1,949.25
For Firearms Licenses/Permits Issued	29,950.00
For Firearms Safety Class Fee	6,709.64
For Photostatic Copies of Police Reports	1,705.05
For Administrative Service Charges (Off-Duty Details)	18,217.27
For Fines and Restitution (Fall River District Court)	4,722.50
For Motor Vehicle Citations (Registry of Motor Vehicles)	112,545.00
For Parking Violations	26,620.26
For Police Career Incentive Program (Quinn Bill-C.41, S.108L)	84,136.85
For Federal Drug Forfeiture Account	0.00
For Police Department Gift Account	6,382.00
For Police Explorer Gift Account	500.00
For Reimbursements to Budget Line Items	5.00

**Total Monies** \$ 293,442.82

**Year End Cruiser Mileage Report 2006**

UNIT	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STATUS	START	END	TOTAL TRAVELED
1	2004	Ford	Explorer	Unmarked	19,082	26,392	7,310
2	1997	Ford	Crown Vic	Unmarked	20,524	25,911	5,387
4	1998	Ford	Explorer	Marked	122,145	135,032	12,887
5	2004	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	85,679	102,374	16,695
7	2004	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	108,180	121,527	13,347
8	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	110,190	124,365	14,175
9	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	108,825	128,717	19,892
10	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	105,568	121,940	16,372
11	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	115,218	119,535	4,317
12	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	118,970	126,232	7,262
19	1999	Chevy	Tahoe	Marked	113,943	120,841	6,898
45	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	28,975	56,595	27,620
65	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	28,582	66,240	37,658
185	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	57,085	66,996	9,911
146	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	95	50,403	50,308
156	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	95	45,781	45,686

176	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	99	47,117	47,018
SRO 15	1999	Ford	Taurus	Marked	65,349	69,714	4,365
398	1998	Chevy	Suburban	Marked	144,107	144,683	576
K9-1	1997	Ford	Explorer	Marked	153,703	159,373	5,670
MC 1	2000	Harley	Motorcycle	Marked	13,052	14,983	1,931
Det. 2	2000	Ford	Windstar	Unmarked	48,141	65,720	17,579
Det. 3	20030	Ford	Crown Vic	Unmarked	55,286	58,276	2,990
214	2004	Kubota	RTV900W	Marked	38.1 Hrs.	72 Hrs.	33.9 Hrs.
*** Vehicles Traded During 2006 ***							
2	1997	Ford	Crown Vic	Unmarked	67,736	68,686	950
3	1995	Chevy	Impala	Unmarked	184,254	188,376	4,122
Det.3	2000	Ford	Taurus	Unmarked	75,629	77,918	2,289
						Total:	383,215

### 2006 Offenses

Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon	27
Annoying Telephone Calls	18
Arrest on a Warrant	
Assault & Battery on a Police Officer	3
Assault & Battery	26
Assault to Murder	2
Breaking & Entering a Motor Vehicle	9
Break & Entering	78
Credit Card Fraud	7
Criminal Harassment	8
Disorderly Conduct	19
Disturbing a School Assembly	8
Domestic Assault & Battery	39
Embezzlement	2
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	3
Forgery	78
Identity Theft	8
Indecent Assault & Battery	5
Intimidating a Witness	8
Kidnapping	7
Larceny	284
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	15
Operating Under the Influence	27
Possession of a Hypodermic Needle	11
Possession of Alcohol Under 21	1
Possession of Class A Substance	7
Possession of Class B Substance	8
Possession of Class C Substance	2
Possession of Class D Substance	27
Possession of Class E Substance	2
Possession of a Dangerous Weapon	5
Rape	1
Receiving Stolen Property	15
Resisting Arrest	7
Robbery	4
Shoplifting	1

Threats to Commit a Crime	19
Trespassing	4
Utter False Instrument	29
Vandalism	187
Violation of 209A	12
Totals	1027

#### 2006 Motor Vehicle Citations

	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Warning</u>	<u>Arrest</u>	<u>Criminal</u>
Allow Improper Person to Operate	11			1
Breakdown Lane Violation	2	9		
Display of Registration Sticker	1	1		
Drinking Alcohol From an Open Container				1
Drug Violation			4	4
Equipment Violation	74	30	5	9
Failure to Give Signal	6	5		1
Failure to Keep Right	1	2		
Failure to Notify of Change of Address	5	3		
Failure to Pull to the Right for Emergency Vehicles	6	2		
Failure to Report an Accident				1
Failure to Slow at an Intersection	17	13		2
Failure to Stop at a Sign/Red Light	91	158	5	4
Failure to Wear Seatbelt	122	11	8	3
Giving False Name to Police			5	5
Junior Operator License Violation	14			
Learners Permit Violation	4	1		1
Leaving an Unattended Motor Vehicle	1			
License/Registration Not in Possession	76	9	7	2
Marked Lanes	70	45	7	11
No Valid Inspection Sticker	578	201	9	30
Operating as to Endanger			28	
Operating Under the Influence			46	
Operating With a Suspended/Revoked License			38	80
Passing Violation	3	1	7	4
Recreation Vehicle Violation	4	1		
Speeding	613	493	4	9
Uninsured Motor Vehicle			3	29
Unlicensed Operation			14	20
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	59	5	3	22
Violation DPW Rules And Regulations.	22	24		1
Window Obstruction – Non-Transparent	49	27	1	3
Totals	1823	1041	120	317

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. Pelletier  
Chief of Police

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The following is my report for the Department of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 2006.

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	4
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	0
1,000 to 5,000 lbs.	0
100 to 1,000 lbs.	25
10 to 100 lbs.	36
0 to 10 lbs.	6
Gas and Diesel Pumps Sealed	118
Apothecary Scales	2
Jeweler Scales	0
Vendor Redemption Machines	6
Citation Fines	0
Not Sealed	6

Total Fees Paid To Town Treasurer.....\$ 2,046.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Thibault  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF WESTPORT DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Be it known to all concerned that in accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 98, Section 41, Public Notice is hereby given to all persons having usual places of business and using a weighing and/or measuring devices (for the purpose of buying and selling goods, wares of merchandise) that between January 1 and December 31, 2006 such devices must be checked and sealed at least once. Such inspection and sealing is controlled by the Board of Selectmen and done at the expense of the person owning or using the weighing or measuring device.

Dennis K. Thibault  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

The following is the Shellfish Department's annual report for the year ending December 2006.

Two thousand six was a very wet year. The two-tenth inch conditionally approved areas were not opened very much because of the abundance of rain and the frequency of it. Our efforts continue in regard to increasing the rainfall amounts for opening the conditional areas, with talks with the State Division of Marine Fisheries. As to date it has not happened but is being looked into. Once the areas did open this past spring, the Doctor's Point oyster area was again part of the fishery. Even though the area is a seasonal/conditional area it helps the resources by having the beds worked.

The Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association, which I belong to, had a drive to collect goods for the troops overseas. We collected a large van full of goods desired by the troops and have sent them to them. I was also elected President of the organization for another term.

The Shellfish Department is still using the sixty-seven thousand dollar grant money from Representative Rodrigues efforts to purchase relay stock and seed stock for the river. This year we were able to purchase 1000 bushel of adult quahogs and plant them for harvest this past fall. We also purchased 400,000 seed quahogs and put approximately 75,000 in the Southeast Shellfish Associations tidal up-weller all summer, before planting them this fall. The SSA used half of the up-weller for 88,000 seed they purchased and the Town was able to use the other half. Thank you to the SSA membership for allowing us to use half of the up-weller. I wish to thank Bob Pierce for his help along with intern Chris O'Rourke for the extra duty cleaning the up-weller during my absence due to back surgery. They and Deputies Tim Field, Alex Brewster, Paul Macomber and Jeff Francouer, along with several volunteers and Shellfish Committee members, planted the 1000-bushel of relay quahogs. Thank you to all for the extra help.

Our Gift Funds are still being driven by the annual clamboil at LePage's Seafood Restaurant, the Lees Market sales receipt collection and from donations from the public. This year we collected around twelve thousand dollars. Thank you to all who participated by attending and donating to the cause, as these monies are used exclusively to purchase shellfish for the river. Our Shellfish Hatchery efforts paid off this year due in part to some help by the Roger Williams University biologists and intern Chris O'Rourke along with Deputy Scott Soares. A spawn of three and a half million quahogs was realized and approximately seven hundred fifty thousand reached a size that was felt could survive in the river. We planted the seed quahogs in the east branch and will be checking on them next fall. Adult spawners will be brought in again this January to begin the process for the spring hatchery effort.

Representative Rodrigues had his annual estuary tour with several colleagues this past September and everyone had a great time learning about our projects and resources. I am very happy that he takes time to promote our natural resources to fellow members in the House of Representatives.

This year the Office got a facelift. Deputy Pierce replaced the trim and re-shingled the sides, replacing any wood that needed replacing as he went. The roof will need looking at in a few years. Thanks Bob, it looks good and should last the department another twenty odd years.

I would like to thank the Shellfish Advisory Committee for their help again this year. Thank you all. Also I wish to thank the Police Fire and Highway Departments for assistance during the past year.

Remember to always call the Shellfish Hotline before going up river to shellfish. It will keep you out of areas that are closed due to rainfall. The number is 508-636-1104.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sherman  
Shellfish Constable

## LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

The following is the Shellfish Departments Catch Report and statistics of revenue.

### LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

TYPE	NUMBER ISSUED	FEES COLLECTED
Commercial Scallop	1	\$ 150.00
Commercial Shellfish	61	6,100.00
Student Commercial	0	0.00
Duplicate Shellfish	5	25.00
Family Scallop	6	150.00
Family Shellfish	443	11,075.00
Non-resident Shellfish	49	4,900.00
Non-Resident Scallop	0	0.00
14 Day Shellfish Permit	7	350.00
Senior Citizen Shellfish	154	1,540.00
Senior Citizen Scallop	2	20.00
Dredging	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>\$ 24,310.00</b>

### ESTIMATED COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN BUSHELS	VALUE
Oysters	547	\$ 25,982.90
Mussels (Blue & Ribbed)	6	240.00
Quahogs (Chowders)	303	5,681.25
(Little Necks & Cherrystones)	614	46,050.00
Scallops	1	102.00
Soft-Shelled Clams	5	625.00
Surf Clams	550	9,900.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>\$ 88,581.15</b>

### ESTIMATED RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN BUSHELS	VALUE
Oysters	18	\$ 4,195.80
Mussels (Blue & Ribbed)	5	962.50
Quahogs (Chowder)	29	6,534.00
(Little Necks & Cherrystones)	59	19,912.50
Scallops	7	1,008.00
Soft-Shelled Clams	10	2,500.00
Surf Clams	8	200.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>\$ 35,312.30</b>
Shellfish Violations Written		\$ 0.00
Shellfish Gift Account Donations		\$ 13,153.00
Shellfish Equipment Account Donations		1,539.00
Grant Projects And Lease Site		\$ 29,462.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 192,057.04</b>



Remember to always use the Shellfish Hotline (508-636-1104), it is there to help you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sherman  
Shellfish Constable

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)**

The Town of Westport is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and Towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 2006, the Town paid \$2,290.98 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 16.15 cents per capita.

Local citizens serving at SRPEDD included the following:

SRPEDD Commission: Steven Ouellette and Wayne Sunderland  
Joint Transportation Planning Group: Harold Sisson and David Dionne

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 2006 were:

- Completion and approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds. The TIP established priorities for \$42 million in federal and state regional targeted for highway projects, \$68 million for bridge projects, and \$69.8 million in transit funds for SRTA and GATRA over the next 3 years.
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Massachusetts, a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- The Taunton River Wild and Scenic initiative continued in 2006 with an effort to get the U.S. Congress to designate the Taunton River as a Wild & Scenic resource. SRPEDD is also a partner with 9 other organizations in the Taunton River campaign.
- SRPEDD published the 100 Most Dangerous Intersections in Southeastern Massachusetts for the period 2002-2004.

SRPEDD's web site contains data and information about every city and Town in the region, and can be reached at <http://www.srpedd.org>. The web site was expanded again this year and now includes an inventory for more than 300 signalized intersections in the region.

- Through the state's Smart Growth Technical Assistance program funded by grants in 2006 by EOE, SRPEDD undertook extensive zoning and related work in Berkley, Carver, Fairhaven, Freetown, Rochester, Taunton and Wareham.

- The Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force met through 2006. The Task Force, which includes representation from 18 municipalities and 16 regional organizations, is examining the growth impact of the proposed rail service extension to Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford.
- SRPEDD is the designated fiduciary agent by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety for the Southeast Regional Advisory Council for Homeland Security serving 96 communities in 6 counties in southeastern Massachusetts. The Council has awarded \$11.6 million in federal homeland security funds since 2004.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program (including speed surveys, vehicle classification, and intersection turning movement counts) and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 80 counts at various locations this past year.
- An extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. Every year new computerized "data layers" are added to the system. SRPEDD also operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.

SRPEDD continues to provide planning and support to the two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, on various efforts including: consumer advisory committees, route evaluations, planning, monitoring services and federal reporting.

SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 305 signalized intersections in the region. This includes geometry, traffic volume, crash rate, signal timing and operational characteristics.

SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. SEED is one of the Small Business Administration top lenders in New England.

In addition, municipal assistance was provided in the following areas:

- Safety Study for Route 6/177 Intersection
- Route 6 Corridor Policy Statement
- Route Corridor Study

SRPEDD was created to serve the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by elected and appointed officials from all the cities and towns. We look forward to serving you in the future.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR**

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

Carol A. Borden, Tax Collector  
 Susan A. Maynard, Assistant Tax Collector  
 Lucy Tabit, Principal Clerk  
 Debra M. Moore, Seasonal Clerk

Outstanding balances as of June 30, 2006:

Fiscal 2006 Real Estate:	Committed	16,496,834.92
	Receipts	16,019,554.65
	Abatements & Exemptions	199,700.66
	Refunds	65,723.05
	Tax Title	<u>1,880.38</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	341,422.28

Fiscal 2005 Real Estate:	June 30, 2005 Balance	407,660.81
	Receipts	368,103.49
	Abatements & Exemptions	2,239.25
	Refunds	2,309.41
	Tax Title	<u>34,690.02</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	4,937.46

Twenty-four parcels were advertised for non-payment of Fiscal 2005 Real Estate taxes. Twelve were paid in full and twelve were turned over to the Treasurer to be set up as Tax Title Accounts.

Fiscal 2004 Real Estate:	June 30, 2005 Balance	5,066.78
	Receipts	340.32
	Tax Title	<u>4,680.95</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	45.51

Voters of Westport adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) at the town election on April 5, 2001, effective Fiscal Year 2003. The CPA levies a 2% surcharge on real estate tax bills for the three-fold purpose of historic preservation, affordable housing, and open space preservation. Under the CPA, the town also receives funds from the state for the same purpose.

Fiscal 2006 CPA:	Committed	326,650.75
	Receipts	318,820.08
	Abatements & Exemptions	2,192.35
	Refunds	<u>749.96</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	6,388.28

Fiscal 2005 CPA:	June 30, 2005 Balance	7,619.43
	Receipts	6,889.57
	Abatements & Exemptions	44.79
	Refunds	53.07
	Tax Title	<u>654.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	84.14

Fiscal 2004 CPA:	June 30, 2005 Balance	48.31
	Receipts	6.03
	Tax Title	<u>87.79</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	-45.51

Litigated Taxes:	June 30, 2005 Balance	6,399.21
	Receipts	<u>6,111.43</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	287.78

Fiscal 2006 Personal Property	Committed	176,706.55
	Receipts	174,566.30
	Abatements	233.20
	Refunds	<u>1,162.62</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	3,069.67
Fiscal 2005 Personal Property:	June 30, 2005 Balance	3,929.24
	Receipts	2,456.91
	Abatements	257.72
	Refunds	<u>4.51</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,219.12
Fiscal 2004 Personal Property:	June 30, 2005 Balance	2,181.66
	Receipts	<u>241.60</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,940.06
Fiscal 2003 Personal Property:	June 30, 2005 Balance	1,067.23
	Receipts	16.50
	Abatements	<u>49.50</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,001.23
Fiscal 2002 Personal Property:	June 30, 2005 Balance	1,961.11
	Receipts	158.40
	Abatements	<u>48.06</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,754.65
Fiscal 2001 Personal Property:	June 30, 2005 Balance	1,422.11
	Abatements	<u>226.01</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,196.10
Fiscal 2000 Personal Property:	June 30, 2004 Balance	287.43
	Abatements	<u>29.15</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	258.28
Fiscal 1999 Personal Property:	June 30, 2005 Balance	83.13
Fiscal 1997 Personal Property:	June 30, 2005 Balance	168.26
Fiscal 2006 Boat Excise	Committed	61,364.00
	Receipts	19,094.24
	Abatements	<u>2,038.42</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	40,231.34
Fiscal 2005 Boat Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	52,683.49
	Receipts	44,063.70
	Abatements	5,061.51
	Refunds	<u>91.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	3,649.28

Fiscal 2004 Boat Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	2,223.54
	Receipts	301.00
	Abatements	200.00
	Refunds	<u>147.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,869.54
Fiscal 2003 Boat Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	1,272.79
	Receipts	56.59
	Abatements	<u>53.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,163.20
Fiscal 2002 Boat Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	775.00
	Receipts	8.12
	Abatements	<u>226.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	540.88
Fiscal 2001 Boat Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	453.00
	Receipts	140.00
	Abatements	<u>25.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	288.00
Fiscal 2000 Boat Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	224.12
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	224.12
Fiscal 1999 Boat Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	25.89
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	25.89
2006 Motor Vehicle Excise	Committed	1,652,562.40
	Receipts	1,454,401.72
	Abatements	82,080.37
	Refunds	<u>6,931.98</u>
	June 30, 2006	123,012.29
2005 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	196,594.04
	Additional Committed	484,629.98
	Receipts	614,672.31
	Abatements	42,103.59
	Refunds	<u>15,241.52</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	39,689.64
2004 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	43,139.13
	Additional Committed	17,081.87
	Receipts	37,483.94
	Abatements	4,343.76
	Refunds	<u>530.41</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	18,923.71

2003 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	13,006.57
	Receipts	3,954.58
	Abatements	876.03
	Refunds	<u>404.26</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	8,580.22
2002 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	7,755.89
	Receipts	1,475.65
	Abatements	<u>32.08</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	6,248.16
2001 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	6,561.12
	Receipts	<u>547.78</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	6,013.34
2000 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	6,046.28
	Receipts	<u>359.48</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	5,686.80
1999 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	5,089.20
	Receipts	<u>172.77</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	4,916.43
1998 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	2,412.74
	Receipts	<u>108.13</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	2,304.61
1997 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	1,659.83
	Receipts	<u>63.75</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,596.08
1996 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	1,844.18
	Additional Receipts	30.00
	Receipts	<u>127.50</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,746.68
1995 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	559.39
	Additional Committed	5.00
	Receipts	<u>38.75</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	525.64
1994 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	670.00
1993 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	75.01



1992 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	27.50
	Additional Receipts	16.25
	Receipts	<u>16.25</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	27.50
1991 Motor Vehicle Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	30.00
	Additional Committed	296.56
	Receipts	<u>110.31</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	216.25
2005 Farm Animal Excise	Committed	3,818.58
	Receipts	<u>3,069.83</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	748.75
2004 Farm Animal Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	745.00
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	745.00
2003 Farm Animal Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	415.00
	Receipts	<u>345.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	70.00
2002 Farm Animal Excise:	June 30, 2005 Balance	222.50
	Receipts	<u>222.50</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	-0-
2005 Wharfage	Committed	24,519.80
	Receipts	23,477.24
	Abated	<u>82.56</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	960.00
2004 Wharfage:	June 30, 2005 Balance	1,800.00
	Receipts	<u>360.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,440.00
2003 Wharfage:	June 30, 2005 Balance	960.00
2002 Wharfage:	June 30, 2005 Balance	960.00
	Receipts	<u>960.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	-0-
2001 Wharfage:	June 30, 2005 Balance	480.00
	Receipts	<u>480.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	-0-

2000 Wharfage:	June 30, 2005 Balance	413.84
	Receipts	<u>413.84</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	-0-
2005 Moorings	Committed	3,200.00
	Receipts	<u>3,200.00</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	-0-
2004 Moorings:	June 30, 2005 Balance	23.56
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2006 Balance	23.56

A total of \$3,152.72 was collected for the School Improvement Fund. \$43,156.95 was collected between rollback, withdrawal, and conveyance taxes. 671 Municipal Lien Certificates were prepared at a cost of \$25 each for a total of \$16,775. A municipal lien certificate lists the status of taxes for a three-year period and is usually requested from attorneys for closings.

Small claims court was utilized to aid in the collection of returned checks, delinquent excise and farm animal excise bills, which was very successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Borden  
Tax Collector

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending June 30, 2006. Our records are available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa M. Provencal

### TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2006

#### Assets:

Cash	3,034,123.74	
Petty Cash		150.00
Personal Property 1997	168.26	
Personal Property 1999	83.13	
Personal Property 2000	258.28	
Personal Property 2001	1,196.10	
Personal Property 2002	1,754.65	

Personal Property 2003	1,001.23	
Personal Property 2004	1,940.06	
Personal Property 2005	1,219.12	
Personal Property 2006	3,069.67	
Real Estate 2005	4,937.46	
Real Estate 2006	341,722.28	
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions FY03		5,391.98
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions FY04		3,929.88
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions FY05		37,204.99
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions FY06		332,445.05
Tax Title Liens Rec.	24,633.30	
Def. Property Taxes Rec.	20,684.27	
Taxes in Litigation	287.40	
Motor Vehicle 1992	243.75	
Motor Vehicle 1993	75.01	
Motor Vehicle 1994	670.00	
Motor Vehicle 1995	525.64	
Motor Vehicle 1996	1,746.68	
Motor Vehicle 1997	1,596.08	
Motor Vehicle 1998	2,304.61	
Motor Vehicle 1999	4,916.43	
Motor Vehicle 2000	5,686.80	
Motor Vehicle 2001	6,013.34	
Motor Vehicle 2002	6,248.16	
Motor Vehicle 2003	8,580.22	
Motor Vehicle 2004	18,923.71	
Motor Vehicle 2005	39,689.64	
Motor Vehicle 2006	123,012.29	
Boat Excise 1999	25.89	
Boat Excise 2000	224.12	
Boat Excise 2001	288.00	
Boat Excise 2002	540.88	
Boat Excise 2003	1,663.20	
Boat Excise 2004	1,869.54	
Boat Excise 2005	3,649.28	
Boat Excise 2006	40,231.34	
Farm Animal	1,563.75	
Ambulance Rec.	256,028.27	
Tax Foreclosures	68,160.65	

**Liabilities & Fund Equity:**

Tailings and Unclaimed Items		18,075.70
Deferred Real Estate & Personal Property Tax	21,621.66	
Deferred Taxes (41A)		20,684.27
Deferred Tax Liens		24,633.30
Deferred Tax Foreclosures		68,160.65
Deferred Taxes in Litigation		287.40
Deferred Motor Vehicle Excise		220,232.36
Deferred Boat Excise		47,992.25

Deferred Farm Animal Excise	1,563.75	
Deferred Departmental	256,028.27	
Fund Balance Reserved-Encumbrances	1,075,887.60	
Fund Balance Reserved-Cont. Appropriations	375,972.79	
Fund Balance Reserved-Over. Rel by Assessor	200,000.00	
Fund Balance Reserved-Expenditures	414,318.00	
Undesignated Fund Balance	1,044,293.95	
Appropriation Deficits	94,574.30	
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>4,147,252.19</b>	<b>4,147,252.19</b>
<u>School Lunch:</u>		
Cash	57,913.85	
Undesignated Fund Balance		57,913.85
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>57,913.85</b>	<b>57,913.85</b>
<u>Highway:</u>		
Due from Commonwealth	45,319.64	
Cash		45,319.64
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>45,319.64</b>	<b>45,319.64</b>
<u>School Grants:</u>		
Cash	38,962.97	
Due From Commonwealth	18,469.42	
Title 1 FY05		232.76
FY06 Sped Entitlement		18,180.41
Title 1 FY06		10,686.14
Title 2 – Enh Ed Tech FY06		2,442.00
Sped Prof Dev Training		4,004.13
HSTW – FY06		0.00
Title V FY06		0.00
Sped EEC FY06		116.18
Sped Prog Review FY06		481.72
Sped MS Read FY06		0.00
Title IIA – Teacher Quality		0.00
Full Day Kindergarten		1,371.17
Alt Ed FY06		0.00
Academic Support FY06		375.90
Bristol Tech Prep Grant Award FY06		1,000.00
Bridgewater College Award FY06		2,550.81
Sped Circuit Breaker FY06		10,024.46
BC Community Service Grant Award		4,279.39
Peer to Peer Mentor		212.15
Action for Healthy Kids		200.78
Bridgewater College Project.		1,274.39
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>57,432.39</b>	<b>57,432.39</b>

Town Grants:

Cash	330,200.60	
Due From Commonwealth	51,164.83	
Council on Aging SRTA Van Award		31,492.98
Westport Head Stormwater Project		0.00
Westport River #3488		18,768.45
DHCD		71,073.93
Jag Grant FY06-08		0.00
S.A.F.E		6,275.52
Recapture		63,382.59
Clean Vessel Act		728.35
Library /Incentive		64,851.69
Massachusetts Cultural Council		3,502.68
Library Municipal Equalization		22,921.00
Library-Nonresident Circulation		1,119.63
Community Police		10,646.70
Police Bulletproof Vests		747.00
Shellfish Propagation/DFA		43,543.78
Repair Herring Run @ Adamsville Rd		426.38
Recycling/Compost Bins		105.67
Watch Your Car/Police		0.00
Click It or Ticket It		0.00
B.C. Homeland Security Grant		11,694.28
Buzzard Bay/Gifford Road		1,992.92
ARAW COA Grant		27,694.40

Fund Totals

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381,365.43	381,365.43
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Reserved For Appropriations:

Cash	200,537.46	
Municipal Waterway Improvement		51,873.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots		125,310.00
Weights & Measures Fines		112.50
Landfill Closure		23,241.28

Fund Totals

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200,537.46	200,537.46
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School Revolving:

Cash	111,940.61	
School Day Care		12,881.39
School Choice Tuition		41,020.13
Lost Supplies/Materials		6,927.83
Student Athletic Activities		7,349.39
Adult/Continuing Education		11,117.08
School Scholarship		6,011.00
e-Rate Telephone		11,221.50
Transportation/Reimbursement		15,412.29

Fund Totals

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111,940.61	111,940.61
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Town Revolving:

Cash	823,084.33	
Massachusetts Cultural Council		484.09
Board of Health Beach Testing		2,890.18
Septic vs Well Test/Board of Health		61,730.00
Westport Arts Council – Sr Village Sidewalks		33,573.00
Wetland Filing Fees		57,069.28
Library-New Floor Gift		566.98
Nurse/Council on Aging Health Care		3,432.84
Council on Aging Clinic Gift		8,591.97
Council on Aging Transportation		50,102.99
Library Gift		3,774.23
Ambulance Revolving	103,849.27	
Shellfish Equipment Gift		1,591.25
Fire Works Gifts		6,383.47
GIS Mapping Revolving	20,574.67	
Shellfish Propagation Gift		7,705.41
Water & Sewer Project Gift		18.00
Police Explorer Post 305		792.51
Police Gift Account		7,686.24
Fire Department Gift Account		8,040.06
Town Wharf Improvements		2,744.08
Westport Agricultural Gift		2,092.40
Town Waterways Improve Fund		2,500.00
Cable TV Revolving	307,722.05	
Senior Center Building Revolving		4,169.22
Senior Day Care Revolving		47,095.87
Recreation/Community Center Revolving		5,163.32
Highway Insurance Reimbursement		2,650.00
Police Insurance Reimbursement		4,006.87
Building – Gas – Plumbing Revolving		66,084.08

**Fund Totals**

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823,084.33	823,084.33
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Betterments:

Cash	60,557.28	
Septic System Repair Rec	55,909.91	
Interest Added to Septic	445.30	
Interest on Checking Account		60,557.28
Septic Assessment Deferred Rev		55,909.91
Septic Interest Assessment Deferred		445.30

**Fund Totals**

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116,912.49	116,912.49
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Community Preservation:

Cash	1,106,560.48
Levy Year 2005	84.14
Levy Year 2006	6,389.74
Tax Liens Rec	271.84



Taxes in Litigation	0.38	
Tax Foreclosures	218.64	
Deferred CPA Real Estate Tax		6,473.88
Deferred CPA Tax Liens		271.84
Deferred CPA Tax Foreclosures		218.64
Deferred Taxes in Litigation		0.38
CPC/Open space		10,000.00
CPC /Community Housing		0.00
CPC/Historic Preservation		5,844.00
FB Reserved for FY04 Projects		22,015.00
FB Reserved for FY05 Projects		79,715.66
FB Reserved for FY06 Projects		114,104.27
FB Reserved for FY07 Projects		335,863.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		539,018.55
<b>Fund Totals</b>		<b>1,113,525.22</b>
<u>School Capital Project:</u>		
Cash	7,452.67	
Reserved for Expenses		7,452.67
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>7,452.67</b>	<b>7,452.67</b>
<u>Landfill Capping Project:</u>		
Cash	45,164.51	
Fund Balance		45,164.51
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>45,164.51</b>	<b>45,164.51</b>
<u>Agricultural Open Space:</u>		
Cash	3,858.00	
Undesignated fund Balance		3,858.00
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>3,858.00</b>	<b>3,858.00</b>
<u>Water Enterprise:</u>		
Cash	98,444.18	
User Charges Receivable	5,760.08	
Service Charges Receivable	620.00	
Deferred User Charges		5,760.08
Deferred Service Charges		620.00
Fund Balance Reserved Encumbrances		17.50
Undesignated Fund Balance		98,426.68
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>104,824.26</b>	<b>104,824.26</b>
<u>Harbor Enterprise:</u>		
Cash	237,942.80	

Wharfage Receivable	3,360.00	
Mooring Receivable	23.56	
Deferred Revenue - Wharfage		3,360.00
Deferred Revenue - Moorings		23.56
Fund Balance Reserve/Capital Harbormaster		33,971.55
Fund Balance Reserve/Capital Wharfage		34,432.50
State Ramp/Capital Reserved		7,102.10
Fund Balance Reserved FY07 Article		70,000.00
Fund Balance Reserved - Encumbrances		48.63
Undesignated Fund Balance		92,388.02

Fund Totals	241,326.36	241,326.36
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Non-Expendable Trust:

Restricted Savings	948,540.26	
Salisbury Memorial		52,966.53
W.B. Hicks Library		500.00
I. Weeks Library		1,000.00
Perpetual Care		553,798.66
Nancy Fenn Music Scholarship		33,342.00
R.W. Mullaney Library Trust		26,000.00
Library Trusts		14,591.00
Ron Desrosiers Memorial Trust		19,585.02
Mary Brown Library		5,000.00
Pelletier Public Library		2,500.00
E.W. Brightman Scholarship		10,000.00
H. Hoyt Library		10,000.00
Tripp Library		200,000.00
Tripp High School Library		5,000.00
Dr. & Mrs. Kirkaldy Library Trust		1,155.00
Lisa Chase Tripp Library Trust		13,102.05

Fund Totals	948,540.26	948,540.26
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Expendable Trust:

Cash	940,246.86	
Law Enforcement		41,411.07
School Improvement		11,333.71
Grimshaw/Gudewicz Scholarship		5,359.33
Grimshaw/Gudewicz Scholarship II		6,502.87
Salisbury Memorial		4,025.36
Ambulance		10,571.27
Wm B Hicks Library Trust		59.16
I. Weeks Library		179.40
Town Farm		13,966.84
Landing Commissioners		34,599.71
Bicentennial Playground		302.36
Conservation		12,806.70
Veterans Memorial		1,370.26

Perpetual Care	445,537.91
Open Space	204.33
Westport Betterment/Fuel	3,155.51
Nancy Fenn Music Scholarship	4,513.20
L.B. Bowman Library Trust	11,094.82
R.W. Mullaney Library Trust	1,631.84
Library Trust	828.59
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial	10,926.88
Mary Brown Library	5,285.73
Westport Betterment/Community Center	1,436.40
Pelletier/Public Library	148.20
E.W. Brightman Scholarship	748.48
Westport Betterment	5,558.96
Westport Historical	5,670.33
Helen Ellis Arts Lottery	28,038.58
H. Hoyt Library Trust	2,696.76
Tripp Senior	30,290.47
Tripp Library	49,900.26
Tripp High School Library	6,820.71
Planning Board Review Fees	170,660.96
Appeals Board Comprehensive Permits	6,865.94
Dr. & Mrs. Kirkaldy Library Trust	37.71
Lisa Chase Tripp Library Trust	146.38
Wolf Pit School Trust	5,559.87

#### Fund Totals

940,246.86	940,246.86
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#### Other Trust:

Cash	2,001,102.72	
Stabilization Fund		1,086,813.05
Retirement Fund		914,289.67

#### Fund Totals

2,001,102.72	2,001,102.72
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#### Agency:

Cash	1,339,226.56	
Sped/Medicaid		939.19
Special Police/Firearm Detail		2,151.44
Police X-Detail		613.95
School X-Detail		45.82
Employee Retirement Contributions		72,233.10
Firearm Licenses		2,420.00
Constable Fees		2,428.00
Sales Tax		288.91
Meal Tax		98.05
Sporting Licenses	419.25	
Comprehensive Charges/Fees	508.08	
Collector Over/Overage		101.77
Performance Bonds/Passbooks		1,233,671.71

High School Student Activity	18,503.25
Middle School Student Activity	5,753.55
Elementary School Student Activity	54.30
Macomber School Student Activity	99.32

Fund Totals	1,340,153.89	1,340,153.89
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<u>Outstanding Debt:</u>	3,050,000.00	
School Construction Bond		2,100,000.00
Agricultural Open Space		950,000.00
	3,050,000.00	3,050,000.00

### STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 2006

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Returned</u>
<u>Accountant</u>				
Salaries	79,583.28	79,583.28		0.00
Expenses	13,073.72	12,474.27	280.52	318.93
Encumbered	5,286.54	5,286.54		0.00
<u>Appeals</u>				
Salaries	3,784.00	2,778.63		1,005.37
Expenses	7,715.00	842.31	5,000.00	1,872.69
Encumbered	43.00	42.19		0.81
<u>Assessors</u>				
Salaries	130,696.00	126,772.10		3,923.90
Expenses	3,402.00	2,838.91		563.09
00 Revaluation Program	20,144.45	12,558.32		7,586.13
01 Update Revaluation	40,000.00	0.00		40,000.00
01 Appellate Hearings	1,082.47	0.00		1,082.47
04 Appellate Hearings	2,000.00	0.00		2,000.00
05 Revaluation Program	20,000.00	0.00		20,000.00
06 Revaluation Program	20,000.00	0.00		20,000.00
Encumbered	147.00	146.99		0.01
<u>Board Of Health</u>				
Salaries	170,860.00	167,223.01		3,636.99
Expenses	12,570.00	11,164.64	1,350.63	54.73
Encumbered	1,300.00	1,191.40		108.60
<u>Building Inspectors</u>				
Salaries	117,325.23	115,339.93		1,985.30
Expenses	5,911.77	5,911.77		0.00
Encumbered	582.50	472.81		109.69
<u>Cemetery</u>				
Salaries	115,316.00	113,379.64		1,936.36
Expenses	9,143.00	9,136.79		6.21

2000 Cemetery Water System	2,550.00	1,125.05		1,424.95
2005 Cemetery Maintenance	7,500.31	7,500.31		0.00
2005 Cemetery Truck	1,552.39	0.00		1,552.39
<u>Civil Defense</u>				
Salaries	2,707.00	2,707.00		0.00
Expenses	1,421.00	1,064.49	35.00	321.51
Encumbered	23.00	16.61		6.39
<u>COLLECTOR</u>				
Salaries	111,112.00	111,070.27		41.73
Expenses	17,660.00	16,409.86	1,250.14	0.00
Encumbered	457.00	456.27		0.73
<u>Conservation</u>				
Salaries	63,623.00	63,442.00		180.20
Expenses	5,338.00	5,317.55		20.45
Encumbered	457.00	550.34		0.00
<u>Council on Aging</u>				
Salaries	122,086.00	122,084.22		1.78
Expenses	35,727.00	35,715.73		9.27
<u>Data Processing</u>				
Salaries	8,755.00	8,755.00		0.00
Expenses	59,140.00	30,414.13	28,725.87	0.00
Encumbered	7,323.00	7,322.76		0.24
<u>Dog Officer</u>				
Salaries	24,421.00	24,421.00		0.00
Expenses	7,036.00	6,309.78	726.22	0.00
Encumbered	679.00	529.00		150.00
<u>Election &amp; Registration</u>				
Salaries	42,025.00	41,422.31		602.69
Expenses	16,823.00	15,979.97	843.00	0.03
<u>Employee Benefits</u>				
Health Insurance	1,898,075.67	1,882,904.47		15,171.20
Life Insurance	4,500.00	4,793.01		-293.01
FICA/Medicare	160,000.00	183,189.39		-23,189.39
Unemployment	35,000.00	9,990.21	1,821.66	23,188.13
Workers Compensation	111,500.00	105,339.43		6,160.57
Encumbered	157,666.81	156,549.39		1,117.42
<u>Finance Committee</u>				
Salaries	2,100.00	1,679.86		420.14
Expenses	2,200.00	2,156.61		43.39
Reserve Fund Transfers	0.00	0.00		0.00
<u>Fire Department</u>				
Salaries	1,356,659.83	1,356,659.83		0.00
Expenses	122,093.00	120,477.48	1,397.08	218.44
05 Fire Tanker Truck	274,556.90	274,556.90		0.00
Encumbered	4,973.09	4,973.09		0.00

## Gas Inspectors

### Highway

Salaries	514,104.00	511,559.47		2,544.53
Expenses	104,481.00	100,202.87	368.72	3,909.41
FY03 Road Reconstruction	60,655.88	33,060.63		27,595.25
FY05 Road Reconstruction	20,000.00			20,000.00
FY06 Road Reconstruction	20,000.00			20,000.00
Encumbered	14.00	13.20		0.80

### Highway/Snow & Ice

Salaries	39,635.00	33,044.16		6,590.84
Expenses	30,000.00	131,165.14		-101,165.14

### Historical Commission

Expenses	539.00	333.12	189.48	16.40
Encumbered	14.93	14.93		0.00

### Housing Partnership

Expenses	200.00	0.00		200.00
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### Landfill

Salaries	77,526.00	77,077.59		448.41
Expenses	241,934.00	227,692.86	14,239.99	1.15
FY03 Landfill Closure	10,973.81	10,973.81		0.00
FY05 Landfill Closure	30,000.00	13,306.91		16,693.09
FY06 STM Article	16,000.00	16,000.00		0.00
FY06 STM Article	112,000.00	183.25		111,816.75
Encumbrances	135.00	132.58		2.42

### Landing Commission

FY05 Head Landing Cleanup	12,000.00	6,999.98		5,000.02
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### Legal

Legal Expense	125,000.00	94,558.88	19,726.62	10,714.50
Encumbered	34,000.00	33,455.48		544.52

### Library

Salaries	165,313.88	165,305.72		8.16
Expenses	23,395.00	23,393.34		1.66

### Moderator

Salaries	682.00	682.00		0.00
Expenses	162.00	0.00		162.00

### Nursing

Salaries	30,135.00	26,797.73		3,337.27
Expenses	3,843.00	3,691.43		151.57

### Parking Tickets

Expenses	3,285.00	2,173.47	1,111.53	0.00
Encumbered	1,800.00	1,492.27		307.73

### Personnel Board

Salaries	484.00	71.55		412.45
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Expenses	80.00	60.00		20.00
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### Planning Board

Salaries	71,405.00	71,403.86		1.14
Expenses	5,450.00	5,320.60	129.07	0.33
01 Master Plan	235.74	0.00		235.74
Encumbered	225.00	224.10		0.90

### Plumbing Inspector

### Police Department

Salaries	2,019,105.00	2,018,855.82		249.18
Expenses	327,955.55	318,525.68	9,405.55	24.32
Encumbered	1,345.70	1,345.35		0.35

### Property Insurance

Expenses	204,972.00	195,273.06		9,698.94
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### Recreation/Community Center

### Regional Schools

Diman	490,656.86	490,656.86		0.00
Bristol Aggie	25,000.00	25,000.00		0.00

### Retirement

Expenses	1,080,549.00	1,080,549.00		0.00
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### School Department

Gen Ed Salaries	8,471,545.03	7,969,742.05	501,802.98	0.00
Gen Ed Expenses	1,532,417.07	1,365,879.40	161,019.43	5,518.24
Gen Ed Salaries Encumbered	447,785.85	447,384.85		401.00
Gen Ed Encumbered	42,701.36	42,701.36		0.00
Gen Ed Transportation Salaries	54,700.00	54,700.00		0.00
Gen Ed Transportation Expenses	795,725.55	729,474.00	66,251.55	0.00
Gen Ed Trans Encumbered	77,817.16	77,817.16		0.00
Spec Ed Salaries	1,737,902.16	1,627,707.70	110,194.46	0.00
Spec Ed Expenses	423,126.74	301,298.39	121,828.35	0.00
Sped Ed Salaries Encumbered	112,105.09	112,105.09		0.00
Sped Ed Expenses Encumbered	69,198.49	67,835.34		1,363.15
Sped Ed Transportation Expenses	285,614.45	285,614.45		0.00
Sped Ed Trans Encumbered	0.00	0.00		0.00

### Sealer Of Weights Measures

Salaries	1,705.00	1,705.00		0.00
Expenses	217.00	187.07		29.93

### Selectmen

Salaries	171,203.00	170,989.19		213.81
Expenses	16,032.00	13,851.24	2,180.76	0.00
05 Municipal Mgmt Study	3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
05 Networking Town Buildings	59,547.32	1,573.96		57,973.36
Encumbered	3,775.00	3,731.06		43.94

### Shellfish

Salaries	64,349.00	64,347.21		1.79
Expenses	13,372.00	13,235.83	133.97	2.20

Encumbered	4,094.81	4,094.81		0.00
<u>Street Lighting</u>				
Expenses	19,716.94	18,175.65	1,541.29	0.00
<u>Town Beach</u>				
Salaries	20,123.00	19,758.93		364.07
Expenses	3,333.00	3,333.00		0.00
Encumbered	380.27	300.15		80.12
<u>Town Clerk</u>				
Salaries	77,524.00	77,519.36		4.64
Expenses	4,475.00	4,240.22		234.78
<u>Town Farm</u>				
Expenses	2,816.00	981.75	1,830.00	4.25
Encumbered	2,033.35	2,033.35		0.00
<u>Town Hall</u>				
Salaries	64,943.00	61,792.81	500.00	2,650.19
Expenses	69,600.00	55,564.44	14,035.56	0.00
FY04 T.H. Annex Well	776.03	383.06		392.97
FY05 T.H. Cleanup	48,849.99	26,330.32		22,519.67
Encumbered	11,830.00	10,751.78		1,078.22
<u>Town Reports</u>				
Expenses	4,223.00	4,126.00		97.00
<u>Treasurer</u>				
Salaries	112,440.00	112,440.00		0.00
Expenses	27,525.00	23,150.36	899.14	3,475.50
Encumbered	150.00	71.60		78.40
<u>Wire Inspectors</u>				
<u>Veterans Graves</u>				
Salaries	845.00	845.00		0.00
Expenses	2,049.00	1,146.14	493.43	3,475.50
Encumbered	28.00	28.00		78.40
<u>Veterans Services</u>				
Salaries	31,500.00	31,500.00		0.00
Expenses	3,005.45	3,005.45		0.00
Veteran Benefits	70,355.83	63,780.23	6,575.60	0.00
Veteran Services	4,337.72	4,337.72		0.00
Encumbered	1,338.00	753.13		584.87
<u>Long Term Debt</u>				
School Bond	300,000.00	300,000.00		0.00
Landfill Bond	200,000.00	200,000.00		0.00
Agricultural Open Space	100,000.00	100,000.00		0.00
<u>Long Term Interest</u>				
School Bond	94,050.00	94,050.00		0.00
Landfill Bond	7,800.00	7,800.00		0.00
Agricultural Open Space	18,142.00	18,142.00		0.00

Short Term Debt

Temporary Borrowing	12,500.00	3,974.06	8,525.94
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Other Government

FY05 Public Safety Complex	2,080.00	1,980.00	100.00
FY05 Mosquito Control	1.00	0.00	1.00
FY05 Environmental Services	770.00	770.00	0.00
FY05 Hazardous Waste Day	12,000.00	11,561.00	439.00
FY98 Annex Water System	113.18	113.18	0.00

State Assessments

Charter Tuition Assessment	0.00	134,256.00	
School Choice Assessment	0.00	5,238.00	
Special Ed Chapter 71b	0.00	15,696.00	
Mosquito Control Project	0.00	75,928.00	
Air Pollution Control	0.00	4,296.00	
Trans Auth Gatra	0.00	16,944.00	
RMV/Non-Renewal Surcharge	0.00	13,880.00	
SRPEDD	2,300.00	2,290.98	9.02

County Assessment

County Tax	227,090.70			
	27,074,978.49	26,112,957.88	1,075,887.60	379,461.71

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE**  
**BUDGET VS. ACTUAL FISCAL YEAR 2006**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Plus/Minus</u>
<b><u>Taxes &amp; Local Receipts:</u></b>			
Personal Property	194,000.00	176,276.89	-17,723.11
Real Estate	15,600,000.00	16,319,984.62	719,984.62
Conveyance	0.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
Roll Back	0.00	9,388.80	9,388.80
Deferred Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	99,996.58	99,996.58
Litigated Taxes	0.00	6,024.02	6,024.02
Chapter 61 Withdrawal	0.00	16,268.15	16,268.15
Motor Vehicle Taxes	1,725,000.00	2,090,593.93	365,593.93
Boat Excise Taxes	26,000.00	31,593.88	5,593.88
Farm Animal & Machine	3,800.00	3,637.33	-162.67
Forest Excise	108.00	82.00	-26.00
Rental/Codimonk	4,000.00	4,400.00	400.00
Rental/Town Farm	16,000.00	22,450.00	6,450.00
Rentals/Land/Annex	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone Commission	10.00	0.00	-10.00
Public Hearings	900.00	1,340.00	440.00
Selectmen/Hix Bridge	2,000.00	2,430.00	430.00
Liquor License	19,000.00	24,986.70	5,986.70
Cable Commission	1,700.00	0.00	-1,700.00
Entertainment	800.00	1,450.00	650.00

Auctioneers	0.00	72.00	72.00
Auto Repair	5,500.00	10,675.00	5,175.00
Common Victualler	2,900.00	3,393.75	493.75
Auto Licenses	20,900.00	13,875.00	-7,025.00
State/Sunday Licenses	300.00	20.00	-280.00
Trailer Permits	6,100.00	5,940.00	-160.00
Yard Sales/Flea Market	400.00	207.00	-193.00
Selectmen Misc.	0.00	18,921.19	18,921.19
Assessors Misc.	0.00	2,368.50	2,368.50
Tax Title Release	100.00	4,949.35	4,849.35
Treasurer Miscellaneous	0.00	106.38	106.38
Investment Interest	6,400.00	197,440.01	191,040.01
Collector Interest - Taxes	46,400.00	69,916.62	23,516.62
Collector Interest - Excise	6,200.00	12,353.37	6,153.37
Collector Demands - Taxes	3,400.00	4,635.00	1,235.00
Collector Demands - Excise	21,000.00	34,597.00	13,597.00
Collector Interest - Liens	13,000.00	27,089.48	14,089.48
In Lieu of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Municipal Liens	7,000.00	16,975.00	9,975.00
Release Fees	10,500.00	13,960.00	3,460.00
Collector Miscellaneous	0.00	2,532.57	2,532.57
Collector Interest Earned	3,600.00	10,693.32	7,093.32
Data Processing Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Clerk Miscellaneous	0.00	1,917.89	1,917.89
Zoning By-Laws	1,500.00	1,604.00	104.00
Town Clerk Charges	19,400.00	13,013.30	-6386.70
Raffle, Junk, Hawkers	400.00	515.00	115.00
Voting List	100.00	370.00	270.00
Conservation Commission Miscellaneous	0.00	426.66	426.66
Conservation Commission Filing Fees	3,200.00	4,860.00	1,660.00
Conservation Commission Soil Permits	400.00	1,425.00	1,025.00
Planning Board Fees	16,400.00	12,656.00	-3,744.00
Board of Appeals Fees	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Board of Appeals Filing	16,000.00	0.00	-16,000.00
Unclassified Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	15,432.97	15,432.97
Police Reports	1,700.00	1,366.50	-333.50
Administrative Fees	37,200.00	14,711.81	-22,488.19
Fire Arms/ID Cards	12,000.00	5,400.00	-6,600.00
Non-Criminal Fines	0.00	1,714.25	1,714.25
Court Fines	19,700.00	6,022.50	-13,677.50
Registrar Fines	150,400.00	103,635.00	-46,765.00
Parking Fines	42,600.00	26,048.25	-16,551.75
Penalties	400.00	0.00	-400.00
Fire Department Fees	11,500.00	14,216.00	2,716.00
Ambulance Charges	300,000.00	324,730.51	24,730.51
Building Permits	125,000.00	98,478.00	-26,522.00
Sealer of Weight & Measure Permits	1,000.00	1,975.00	975.00
Dog Boarding	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Licenses	9,000.00	10,405.00	1,405.00
Shellfish Licenses	43,000.00	26,515.00	16,485.00
Education Miscellaneous	0.00	341.71	341.73

Scrap Iron/Tin	9,300.00	7,528.11	-1,771.89
Tires	100.00	1,018.71	918.71
Paper/Magazine	4,400.00	3,853.02	-546.98
Cardboard	1,800.00	2,188.91	388.91
Glass	200.00	0.00	-200.00
Plastics	700.00	3,747.82	3,047.82
Televisions	600.00	2,979.05	2,379.05
Bulk Trash Permits	24,300.00	14,474.15	-9,825.85
Punch Cards	183,200.00	146,222.95	-36,977.05
Landfill Day Passes	300.00	232.70	-67.30
Landfill Stickers	2,200.00	2,154.50	-45.50
Cemetery Interment	47,000.00	36,095.00	-10,905.00
Cemetery Foundations	16,000.00	9,617.00	-6,383.00
Cemetery Saturday/Sunday Burial	7,000.00	4,400.00	-2,600.00
Board of Health Permits	111,500.00	110,199.55	-1,300.45
Board of Health Anti Smoking	0.00	1,550.00	1,550.00
Board of Health Miscellaneous Fees	0.00	1,369.20	1,369.20
Nursing/Shots	2,700.00	7,212.41	4,512.41
Nursing Charges	200.00	1,631.00	1,431.00
Library Fees	2,700.00	3,145.54	445.54
Beach Stickers	73,000.00	48,570.00	-24,430.00
Historical Commission Fees	100.00	150.00	50.00
Historical Commission Hearing	100.00	500.00	400.00
<b>Total Local Receipts</b>	<b>19,045,318.00</b>	<b>20,377,807.94</b>	<b>1,332,489.94</b>
<b>State Aid:</b>			
Hotel/Motel Taxes	101,400.00	110,291.00	8,891.00
Abatements to Spouses	17,824.00	17,683.00	-141.00
Abatements to Elderly	55,722.00	52,208.00	-3,514.00
School Aid Chapter 70	4,035,010.00	4,035,010.00	0.00
Charter School Reimbursement	22,102.00	75,011.00	52,909.00
Police Career Incentive	83,493.00	80,403.61	-3,089.39
Veterans Benefits	57,014.00	64,516.00	7,502.00
Lottery	1,265,913.00	1,265,913.00	0.00
State Owned Land	123,683.00	126,998.00	3,315.00
Medical Reimbursement	0.00	21,071.00	21,071.00
Miscellaneous State Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional Assistance Local Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>5,762,161.00</b>	<b>5,849,104.61</b>	<b>86,943.61</b>
	<b>24,807,479.00</b>	<b>26,226,912.55</b>	<b>1,419,433.55</b>

**HARBOR ENTERPRISE**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

State Boat Ramp

Available      Expended

Salaries	12,723.00	12,699.75	23.25
Expenses	1,647.00	1,468.19	178.81
Capital	3,000.00	379.08	2,620.92
Indirect Costs	4,192.00	2,942.31	1,249.69
Total	21,562.00	17,489.33	4,072.67

#### Harbormaster

Salaries	28,559.00	28,547.75	11.25
Expenses	12,874.00	12,743.29	130.71
Capital	5,000.00	1,738.60	3,261.40
Dredge	65,000.00	0.00	65,000.00
Indirect Costs	18,485.00	14,727.91	3,757.09
Total	129,918.00	57,757.55	72,160.45

#### Wharfinger

Salaries	4,434.00	4,434.00	0.00
Expenses	6,850.00	10,165.84	-3,315.84
Capital	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Repay Debt	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Indirect Costs	1,676.00	944.52	731.48
Total	28,960.00	30,544.36	-1,584.36

Totals	180,440.00	105,791.24	74,648.76
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### HARBOR ENTERPRISE STATEMENT OF REVENUES BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<u>State Ramp</u>	19,650.00	19,306.00	-344.00
<u>Harbormaster</u>			
Moorings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dredge Surcharge	27,000.00	7,481.00	-19,519.00
Dock and Slip Fees	52,000.00	62,312.23	10,312.23
Mooring Rentals	2,900.00	0.00	-2,900.00
Interest	0.00	25.00	25.00
<u>Wharfinger</u>			
Wharfage	24,749.00	26,651.06	1,902.08
Interest	0.00	1,052.62	1,052.62
Service Charges	2,947.00	1,837.30	-1,109.70
<u>Waterway Revenue</u>	28,000.00	40,523.17	12,523.17
	157,246.00	159,188.40	1,942.40

WATER ENTERPRISE  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>To Fund Balance</u>
Expenses:			
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,500.00	779.71	3,770.29
Water Purchases	51,000.00	48,972.93	-1,743.22
	51,000.00	48,972.93	2,027.07

WATER ENTERPRISE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES  
BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Water Usage	51,000.00	45,891.31	-5,108.69
Service Charges	0.00	6,427.86	6,427.86
Meters	0.00	652.22	652.22
Interest	0.00	290.29	290.29
	51,000.00	53,261.68	2,261.68

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS AUTHORIZED

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
COA - Programs	6,971.70	12,857.00	11,236.73	8,591.97
Senior Building Center	6,094.17	8,050.00	0.00	14,144.17
COA - Transportation	27,697.87	30,682.20	0.00	58,380.07
COA - Senior Day Care	41,468.40	54,809.46	67,434.02	28,843.84
Ambulance	130,448.85	80,000.00	106,599.58	103,849.27
Cable Advisory	206,059.47	180,811.92	79,149.34	307,722.05
Planning Board - GIS	14,755.00	7,440.00	1,620.33	20,574.67
	433,495.46	374,650.58	266,040.00	542,106.04



## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN BEACH**

The following is a report of the Town Beach for the year ending December 31, 2006.

Four full-time and one part-time lifeguard patrolled cherry and Webb Town Beach in 2006. All lifeguards were certified. They were also certified to administer CPR, First Aid and Automatic External Defibrillation (AED). The lifeguards were responsible for guarding the water in the designated swimming area at Cherry and Webb from 9:30 a.m. until 4:45 p.m., seven days a week. Their other duties included keeping both Cherry and Webb and East Beach clean by picking up trash, emptying the barrels and raking the seaweed on Cherry and Webb Beach. The season generally starts after the second week in June and ends on Labor Day, weather permitting.

During the 2006 season the lifeguards performed their duties with the aid of a four-wheel drive vehicle and a variety of rescue and first aid equipment purchased by the Beach Department. This equipment included rescue cans, tubes and reels, as well as an AED, an oxygen tank and other medical supplies. Two police radios allowed for communication with the Police and Fire Departments, Horseneck State Beach and the Harbormaster. The lifeguards were trained in rescue protocol designed specifically for Cherry and Webb and practiced drills to assure that all guards were familiar with the rescue procedures. As in past years the lifeguards worked closely with the Beach Committee and the Town Administrator to continue to improve water safety at the town beach. It is the goal of the lifeguards and the Beach Committee to continually strive to advance the safety of the Westport Town Beaches.

Thank you to Town Administrator Charlene Wood, the staff at the Town Hall, the Beach Committee, the Police Department, the Fire Department, Emergency Management Director Michael McCarthy and the Highway Department. Your help in the 2006 season was invaluable.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenna St. Martin  
Head Lifeguard

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN FARM**

The following is a report for the Town Farm for the year ending December 31, 2006.

2006 will be remembered as a turning point in the history of the Westport Town Farm. The south apartment became available and representatives from The Trustees of Reservations, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, contacted the Commission about the possibility of leasing parts of the farm. After careful negotiations with the Selectmen and Town Counsel, the Town entered into a license agreement with the Trustees, which includes their use and maintenance of the south apartment, the barn, corncrib and outhouse, along with most of the land.

This is an ideal solution for the Town Farm. The Trustees have the expertise, the energy, the vision and the resources to manage a property such as this. Their working partnership with the Westport Land Conservation Trust, the Community Preservation Committee and the Agricultural/ Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Council shows a deep commitment to the Town of Westport. It also demonstrates their ability to work creatively with others to find the best solutions. In the first phase of this project The Trustees will create and maintain a parking area and walking trails, maintain the fields and stonewalls. A planning committee is being formed to discuss and explore uses and improvements to the buildings, along with the possibility of community-supported agricultural operations and educational and land conservation activities.

Thanks to the Community Preservation Committee the barn roof has a new protective coat of paint, as does ½ of the carriage-shed roof, while its other side has new cedar shingles. Thank you Westport taxpayers. The barn had a corner post repaired and the house received some needed attention to its south facing fascia board. The north apartment continues to house the same steady tenant and received a new boiler this winter.

The farm's annual budget of \$2,816.00 is spent on maintenance and repairs. At present the Town Farm Trust Account contains \$11,881. This account was generated by a private donation.

A Community Preservation Committee funded history of the Westport Town Farm is in the process of being researched and written. The Town vault has given up some fascinating documents covering the forming and use of this farm as a poor farm, almshouse, infirmary from 1841-1956.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Geraldine Millham

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**

I hereby submit my annual report as Treasurer June 30, 2006.

Cash balance June 30, 2005 . . . . .	\$10,632,664.95
Receipts July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006	34,468,634.96
Total	\$45,101,299.91
Expenditures-Warrant July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006	(33,760,909.67)
Balance June 30, 2006	\$11,340,390.24
Total Cash June 30, 2006 . . . . .	\$11,340,390.24

You are hereby advised the following interest was earned for the Town of Westport through the cash management system and regular investments by the Town Treasurer of cash for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Interest earned on Certificates of Deposit-Stabilization Fund . . . . .	\$ 36,855.75
Income earned on Certificates of Deposit-Pension Reserve Fund: Special Fund for Retirement Purposes M.G.L. Chapter 40 Sec. 5D . . . . .	33,923.08
Interest earned on Certificates of Deposit, Money Market and Savings-Revenue . . . . .	196,693.21
Total Income earned July 2005 through June 2006 . . . . .	267,472.04

Respectfully submitted,  
  
George E. Foster  
Treasurer

# TOWN OF WESTPORT DEBTS ACCOUNT

June 30, 2006

Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	\$3,050,000	
School Remodeling		2,400,000
Agriculture/Open Space Preservation		950,000
	<u>\$3,050,000</u>	<u>\$3,050,000</u>

## SCHEDULE OF DEBT & INTEREST OUTSTANDING

June 30, 2006

	Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
#1	02/15/02	School Remodeling	3.8657%	10/15/06	41,925.00	
				04/15/07	41,925.00	300,000
				10/15/07	36,675.00	
				04/15/08	36,675.00	300,000
				10/15/08	30,975.00	
				04/15/09	30,975.00	300,000
				10/15/09	24,975.00	
				04/25/10	24,975.00	300,000
				10/15/10	18,975.00	
				04/15/11	18,975.00	300,000
				10/15/11	12,825.00	
				04/15/12	12,825.00	300,000
				10/15/12	6,525.00	
				04/15/13	6,525.00	300,000
Total School . . . . .					\$345,750.00	\$2,100,000
#2	12/16/05	Agricultural/ Open Space Preservation Trust	4.20%	12/16/06	39,789.17	190,000
				12/15/07	31,920.00	190,000
				12/15/08	23,940.00	190,000
				12.15/09	15,960.00	190,000
				12/15/10	7,980.00	190,000
Total Land Trust . . . . .					\$119,589.17	\$950,000

## TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET

TRUST & INVESTED ACCOUNTS

June 30, 2006

Cash & Securities in Custody of Treasurer	\$3,893,747.84
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## FUND BALANCES:

### Non-expendable:

Elton W. "Mickey" Brightman Trust	\$ 10,000.00
Mary Brown Library	5,000.00
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund	19,585.02
Nancy Ring Fenn Music Scholarship	33,342.00
Hicks Library	500.00
Harry Hoyt Library	10,000.00
Library Trusts:	
R & R Tripp	1,500.00
Arline Gifford	4,050.00
Rhoda Sheehan	1,000.00
Alice Dennett Tripp	3,931.00
Lockwood Towne	2,600.00
Isabelle Bowen	1,410.00
Rosemary Woodman Mullaney Trust	26,000.00
Edythe M. Pelletier Library	2,500.00
Salisbury Scholarship	52,966.53
Hazel Tripp High School Library	5,000.00
Hazel Tripp Public Library	200,000.00
Lisa Chase Tripp Trust	13,102.05
Imogene Weeks Library	1,000.00

### Cemeteries:

Point Cemetery	\$ 8,232.00
Hicks Lot	2,000.00
Private Cemetery	6,907.00
Peleg Peckham	6,430.00
Irene Poole	2,190.00
Linden Grove	16,715.00
Beech Grove	430,152.00
Maple Grove	81,172.66

Total Non-expendable . . . . . \$948,540.26

### Expendable:

Agriculture/Open Space Preservation Trust	\$ 3,858.00
Ambulance	10,571.27
Appeals Board	6,865.94
Bicentennial Playground	302.36
Bowman Library Trust	11,094.82
Brightman Trust	748.48
Mary Brown Library	5,285.73
Community Center	1,436.40
Conservation Trust	12,806.70
Conservation Open Space	204.33
Desrosiers Trust	10,926.88
Helen Ellis Trust (Arts Lottery)	28,038.58
Fenn Music Scholarship	4,513.20
Grimshaw-Gudewicz Trust	5,359.33
Grimshaw-Gudewicz II	6,502.87
Hicks Library	59.16
Historical Commission	5,670.33
Hoyt Library	2,696.76
Kirkaldy Trust	37.71
Landing Commission	34,599.71
Law Enforcement	41,411.07

Library Trusts	828.59
Mullaney Trust	1,631.84
Pelletier Public Library	148.20
Perpetual Care	445,537.91
Planning Board Engineering	170,660.96
Retirement/Pension Trust Fund	914,289.67
Salisbury Trust	4,025.36
School Improvement Fund	11,333.71
Stabilization Fund	1,086,813.05
Town Farm	13,966.84
Hazel Tripp High School Library	6,820.71
Hazel Tripp Public Library	49,900.26
Hazel Tripp Senior Center	30,290.47
Lisa Chase Tripp Trust	146.38
Veterans Memorial	1,370.26
Imogene Weeks Library	179.40
Westport Citizens' Betterment - Fuel Assistance	3,155.51
Westport Citizens' Betterment	5,558.96
Wolf Pit School	5,559.87

Total Expendable . . . . . \$2,945,207.58

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS AGENT

I herewith submit my report for 2006 as Director/Agent of Veterans Services.

Cases on hand December 31, 2006	21
Cases on hand December 31, 2005	22
Cases opened during 2006, State & Federal	30
Cases not approved in 2006, State & Federal	3
Cases closed during 2006, State & Federal	3
Cases pending end of 2006, State & Federal	10
Veterans requiring help with obtaining medications & health services from the D.V.A. 2006	67
Veterans requiring additional help with applications being lost or waiting to be adjudicated	6
Veterans Hospitalized in 2006	73
Veterans/Dependents requiring services in 2006	1,521
Veterans Population in Westport in 2005	1,108

The amount of monies received by Veterans and/or Dependents from compensation, Pensions, Education, Voc Rehab, Insurance's and Indemnities resulting from claims filed through Veterans' services and the Department of Veterans Affairs equal \$1,521,126.00. The amount of monies received as reimbursement from the Office of the Commission of Veterans' Services and Benefits expended by the Town of Westport for the year 2005 equal \$.57,841.00.

The Veterans services and benefits program has expanded this past year due to the improved housing areas now providing decent housing to our veterans and widows that are left behind. They are required to make do with their Social Security and small pensions. Those who are destitute are provided benefits to supplement their needs. Most of our new neighbors come from other communities in the Commonwealth, so now we are committed to supplement the incomes of those who qualify by law. They have to first meet the Veteran's Benefits regulations and do not automatically qualify for all benefits that are available.

A must for all veterans to read, this is where your chapter 115 & 108 benefits come from, your VSO/Agent follows these rules to determine benefits. Needs and income are an important factor. Make an office appointment to see what you do or do not qualify for.

For 143 years, since 1861, from its first commitments to the civil war veterans and their spouses and dependents, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has demonstrated solid concern and compassion for those men and women who have displayed sacrifice, valor, and duty when their state and nation called upon them. It supports a network of services and benefits to insure that none of the 500,000 veterans in the State who served in time of war or their dependents will go hungry or become homeless or medically deprived.

After WWII when its membership was overwhelmingly veterans, the Legislature completely reorganized Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Law, which formed the basis of today's Veterans' financial and medical benefits system and established the title of Commissioner now the Secretary of Veterans' Services.

The Secretary has the responsibility for the proper administration of MGL 115. In addition to his supporting staff of some 35 personnel, most of whom are located in offices next to the State House, Veterans' Agents now called Veteran Service Officers carry out the program. They provide assistance in every city and town in the Commonwealth.

The VSO/Agent is a local employee and must be a veteran. It is the VSO/Agent to whom unemployed, indigent, disabled, ill, injured or otherwise needy veterans first apply for assistance. The Agents interview the applicants and determine their eligibility.

If a veteran qualifies, the agent will provide him with necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula, which takes into account the number of his dependents and his income from all sources. All expenses are paid by the veteran's hometown, and periodically, upon validation of the expenses. The Commonwealth reimburses 75% of those approved costs. The Commonwealth assists also in burial expenses for indigent veterans.

It is a modest program, separate from public welfare, but it provides for a veteran's necessary support with the dignity to which he/she is entitled in the view of the sacrifices made in the service of his country. Needy dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits, as would the veteran if he was living.

In addition to the benefits paid through the program described, the Department of Veterans' Services pays an annual annuity of \$2,000 to certain veterans who have suffered permanent disabilities due to enemy action or accident during wartime. Additionally, the Department provides funding for nine non-profit veterans' outreach centers and three homeless shelters located throughout the Commonwealth. These programs require active veteran participation and are regionally-based service networks.

Massachusetts Veterans' Services has no formal affiliation with the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). It has an office at the VA's Regional Office, however, that provides assistance through the Veterans' Agents to all veterans and their dependents in applying for VA educational benefits, pensions, home loans, and arrangements for the treatment of service connected illness or injuries.

Furthermore, all veterans meeting certain wartime service-connected criteria are provided with motor vehicle benefits and property tax exemptions. There is Veterans Preference for state-aided public housing and civil service employment. Low-interest home loans are available through the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency. Eligible veterans may attend state colleges and universities as full time undergraduate students and receive full tuition waivers. Bonuses are paid to veterans of all wars since WW-I. There are two independent Soldiers' Homes in the Commonwealth.

The Veterans' Agents/VSO's are available to anyone seeking information or assistance in the area of veterans' benefits and services and can always be reached at their city or town halls. All citizens are encouraged to meet their local Veterans' Agents and learn about veterans' programs.

Our locally based veterans' assistance program is unlike that of any other in the nation and the envy of many other states. Listen to your V.S.O and not your friends, neighbors or other veterans who think they know the law on receiving benefits. Apply, and if not satisfied with the finding of your local agent then appeal the case.



to the Veterans' Services Office in Boston. They always have the final say.

When requesting monies to operate this program we must remember that our obligation is to those who have paid the price for our freedom. Each and every one of us who live in this country has or had someone of his or her family who served during a war period, we were required by law to serve before. We now are on a volunteer basis serving and ready to die for this freedom.

I hope I have helped all to understand the importance and purpose of this program.

Respectfully submitted

Ronald E. Costa  
Director/Agent of Veteran's Services

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' GRAVE REGISTRATION OFFICER**

I herewith submit my report for 2006 as Veterans' Graves Registration Officer.

Upkeep Outlying Private Cemeteries	\$ 820.00
Large Flags, U.S. & POW/MIA Graves	
Flags, Grave Flag Holders	\$ 1,388.00
Transportation, Graves Officer	\$ 256.00
Supplies, Office/Groundskeeping, Bugler Services& Flowers	\$ 293.00

The Veterans' Graves Department provides numerous services assisting veterans, widows and dependents in need. Monuments are provided for veteran's graves and final arrangements are made including burial in National Cemeteries. We in Westport are fortunate enough to have our own burial plots free of charge to our Veterans and their spouse. No reservations are made but Veterans should first have their separation papers on file at the town Veterans' Office and should make arrangements with their Funeral Director notifying him of their wishes to be buried at the Town Veterans' Burial Plot. You must be a resident at time of death, have been born and entered the services from Westport at time of entry. All this information is recorded on your separation papers and that is why it is important to have them recorded at the Westport Veterans' Office.

On behalf of the Veterans' Graves and Memorial Department, I would like to thank our four Veterans' organizations and Auxiliaries. Without their support, many of my services would not be possible. I would like to thank the Westport V.V.A. Chapter #207 for being present and providing the Honor Guard and Firing Squad at all our ceremonies and burials. I would also wish to thank the Boy Scouts in Westport for helping decorate the graves on Memorial Day and for their decorations at Christmas time at the Memorials throughout the town. I also wish to thank the Girl Scouts for their participation in our community events and their part in providing a Christmas Party for our elder Veterans or their widows at the State Road Housing Property.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Costa  
Veterans' Graves Registration Officer



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

I herewith submit my report as Service Officer for the Veterans' Organizations located in the Town of Westport for the year 2006.

Through the combined efforts of our three organizations located at the Legion Hall, A.L. Post #145, D.A.V. Chapter #118 and V.V.A. Chapter #207 the following improvements were made.

Things have been going well in Westport. Most all planned improvements have been made. The fundraisers have been successful and the hall has been remodeled. The outside has been painted. We wish to thank the sheriff and those inmates who volunteered to get the work done. We now have a baseball team representing the Westport Legion. In their first year they made the play-offs. This year they went to the finals. Congratulations for a job well done! The team is made up from our own talented ballplayers in the Westport area. Keep an eye on this new team.

Officers and members of VFW Post # 8502 continue with their support to children activities. They support a little league baseball and basketball team as well as put on activities at Christmas. They have a scholarship program and promote other school and children activities that help to educate our children. They meet on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and Chef Willie provides them with a class breakfast.

The DAV Chapter #118 donated scholarships to our children and a large flag to Greenwood Terrace. We also donated a large flag to the Town Hall and Latessa Square. This unit is not as active as the others due to the age and the disabilities of the veterans. Its membership is getting smaller but we are still active. We have family meetings monthly and our women pick a place to socialize. It works if you're retired.

Our V.V.A. Chapter #207 continues to support the Community with its Honor Guard. They have participated in over 1,600 ceremonies in our community. With their Fathers Day and Sweetheart fund raising breakfasts, they earned and contributed six scholarships this past year to local children. This year they were asked to participate in some of the Boy Scout programs teaching the scouts how to fold the flag at their ceremonies. We wish to thank all that have remembered our Veterans throughout the year. To the Auxiliaries for their fine work, to the community for their support at all times and to all the children from the Middle School that donated to the cans for the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. We also thank those high school students who were gracious enough to invite our Veterans to participate in their programs as well as being there for our Ceremonies on Memorial Day. We the Veterans of Westport thank you all.

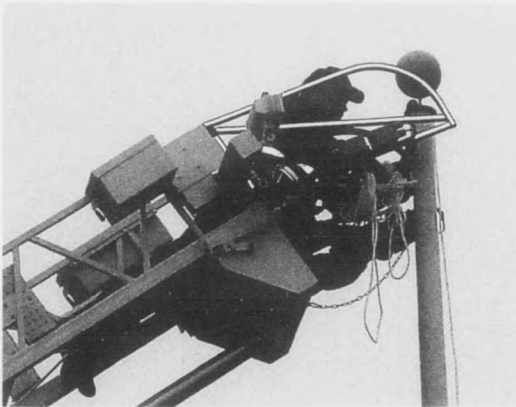
Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Louis Clapin, Commander  
V.F.W. Post #8502

Joseph J. Aquilia, Commander  
A.L. Post #145

Arthur Proulx, President  
V.V.A. Chapter #207

Ronald Costs, Commander  
D.A.V. Chapter #118



Firefighter/EMT Ray Benoit Fixing the Town Hall Flag Pole While Perched on the New Ladder Truck

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WHARFINGER

The following is the Wharfinger's annual report for the year ending 2006.

Revenue generated into the Enterprise Fund from the 31 commercial fishing boats that tie at Town Dock is \$24,437.20. Electric use paid by the boat owners in those slips is \$3557.40. Money paid back to the Town this year is \$15,000 (borrowed for the wharf project – completion payback date is FY12 at the \$15,000 per year). I wish to thank the Highway and Police Departments for help from time to time at the facility this past year. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Sherman  
Wharfinger



October 28, 2006 Storm Flooded Main Road and the Docks at Westport Point

**Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

**All Schools & Departments**

**2005-2006**

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**Westport School Committee**

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>
Ann Boxler, Chair	1 Fox Lane	2006
Paul Menzies	7 Forsythia Lane	2007
Julia Bernert	50 Cross Road	2007
Robert Kowalczyk	387 Tickle Road	2008
Sally Huntington, Vice Chair	275 Division Road	2009
Kelly Cooper	97 D Drive	2009

Regular School Committee meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and are open to the public. The School Administration Offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the school year and 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during school vacations.

Admission into school involves consideration of both chronological age and readiness to approach the challenge of a school program. The School Committee has established the following chronological minimum age requirements for entry into school:

- Children who will be three years of age on or before September 1 of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter the pre-school program;
- Children who will be five years of age on or before September 1 of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter kindergarten in September;
- Children who will be six years of age before January 1 of the school year will be considered for entry into grade one in September.

Transfer students from private and/or public kindergarten programs who have completed less than three months in a kindergarten setting will be required to follow the same entrance criteria.

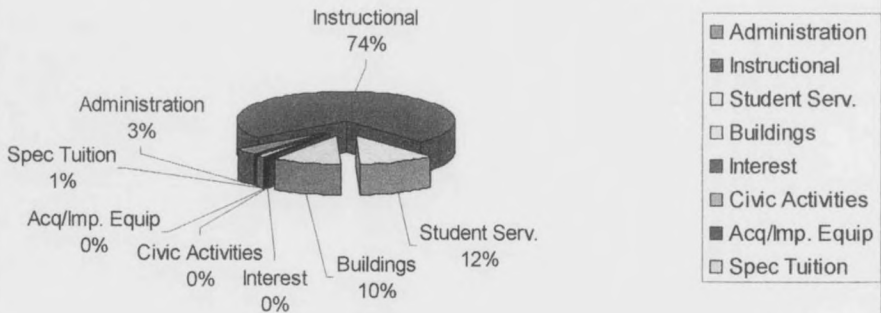
2005-2006 School Attending Children (as of January 2006)					
Grade	Westport Community Schools	Westport Students in: Charter, Other Public Bristol, Diman	Westport Tuition Placements	Private or Parochial Schools	Total
<u>Pre-K</u>	120	0	0	18	138
K	132	2	0	38	172
<u>Macomber</u>	252	2	0	56	310
Grade 1	125	2	0	24	151
Grade 2	125	1	0	38	164
Grade 3	125	1	0	40	166
Grade 4	145	3	1	34	183
<u>Elementary</u>	520	7	1	136	664
Grade 5	156	3	0	38	197
Grade 6	149	2	0	29	180
Grade 7	171	2	0	36	209
Grade 8	179	0	1	27	207
<u>Middle</u>	655	7	1	130	793
Grade 9	160	21	1	34	216
Grade 10	145	26	1	44	216
Grade 11	95	27	2	41	165
Grade 12	107	25	1	35	168
<u>High</u>	507	99	5	154	765
Totals	1934	115	7	476	2532

### FISCAL 2006 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

	FY 06 Expended
<b><u>Expenses by School Committee</u></b>	
1000 Administration	464,083
2000 Instructional	9,731,600
3000 Student Services	1,536,605
4000 Buildings	1,329,571
5000 Interest	0
6000 Civic Activities	35,253
7000 Acquisition/Improvement Equip.	53,071
9000 Special Needs Tuition	<u>145,329</u>
<b>Total School Committee Appropriation</b>	<b>13,295,512</b>

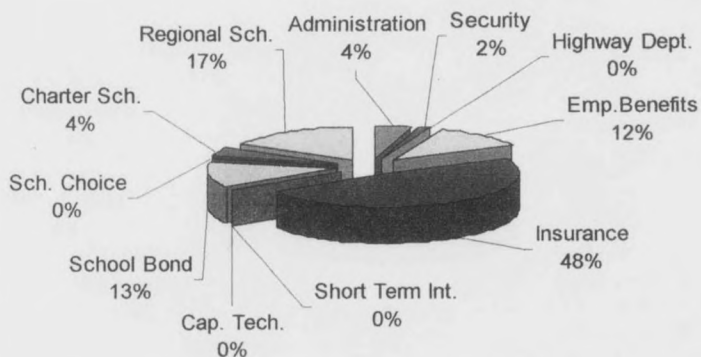


### School Committee Spending



1000 Administration	133,163
3600 Security	50,000
4000 Highway Department	2,998
5100 Employee Benefits	356,581
5200 Insurance	1,468,904
5450 Short Term Interest	0
7350 Capital Technology	0
8000 School Bond	394,050
9100 Tuition – School Choice	5,238
9120 Tuition – Charter Schools	134,256
9500 Regional Schools	515,657

<b>Total Town/School Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,356,359</b>
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- ☒ Administration
- ☒ Security
- ☐ Highway Dept.
- ☐ Emp. Benefits
- ☒ Insurance
- ☐ Short Term Int.
- ☒ Cap. Tech.
- ☐ School Bond
- ☒ Sch. Choice
- ☒ Charter Sch.
- ☐ Regional Sch.

**Federal & State Revenues**  
**2005-2006**

<b>Federal Grants</b>	<b>Revenue Awarded</b>
SPED 94-142 Evaluation & Therapy	381,088
SPED Prof. Development & Training	10,000
SPED Early Childhood	17,319
Title V	5,030
Title II - Enhanced Education	4,791
Title I	169,262
Curriculum Development-High School That Work	7,220
Middle School Reading	27,465
Title II - Teacher Quality	67,596
SPED Program Review	3,000
<b>Total Federal Grants</b>	<b>692,771</b>
<b>State Grants</b>	<b>Revenue Awarded</b>
Academic Support Serv. Summer	5,250
Academic Support Services - SY	9,740
Alternative Education Program	74,940
Community Partnership (FR Sch)	0
Mental Health Proj. (FR Sch)	0
Full Day Kindergarten	67,350
<b>Total State Grants</b>	<b>157,280</b>
<b>Total Federal &amp; State Grants</b>	<b>850,051</b>

**Revolving Account Balances**  
**As of December 1, 2006**

School Day Care Revolving	17,198
Use of School Property Revolving	3,640
Reimbursement Lost Supplies/Materials Revolving	3,969
Student Athletic & Activities Revolving	14,523
Adult & Continuing Ed./Community School Revolving	10,911
Insurance Claims Revolving	0
School Choice Revolving	7,192
Scholarship Revolving	3,550
Telephone E-Rate Revolving	11,002
Transportation Reimbursement Revolving	32,709
<b>Total Revolving Accounts</b>	<b>104,694</b>



**ALICE A. MACOMBER PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Paula Sullivan, Principal

### General Statement

We all share in the ongoing investment to ensure that our children successfully meet educational standards in the early grades. Essential in a good plan is providing, facilitating, and initiating meaningful and authentic opportunities and experiences to help children understand the world in which they live and grow. Young children learn best through active participation and experience. High-quality early childhood education is not just an ideal; it's an essential investment. Missed opportunities can put children behind and create barriers to achievement that can last through high school. Giving children the right start greatly enhances their opportunities to succeed. Strong early learning leads to less remediation throughout the education system, which benefits students and families during the children's school years and beyond. Well-designed, high quality programs can support the development of higher level thinking skills that help children learn how to learn.

### School Programs

All preschool and kindergarten classes are located at the Macomber Primary School, 154 Gifford Road, Westport. The Macomber School houses six full-day kindergarten classrooms and nine sessions of preschool. All classrooms are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Children at the Macomber School are allowed to be successful with classroom experiences geared to their natural level of development. Macomber is a school that specifically accommodates the full range of abilities of young children. The use of a developmentally appropriate curriculum, as well as learning materials specifically geared to this age group, allows children to reach their greatest potential. This approach is consistent with the fundamentals of child development and emphasizes the belief that all children can learn.

Parents may enroll their children in the preschool program for two, three, or five half-day sessions a week. A sliding-fee scale for the preschool is available as one of our Early Childhood initiatives. Children identified with special needs are entitled to attend the program free of charge, and programs are developed to meet the individual needs of each child. The school budget and Community Partnerships for Children Grant #391, plus tuition fees, support the preschool programs.

Full-day kindergarten has been in place since FY 2000 and continues to be a positive and welcoming environment for our young students. There is one Title I expansion model classroom which enhances the kindergarten options offered at the Early Childhood Center. The focus of the Title I classroom is to look at how class size affects learning for at-risk students. Enrollment in the Title I classroom was limited to 12 students (10% of the total population). This year the kindergarten program had an average of 118 students enrolled. The school budget and Department of Education Grant #701 and Title I funds collectively support expenses for full-day kindergarten.

Daily lessons and school-wide activities for the preschool and kindergarten programs are developed to meet the criteria and benchmarks set forth by the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks standards and support the NAEYC guidelines. The content of the curriculum reflects a balance of all areas of learning offered in an integrated manner and reflects the holistic nature of how young children learn and develop.

### Parents and Community

Connections with local partners provide our community schools with a rich and continuous source of service and support. The Early Childhood Center at the Macomber School attempts to promote partnerships and increase parent participation in many ways. They include: encouraging parents to volunteer time at school; supporting an active PTO; and participating as an active member of the School Council. Our outreach efforts continue to explore the expansion of our partnerships with community based organizations that currently

include Bristol Community College, Fall River Public Schools Early Childhood Services, the Fall River Head Start and Early Intervention Programs, the Westport High School's internship program, Lees Supermarket and the Westport Police and Fire Departments.

Outreach efforts during this year included a series of parent workshops, evening events, and programs that encouraged the participation of extended family members and friends. Efforts in this area have intensified throughout the years and will continue to be a goal in the future. All staff members have been instrumental in building a school climate that is inviting to parents and community members.

### Curriculum and Instruction

High-quality programs, such as the one provided at the Macomber School, provide learning experiences that keep instruction grounded in children's interests and are developed around themes that unite learning in several disciplines. Teaching strategies at the Macomber School reflect the knowledge that young children are active learners, drawing on direct physical and social experiences to construct their understanding of the world around them.

Children's approaches to learning - their curiosity, motivation to learn, and pride in accomplishments - are keys to success in school achievement and beyond. The goal of the Early Childhood Team has been to develop instructional and non-instructional activities that will provide a nurturing and supportive school experience for the young learners in our care. Students are currently using a reading and math series based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks published by the Scott Foresman Company. These curriculum materials are used from Kindergarten through the sixth grade. This curriculum source gives staff and students access to the most current materials and provides continuity of instruction through the grades. At the Macomber School a curriculum committee made up of teachers from both the Macomber School and the Westport Elementary School and administrators meets monthly to discuss curriculum, transition, and supportive initiatives. The aim of the committee is to offer a child-centered learning environment with a curriculum that is both age-appropriate and individually appropriate. Additional technology equipment, including hardware and software, was purchased again this year to support curriculum instruction. Additional classroom furniture, manipulatives, books, and classroom supplies also were purchased through grant funds during the FY 2005-2006 school year.

### Success Indicators

The Macomber Primary School Early Childhood Center continues to hold National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation. The NAEYC is the nation's oldest and largest organization of early childhood professionals dedicated to improvement of quality early childhood education. NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous process by which early childhood programs demonstrate that they meet national standards of excellence. Approximately 7% of all early childhood programs in the United States meet this level of program quality. The Macomber Primary School has held this accreditation since 1993.

Professional development opportunities for staff at both the school level and at the system level were successfully planned and implemented. As a result, grade-level teams, as well as cross-grade-level teams developed lessons that meet NAEYC standards and the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks objectives. These lessons have provided students with access to high-quality instruction and have been instrumental in improving students' success rates.

### Extracurricular Programs

Lees Supermarket monthly events, PTO sponsored events, and various weekend/evening special events were offered throughout the year.

## Facilities

Through a program of regular and thorough maintenance, the Macomber School is in excellent condition. Renovations and improvements were made to both the inside and outside of the building. Examples include the replacement of two classrooms floors, additional signage throughout the building, and the repainting of four classrooms in the kindergarten section. Some special donations of time and materials for ongoing projects allowed us to maximize available dollars for the day-to-day operation of the school. A sculpture depicting *The Mixed Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle, was added to the school's garden. The sculpture was carved by environmental artist, Michael Higgins, and was made possible through PTO funds.

## Closing Statement

Although each of the four schools is different, we share a number of program features that support Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks objectives. We have worked at developing clear benchmarks that indicate where we are on the road to success for each and every student. At the Macomber School, goals for the FY 2006-2007 school year are to add one additional kindergarten classroom to reduce student ratios to be more in line with NAEYC recommendations, for staff to continue to provide, expand, and/or enhance a warm and nurturing first school experience for our children and families, for staff to continue to participate in both Curriculum and Readiness Committee activities, and to work with the Curriculum Department staff on developing benchmark strategies. The staff at the Macomber School is looking forward to providing even more high-quality early childhood programs that will meet the wide range of student and family needs. Curriculum activities will continue to be soundly based in the Massachusetts State Frameworks and NAEYC standards. Staff will continue to strive to develop curriculum and lessons based on the following nine key areas that align with the National Board Teacher Certification standards:

- Understanding young children
- Equity, fairness, and diversity
- Assessment
- Promoting child development and learning
- Knowledge of integrated curriculum
- Multiple teaching strategies for meaningful learning
- Family and community partnerships
- Professional practice

We know that children want to learn. We know that each and every child is capable of learning. And we know that growing and learning and aspiring require support and encouragement in the early years. The challenges now facing the early childhood community are immense, yet we cannot allow these obstacles to deter us in our advocacy on behalf of young children and families. Making our vision a reality requires commitment through partnerships among all stakeholders. Now is the time to join forces and advocate for policies and financial investments that will lead to excellence in early childhood education programs that are available and accessible to all children and families.

**WESTPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**Alec Ciminello, Principal**

## General Statement

We have had another superb academic year at Westport Elementary School. Our students have been fortunate to participate in numerous field study activities, including the Westport River Watershed Alliance,

Boston Museum of Science, and Plimouth Plantation. The student body participates in numerous school presentations funded by the parent group, WES/MAC PTO. Our students have participated in Destination Imagination as well as other extra-curricular activities supported by the WES/MAC PTO.

### Enrollment

As of the end of June 2006, the enrollment at Westport Elementary School was 533 students. The enrollment by class is as follows: grade one -129 students with an average class size of 22; grade two – 122 with an average class size of 20; grade three – 134 with an average class size of 22; grade four – 148 with an average class size of 25.

### Staffing

The Westport Elementary School staff is a dedicated one. In the building there is: one principal, one assistant principal, two school adjustment counselors, three office staff, one nurse, three custodians, four cafeteria staff, 36 teaching staff (including special education teachers, art, music, physical education, computer technology, physical therapist and occupational therapist) and 1.4 reading teachers. There are also three teacher assistants, four special needs paraprofessionals, one media paraprofessional, and four part-time Title I paraprofessionals.

### Curriculum

In the area of curriculum, Westport Elementary School has made great strides. Dr. Marjorie Condon, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Pamela Glass, Mathematics and Science Coordinator, have worked hand in hand with the teachers to develop new curriculum. The curriculum team was also instrumental in assisting the teachers in reviewing and rewriting the curriculum already in place.

The teachers at the elementary school participate in grade level meetings five times each year. These meetings are held with the goal in mind that teachers can work on curriculum needs/ grade level needs/programmatic needs. These meetings have been extremely successful in the total academic vigor of studies at the elementary school.

All strides in curriculum would not have been accomplished without the support and leadership of Dr. Linda Galton, Superintendent of Schools.

### Student Achievement

The ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) was given to all students in grades 2-4 in the fall. The results of this test state consistently that Westport scores within the average range of the normed scores. The CogAt (Cognitive Achievement Test) was given to students in grades one and three in the fall as well. This test gives teachers valuable information about students' learning styles and cognitive ability.

### MCAS Test Results

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) was given to students in grades 3 and 4. Grade 3 completed a Reading and Mathematics test, while grade 4 completed batteries in English Language Arts (as well as a long composition), and Mathematics. These tests will help the school assess growth during the next school year and the effectiveness of the district curriculum.

Westport's performance falls short of our expectations. With such high state standards, we will continue to modify our teaching styles so that students are better able to use their critical thinking skills and not rely on

mere rote or memorization. Westport Elementary School has increased its expectations for student writing through professional development and teacher directed curriculum modification. The Westport Elementary School remains committed to providing the most up-to-date techniques and training that will prepare our students for success.

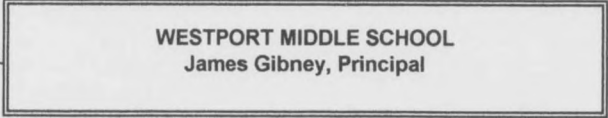
Finally, it is important to understand that any standardized testing instrument is not the sole measure of student performance. It should be tied to a sound district and school assessment program that recognizes strengths and weaknesses in our local curriculum and provides ways to improve.

### Parent and Community

Westport Elementary School is fortunate to have supportive parents and an extremely active parent group in the WES/MAC PTO. During the past year, WES/MAC PTO has brought numerous presentations for all grade levels, and provided buses and entrance fees for many of the field study trips. Parents are also visible throughout the building volunteering. On an average day 15-20 parent volunteers will be in the building assisting teachers in any way they can.

### Closing Statement

Westport Elementary School will continue to strive for excellence in the coming years. Many of the initiatives we have begun and will begin in the years to come, will increase student performance on standardized tests and classroom performance



**WESTPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**James Gibney, Principal**

### General Statement

We were fortunate once again to have an outstanding academic year at Westport Middle School. Our students participated in several worthwhile academic activities including the Massasoit League Spelling Bee and the Southeastern Massachusetts Geography Fair held at Bridgewater State College in the fall. Our eighth grade class continues to visit and participate in the Science program offered at the Christa McAuliffe Space Center at Framingham State College. Our entire seventh grade went to see a Christmas Carol at the Trinity Repertory Company and our entire eighth grade had the opportunity to participate in the encore program at the Zeiterion Theater. Our Spelling Team came in second out of ten Southeastern Massachusetts Middle School teams during the Spelling Bee Competition. Also, sixteen of our students took first place honors at the Geography Fair. We saw an increase in some of our MCAS scores at some grade levels and individual student achievement scores on the IOWA test. Our overall IOWA tests increased at all grade levels. We need to continue to work on improving our MCAS Math scores at all grade levels. An ADHOC committee has been formed to work in this area.

### Enrollment

As of June 1, 2006, the enrollment at the Westport Middle School was approximately 652 students. Our average class size in grades 5 thru 8 ranged from 25-31 students. The enrollment by grade level was as follows: Grade 5, 150; Grade 6, 165; Grade 7, 189; and Grade 8, 169.



## Staffing

The staff of the Westport Middle School included the following: one (1) principal, one (1) assistant principal, two (2) guidance counselors, one (1) nurse, three (3) full-time office staff, forty-three (43) classroom teachers (includes regular education and special education teachers), one (1) library media specialist, one part-time (0.6) speech therapist, four (4) paraprofessionals, three (3) teaching assistants, and one (1) campus supervisor.

## Curriculum

Our staff worked long and hard on developing completely new curriculums in the following academic areas: Daily Writing and Grammar, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Social Studies. These curriculums have been published and continue to be implemented at all grade levels during the 2005-2006 school year. This has been an undertaking that has lasted four years and will greatly benefit each and every student attending Westport Middle School. It will also be an effective reference and resource guide for all teachers as they match this new curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. We are looking forward to continuing to work with the curriculum staff that has been hired by Superintendent Dr. Linda L. Galton and the Westport School Committee.

We continue to offer our students relevant and informative assemblies on an ongoing basis in the following areas: theatre arts, anti-tobacco issues, health programs, bullying programs, substance abuse, anger management, storytelling, poetry, etc. We thank the Westport Arts Lottery Council, The Concerts at the Point Group, and the Westport Middle School Association for continuing to provide funding for these worthwhile activities that have been a great benefit to all of our students.

## After School and Other Student Activities

Students were able to participate in an exciting after school program during the 2005-2006 school year. The following after school activities were offered during the school year:

Art Club	Soccer
Baseball	Science Club
Boys' and Girls' Basketball	Softball
Choral Club	Spelling Club
Collectors' Club	Stage Band
Drama Club	Student Council
Field Hockey	Volleyball
Homework Club	Yearbook
National Junior Honor Society	Whiffle Ball

In addition to the after school activities, we have continued the house competition between the students of the green, purple, and red houses. The culmination of this competition was an extensive student activities day including a movie, dance, and pizza party that was provided to the purple house students in June. These activities were made possible through the School Climate Committee that was established by a group of staff members who volunteered to develop and implement activities to promote school spirit and social opportunities for our students. We also implemented our 4th Annual Field Day, which has quickly become the most popular one-day program for the entire student body. We also reinstituted an annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. for the second time in twelve years. Over the Memorial Day weekend, one hundred sixteen students and nineteen chaperones visited various educational points of interest in our nation's capitol and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We thank the Westport Middle School Association for their generous donation towards the cost of this trip, and Superintendent Dr. Linda L. Galton and the Westport School Committee for allowing this trip to take place.

## Parents and Community

We are fortunate here at Westport Middle School to have an outstanding parent group called the Westport Middle School Association. During the past school year, they assisted us in raising funds to provide social and cultural activities above and beyond the normal curriculum to ensure that our students received every educational opportunity available to them. They also volunteered in classrooms, the media center, and other areas of the school. The Westport Middle School Association also sponsored assemblies related to educational issues. Our thanks and congratulations to our entire parent group for a job well done.

The Westport Middle School Association, in conjunction with members from the community, sponsored the 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast. More than 275 people attended this function, which brought the entire community together. Our Art club exhibited student artwork at this breakfast and the WMSA also sponsored a used book sale.

Finally, we commend and thank the 15 members of the School Improvement Council, who spent many hours developing a comprehensive School Improvement Plan that has been accepted by Superintendent Dr. Linda L. Galton and the School Committee. The components of this plan will continue to be implemented during the 2006-2007 school year. Our most significant accomplishment was the implementation of our curriculum guides and the proposed development of a grade 8 Career Education Program.

## Physical Plant Facility

The Westport Community Schools provides each of its school facilities with an outstanding custodial/maintenance program. An ongoing program to ensure that our students and staff have a safe and clean learning environment continues to be of great pride to our school system. Every custodial and maintenance need that was recognized during the school year has been addressed. No doubt the Westport Middle School is one of the cleanest and best maintained middle schools in Southeastern Massachusetts. We thank Superintendent Galton, the Westport School Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Westport residents for the new lights and floor tile that have been installed in our hallways and the window screens that have been installed in some of the classrooms located in the southeast section of our first floor. We also commend the Dianne B. Snyder Memorial Fund for their fundraising effort, which has resulted in a completely renovated and updated tennis complex on Westport Middle School property. It will be used for years to come by the entire Westport community.

## Closing Statement

The entire Westport Community can take pride in the educational program offered to its youth at Westport Middle School. The achievement that these students exhibit continues to be positive and is heading in the right direction. There are still academic areas that need improvement. With the assistance of parents, community, newly hired curriculum specialists and particularly students, the staff of the Westport Middle School has committed itself to establish excellence in education and a truly outstanding educational program for the citizens of Westport. By working together we can meet this goal during the 2006-2007 school year.





**WESTPORT HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Robert Wood, Interim Principal**  
**Submitted by: Cheryl Tutalo, Principal**

### Opening Statement

The 2005-2006 school year was successful for students and faculty at Westport High School. The first order of business for staff and administration was to refine and develop expectations and rubrics for Westport High School. This was successfully accomplished and this will improve instruction for the students at Westport High School, which will make students stronger academically.

Students continue to show improvement on our MCAS scores through dedication and continued reinforcement by staff in the academic areas of English and math. Our Reading Leadership Team continues to work to collect data on student reading and to provide instruction to staff after team members have successfully implemented new instructional methods.

A great deal of effort and time was spent preparing for our Coordinated Program Review and the Educational Quality Accountability Review. Teachers and administration, at all levels, worked many hours to meet criteria required by the audits. The high school will continue to work and follow recommendations of the two audit teams.

We continued to have a large percentage of our graduating seniors attend institutes of higher education. Our successes on the athletic fields and with student activities such as music, drama, and journalism brought us many honors and accolades. We continued to work actively to reinforce areas of commendation and address recommendations from last year's NEASC accreditation report.

### School Program

The student enrollment was 484. This consisted of 97 Seniors, 104 Juniors, 132 Sophomores and 151 Freshmen. Class size ranged from 3 to 29. Our staff consisted of 42 classroom teachers, 1 Media Center Director, 6 teaching assistants, 1 para-professional, 1 adjustment counselor, 3 clerks, 1 executive secretary, 1 campus supervisor, 1 nurse, 1 CNA, 2 Guidance Counselors, 1 Guidance Director, 1 Athletic Director, 1 Acting Assistant Principal, and the Principal.

### Success Indicators

Ninety (90%) percent of the graduating class of 2006 went on to higher education. Fifty-seven (57%) percent of our graduates will attend four-year colleges. Thirty-three (33%) percent will attend two-year colleges. Mr. Ralph Tripp, Director of Special Education for Westport Community Schools and graduate of Westport High School Class of 1962, gave the commencement address at graduation on June 11, 2006. This year's graduates received over \$56,000 in scholarships at our Awards Night on June 7, 2006, from such diverse sources as community organizations, local businesses, and local citizens. Four members of the Class of 2006 were recognized by the College Board as AP Scholars. This distinction was granted based upon their scores on the AP exams.

### Extra Programs

#### Athletics

The Westport High School Athletic Department had many reasons to celebrate during the 2005-2006 school years. Over 250 student-athletes participated in eleven varsity sports and seven junior varsity sports. Our

freshman boys' basketball program was reinstated. Five teams qualified for the post season MIAA team tournament. These included: Boys' Soccer, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Baseball, and Boys' Tennis. Two teams qualified for the MIAA Individual Tournament. These included: Golf and Boys' Tennis. Two teams were crowned Mayflower League Champions. These included: Baseball and Boys' Tennis. In addition, Class of 2006 graduate Michael Noonan shattered all school boys' basketball records during his senior year. These included: season three pointers (93), career three pointers (202), single season points (642), and career points (1,583). This was an incredible year!

On September 8, 2005 the Athletic Department held its Fifth Annual Sports Awareness Night. The program featured a review of the Student-Athlete Handbook, an introduction of the Athletic Department Staff, and comments from our guest speaker, Mrs. Cindy Rego, Class of 1975 alumnus. Overall, the event was well attended and informative.

During the fall season student athletes participated in varsity and junior varsity field hockey, varsity golf, varsity boys' soccer, junior varsity coed soccer and varsity and junior varsity volleyball. Throughout the season our players and coaches worked diligently. They represented our school and community with dignity. It should be noted that our Golf team proudly sent one player to the Division III MIAA Individual Golf Tournament and our soccer team qualified for a post-season play. The season concluded with the Sports Awards Banquet sponsored by the WHS Athletic Booster Club in November. After being treated to a wonderful meal, the athletes were presented certificates by their coaches who also highlighted their season. It was a nice evening for all!

During the fall season our athletes, coaching staff, parents, and community members participated in two fundraisers. These included the Second Annual Diane B. Snyder Memorial Tennis Tournament held at the Acoaxet Club in late September and a Bike Ride held in late October. Proceeds from the tennis tournament were used to add benches and lights to the tennis courts and proceeds from the Bike Ride supported the Athletic Department. Special thanks to Mr. Jim Labelle, owner of Village Bicycle, and the Athletic Booster Club for their support!

During the winter season student athletes participated in freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity boys' basketball, varsity and junior varsity girls' basketball, varsity cheerleading, and Cooperative Ice Hockey with Dartmouth High School. Five years after its demise due to limited participants and cost, our Cooperative Ice Hockey program returned. Four Westport High School students participated in this program. Special thanks to these parents for funding and transporting their children and to the Dartmouth High School Athletic Department for collaborating with us. Our freshman boys' basketball program returned this year thanks to the town league and had a good season. Our girls' and boys' basketball teams returned to post season tournament play and helped to make the winter season exciting. As previously noted Class of 2006 graduate Michael Noonan broke all WHS basketball scoring records which helped to make this season very enjoyable for all. Thanks to our cheerleading squad for their enthusiastic support of our winter teams. Special thanks to our "Wildcat Cub" for his time and energy. The season concluded with the Winter Sports Awards Banquet sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club in March. Athletes were presented certificates by their coaches who also highlighted their season. It was a great night! Special thanks to those who supported the Athletic Booster Club Benefit Basketball game and the "Mr. Westport" Contest held in March. Both events drew a lot of community support. All proceeds benefited the Athletic Department. Thank you!

Two senior female athletes, Jessica Medeiros and Sarah St. Martin, represented Westport High School at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the National Girl and Women in Sports Day held at Faneuil Hall in early February. On behalf of all WHS female athletes the girls received certificates. They were chaperoned by Coach Celia da Luz and their moms. In addition, Michael Noonan was nominated for the Dave Cowens Achievement Award and was presented a plaque at the Awards Banquet held at New Bedford Vocational High School in early March.

During the spring season student athletes participated in junior varsity and varsity baseball, varsity softball, varsity boys' tennis, and varsity girls' tennis. Under the tutelage of first year coach Celia da Luz, the Boys' Tennis team was crowned 2006 Mayflower League Champions. For her efforts, Coach da Luz was honored as Boys' Tennis Coach of the Year. The boys earned a berth in post season play and, despite playing some incredible matches, they were ousted by Cohasset High School in the first round. We also had three boys qualify for the MIAA Individual Tennis Tournament held in early May. The varsity baseball team repeated as

Mayflower League Baseball Champions and earned a tournament berth only to be ousted by Ashland High School. The junior varsity baseball team guided by Coach John Brennan had an undefeated season compiling a record of 17 wins. Our softball team and girls' tennis showed improvement and had some exciting moments. All in all, the spring season athletes provided our school with much excitement. Nice Job!

The spring season saw a change in the June Awards Night format. The Athletic Booster Club provided refreshments and desserts for all to enjoy. The coaching staff presented All-Star certificates and Booster Club awards and the Athletic Department and the WHS Administration presented its major awards. These included: MIAA fall, winter, and spring sportsmanship awards, the Joanne Charest Memorial Sportsmanship Award, the Christopher Cariglia Memorial Sportsmanship Award, the John T. Hickey Scholar-Athlete Awards, and the Best-All-Around Athlete Awards. After these presentations, team meetings convened so that coaches could present certificates to each athlete and they could highlight their season. The new format made the evening enjoyable for all.

In mid-May the annual Leadership Awards Banquet sponsored by the New Bedford Standard Times was held at Old Colony Regional High School. The WHS recipient of this prestigious award was Jeffrey Fernandes, a class of 2006 graduate. In addition, thanks to the effort of Mr. & Mrs. Normand Ouellette and the St. George Chapter 441, a pasta supper fundraiser was held at Westport High School in early May to benefit the Athletic Department.

As one can see, the 2005-2006 school year were definitely a time for celebration for our Athletic Department. Our "Wildcat" teams represented our school and community with pride, dignity, fair play, and good sportsmanship. On behalf of the Athletic Department we would like to thank the members of the WHS Athletic Booster Club and President, Mr. Larry Ramos for their time, dedication, enthusiasm, and support of our student athletes and coaches. Thanks also to all who helped to make this season memorable for our teams!!

### Student Activities

During the 2005-2006 school years over 225 students participated in the following clubs: Key/International Exchange Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Newspaper, Drama, Yearbook, Senior-Junior Prom Committee, and Indoor Color Guard. With the assistance of dedicated advisors, our students experienced many pleasurable moments throughout the school year.

This year the members of the Key/International Club were treated to three advisors. Since veteran advisor Mr. Anthony Melli would be retiring at the end of the school year, he invited Ms. Arlyn Bottcher and Ms. Melissa Sweeney to work with him so that they could be prepared to take over the club next year. What a great idea! The Key Club members worked diligently to provide food baskets for needy families during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays. They also collected toys, games, and clothing for needy children. Special thanks to our WHS students and staff and community members for their generosity in helping to make these drives successful. For the twenty-sixth consecutive year the WHS International Exchange Club hosted students from Okinawa, Japan during the month of March. Seven students and their advisor arrived at Westport High School on March 4<sup>th</sup> for a three-week stay. It was a memorable time for all. It should be noted that our students were unable to travel to Japan during the summer due to safety and security concerns. Hopefully, this program will be reinstated next year.

With the assistance of volunteer community members (organized by Mrs. Ann Chandanais - thank you!) our Student Council election was held on September 30, 2005. It replicated a typical town election day. It should be noted that nearly three-quarters of our student body exercised their civic responsibility and voted for their class officers. It was an enjoyable and wonderful learning experience for our students! Throughout the year members of Student Council took part in many events. These included: the Homecoming Dance, the Haunted Hallway, Donation Celebration, the Yankee Doodle Circus, Spirit Week and Rally, Family Movie Nights, Halloween Costume Dress-up Day, Student Band Shows, Mardi Gras Dance, "Day on the Green". Students sold Domino's pizza cards, entertainment books, Dorothy Cox chocolate bars, "Wildcat" wristbands, carnations, and school spirit clothing to raise money for their class treasuries.

Students representing Westport High School served on the state and regional Student Advisory Councils. Two seniors represented our school at the annual Student Government Delegate Day held at the State House in Boston in April of 2006. Other students served as School Committee and School Improvement Council delegates. Each of these organizations provided many learning experiences for our students and advisors.

On February 1, 2006 twenty-two juniors and three seniors were inducted into the Westport High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Mr. John Moniz, NHS Teacher of the Year, was invited to be the guest speaker for the ceremony. His message was thought provoking. In November the NHS members collaborated with the American Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive. The drive garnered an amazing 56 pints of blood from students, staff, and community members. In March the NHS collaborated with Southcoast Hospital Group for another blood drive and collected nearly 30 pints. Special thanks to Distinctive Auto Body on Route 6 for allowing our members to utilize their facility for a car wash. All proceeds helped to defray Induction expenses. In addition NHS members offered tutoring to students at all school levels.

For the ninth consecutive year the Newspaper staff took first place in the New England Scholastic Press Association Award Ceremony held at Boston University. The "Villager" also garnered an amazing 925 points out of 1,000 points in the prestigious Quill and Scroll Newspaper contest. In addition to publishing The "Villager" four times a week, the staff continues to produce the Literary Magazine and the Village Focus. Special thanks and congratulations to the newspaper staff and advisor, Mr. Harry Proudfoot, for continuing this tradition of excellence in the field of journalism.

In early December, the Drama Club presented the murder mystery "Dracula" and in late April they presented "Arsenic and Old Lace" to the delight of many in attendance. Under the guidance of new advisor, Mrs. Joan Blake, the Yearbook Staff now included students in grades 9-12. For the second consecutive year the staff produced a full-color yearbook with the assistance of Taylor Publishing. The Senior-Junior Prom was held at the Abbey Grill in Fall River on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a memorable evening for all.

The Indoor Color Guard under the direction of Mr. Addison Katerle worked hard throughout the winter season and represented our school and community with class at their many competitions. Special thanks to the Music Boosters for providing financial assistance to our Color Guard squad.

Overall, the 2005-2006 school year was filled with many exciting events and learning experiences for our student body. Special thanks to the advisors and all those who helped make these times memorable.

### Parents and Community

We continue to try to raise the level of parent involvement and awareness in Westport High School. The parent newsletter, cable announcements, parent informational nights and awards nights are all programs that were continued this year. All parents are encouraged to get involved with their child's education by participating in as many of our programs as possible.

A new parent organization was started at Westport High School this year, aptly named the Parent Association Westport High School – P.T.A. This is the first parent organization at Westport High School in many years.

Westport High School's Key Club/International Exchange club distributed Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the elderly and needy in Westport. We are very proud of the effort demonstrated by students and staff this holiday season. Student and staff efforts also supported the Schwartz Rehabilitation Center for children, Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, Covenant House, St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, Montana, scholarships in the name of Scott Pacheco and Amanda Tripp, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and for Katrina relief, Boot Straps, Rods and Reels.

Closing Statement

The staff at Westport High School continues to provide the best in educational services to the students of Westport. Even though Westport High has support from the Music Boosters and the Athletic Boosters, on-going fiscal support is imperative to run successful educational and athletic programs.

DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM, TESTING, AND  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
Dr. Marjorie Condon, Director

Opening Statement

Much was accomplished to improve curriculum and instruction in the schools during the past year. New textbooks were purchased and extensive professional development in effective instruction and assessment of students was offered to faculty and administrators. A new curriculum staff completed their first full year with the district. A Director of Curriculum, Testing, and Professional Development and Coordinators of Mathematics and Science and of English Language Arts worked with teachers and administrators to ensure that the district has a high quality curriculum aligned to the Massachusetts state curriculum standards.

Student Achievement

MCAS

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) was administered to students in grades 3-10, with different subject areas assessed in each grade. Students improved their performance from last year on five of the ten tests, had level performance on three tests, and declined on two tests. The percent of students scoring at each level of the state assessments and the number of points increased or decreased from 2004 to 2005 are shown in the following table.

Subject Grade	Proficient and Advanced		Needs Improvement		Warning/Failing	
	Percent of Students	Difference 2004-2005	Percent of Students	Difference 2004-2005	Percent of Students	Difference 2004-2005
Reading 3	63%	+3	30%	-7	6%	+3
English 4	44%	-18	50%	+16	6%	+2
Math 4	46%	+5	41%	-8	14%	+5
Science 5	60%	+3	34%	+2	6%	-5
Math 6	45%	+9	27%	-5	27%	-5
English 7	58%	-1	36%	+3	6%	-3
Math 8	29%	-3	39%	-3	32%	+6
Science 8	30%	0	36%	-10	35%	+11
English 10	66%	+10	22%	-11	12%	+1
Math 10	51%	0	35%	+5	15%	-4

Compared to state averages, local students were most above the state in grade 4 math and grade 5 science and most below the state in grade 7 English and grades 8 and 10 math. Teachers continue to work to improve MCAS performance by adjusting curriculum and instruction to respond to annual test results. In



addition, teachers use previous versions of the tests and other materials to familiarize students with the tests and to improve their test-taking strategies.

National Standardized Testing

In order to compare the achievement of Westport students to that of students nationally, the district annually administers the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) in reading, language and mathematics to students in grades 2-8 and the Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED) to students in grade 9. As has been the case in previous years, Westport students score above the national average in virtually every grade and subject area. The national average is a score of 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on a scale of 1-100. Westport's results are shown in the following table.

ITBS/ITED	Reading	Language	Mathematics
Grade 2	68%ile	61%ile	62%ile
Grade 3	62%ile	51%ile	55%ile
Grade 4	73%ile	70%ile	73%ile
Grade 5	69%ile	59%ile	64%ile
Grade 6	62%ile	57%ile	57%ile
Grade 7	63%ile	57%ile	60%ile
Grade 8	63%ile	54%ile	53%ile
Grade 9	51%ile	n/a	49%ile
National Average Percentile	50%ile	50%ile	50%ile

To measure the aptitude of students for language, mathematics and spatial reasoning, the district administers the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to students in grades 1, 3 and 5. At all three grade levels, students' scores exceeded the national averages.

Curriculum and Instruction

Teachers at the Macomber Primary School, Westport Elementary School and Westport Middle School completed their first year of implementing new reading and math programs this year. The district adopted the new textbook series, published by the Scott Foresman Company, at the start of the 2004-05 school-year, after an evaluation of top-rated programs nationally. The new series ensure that students study a consistent sequence of reading and mathematics skills from Kindergarten through grade 6, an improvement that teachers have found to be very effective.

The district is committed to having written curricula for all subjects that clearly show student expectations at each grade and demonstrate alignment to the standards of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Work on the curriculum continued this year with the high school completing curriculum guides for courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, the Arts, and Physical Education and Health. Curricula in English and Reading, Mathematics and Science were developed for the Macomber Primary School and Westport Elementary School. Curricula at the Westport Middle School, already completed in the major academic areas, continued to be updated as needed to align to new materials and to address results of testing.

The district has established a new structure to ensure broad teacher and administrative participation in making decisions about curriculum and professional development. A PreK-12 Curriculum Council will put in place a district wide plan for determining the curriculum and renewing it on a five-year cycle. Curriculum Leadership Teams in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Arts, and Physical Education and Health that will review curricula to ensure that it is complete, sequential, current and aligned to the state Frameworks. The Teams will also recommend professional development programs to support curriculum implementation. The Teams include teachers and administrators from all levels as well as community representatives.

## Professional Development

The district provided 5 full days and 3 half-days of professional development for staff this year, for a total of more than 40 hours of professional learning encompassed within the regular workday. Programs focused on a range of topics including reading across all content areas, understanding students' mathematical thinking, integrating engineering and technology into the curriculum, and analyzing MCAS results to make improvements in student learning. High school teachers devoted many hours to defining student expectations for high school graduation.

The district also offered teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals the opportunity to attend courses and workshops provided by colleges, universities and outside organizations. Many staff take advantage of the opportunity to advance their education with the district helping to subsidize a portion of the expense. Two important courses were offered this year through Research for Better Teaching, a well-respected organization that works with school districts throughout New England. All administrators in the district took a course in observing and analyzing teaching, and a group of teachers took an advanced course in understanding obstacles to student achievement.

## Grant Funded Programs

The Curriculum Office actively pursued grant funding, resulting in a total of \$185,000 in new funds for programs and more than \$12,000 in the form of teacher professional development and stipends, graduate courses, and classroom materials. Specifically, two grants from the MA Department of Education (DOE) totaling \$117,000 were received to create the Alternative Classroom and Transitions (ACT) program to help students with behavior and attendance problems avoid school failure and dropping out. Two other MA DOE grants provided \$50,600 for reading improvement projects at Westport Middle School and Westport High School. An award of \$11,970 from the Bristol County Commissioners was obtained to fund a tutoring program to improve the reading skills of elementary students and a summer science camp in robotics to enable middle school students to learn about the field of engineering technology. "Project Invention," an after-school program for students, was funded by \$5,900 from Southeast Alliance Pipeline in collaboration with Bridgewater State College. The "Connecting Oceans Academy" at UMass Dartmouth and the "Teaching American History Project" at Bristol Community College funded teacher teams from the elementary and middle schools to attend graduate courses and receive stipends and materials for their classrooms. Students had an added resource for preparing for the MCAS assessments as a result of a grant from JYF Network in Boston to provide software and training for a computerized curriculum and test preparation program.

## Closing Statement

The Curriculum Department looks forward to the coming year as an opportunity to continue the excellent work the district has done in curriculum and instruction. A key focus for the future will be establishing achievement benchmarks, clear statements of student expectations at each grade level, and regularly assessing how well individual students and the district as a whole are doing in meeting these expectations. We also want to explore ways to provide better services to students at all levels of the curriculum. Advancing the math curriculum at the middle and high school by including Algebra sooner is a priority. Finding ways to provide remedial intervention in reading and mathematics to middle and high school students is another challenge to be addressed. The promising efforts to make engineering a part of the learning of students in the middle grades will continue and be extended into the elementary grades. In working to make Westport's educational program outstanding in the region, we look forward as a district to working with and having the input of parents and members of the broader school community.



**SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
**Ralph Tripp, III, Director**

The Special Education Department of Westport Community Schools had an excellent 2005/2006 school year. We were evaluated by the Massachusetts Department of Education. This coordinated program evaluation reviewed our entire program. The outcome was very positive and motivates us to continue to excel under the federal law of "No Child Left Behind". High expectations for success is the benchmark we use for all students.

This year, the development of a Parent Advisory Group has been initiated. This provides an opportunity to meet with parents, provide training on special education issues, and also obtain valuable input.

This year, through the Massachusetts Medicaid Reimbursement Program, the special education program, with considerable assistance from many individuals in the school department, has been able to generate over \$100,000 in reimbursements. This money goes directly to the general fund of the Town of Westport.

The December 05 Student Information Management System (SIMS) reported 302 special education students. This enrollment included eleven students placed in out-of-district school placements with severe/low incident disabilities. These disabilities cannot be addressed in district in a way that allows students to make adequate yearly progress.

Education with high expectation in the least restrictive environment continues to be the goal of the special education department.

**INFORMATION SERVICES**  
**Maureen Brisson, Technology Coordinator**  
**Submitted by: Elizabeth Lewis, Technology Coordinator**

**General Statement**

The Westport Community Schools is guided by their 2005 - 2008 technology plan. The plan includes initiatives to align the curriculum to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, to develop quality technology-enhanced lesson plans, and to provide professional development for educators so that they can provide their students with the technology skills they will need for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. During the 2005-2006 academic year the district continued to work toward all of these goals.

**School Programs and Facilities**

In order to provide students with the opportunity to use technology to promote such skills as critical-thinking, communication, collaboration, and information literacy, students must be provided with access. The infrastructure within the high school was dramatically improved over the past year, as was the connectivity between the four schools and the town. Rewiring with category 6 wire at the high school provided faster connections through a fiber optic backbone, and critical pieces of network hardware were upgraded. This upgrade provides the high school with a solid, robust backbone that can withstand the projected expansion that will be needed to support emerging 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies. Upgrades were also done to the wide-area network between the schools. A fiber loop was installed, increasing bandwidth and providing high-speed connections between the schools and the potential for video or other communication technologies. In addition, Internet access capacity was essentially doubled and can support expansion. As part of the fiber i-loop project, the schools also became part of the town wide area network. This connectivity streamlines

essential transmissions of data to town hall and other departments.

The district continues to support at least one computer in every classroom. All of these computers are connected to a large screen monitor. In addition, Macomber and WES classrooms have a two or three station computer learning center in each classroom. The media centers in the elementary, middle, and high schools all have computers available for research. In addition, the middle school and high school have mobile labs. Instructional student labs are also located in all but the Macomber school. A six-station teacher-training lab is also available in the district's technology suite. The district is essentially self-supporting in the repair and upkeep of technology equipment; it employs a full time network engineer and computer technician. Training and education support is provided by the district Educational Technology Coordinator, Library-Media Specialists (WHS, WMS), and school-based technology mentors. In addition, the computer labs at the elementary and middle schools are staffed by instructional technology teachers.

### Curriculum and Instruction

Professional development is a critical part of providing teachers with strategies to integrate technology into content area classrooms. The Westport Community Schools has continued with the established mentoring model to promote best practices in the use of technology within the curriculum. This has been done through monthly help sessions, release time sessions, and in-school mentoring help. These sessions focus on combining the use of technology within a standards-based classroom and improving teacher technology competencies. In addition, history teachers across the district were provided with the opportunity to participate in a summer institute related to using primary resources, readily available through Internet resources, in the classroom. Teachers are surveyed annually in an effort to provide trainings that meet identified needs.

Technology as a daily productivity tool continues to be a priority throughout the district. Teachers utilize electronic grade books to calculate and submit grades electronically. This accurately streamlines the process of providing feedback on academic progress to parents, students, and faculty. In addition, teachers use productivity software to create materials for their classes. At a district level, a variety of technologies are used to facilitate the evaluation of test data and assist in targeting areas of need within the curriculum.

### Closing Statement

Information and communications technology (ICT) literacy is an essential component in the educational process. As a school district, we are committed to providing students and teachers with opportunities to strengthen these skills, which are critically necessary for success in the rapidly changing age of information technology.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**  
**Marc Furtado, Coordinator**

Student transportation operated on two tiers, utilizing a total of 17 busses to manage 34 routes. Due to exceptional increases in demand for student transportation, all busses were changed from 71 passenger models to 77 passenger models. Also, video cameras were installed on all busses. Middle and High School students were delivered to their respective schools on the earlier tier, while Elementary and Kindergarten students were delivered on the second, later tier. Tremblay's Bus Company, LLC provided the transportation services in the second year of a three-year contract. The cost of a 77-passenger bus per day was \$259.81. Enos Bus Company of Westport, MA was the primary provider of Special Education transportation services in the final year of a three-year contract. An average of approximately 40 students were transported daily to both in-house and outside placements. Total transportation expenditures were up by approximately \$41,000

due to increases in SPED transportation costs and regular transportation rate increases. These increases were partially off set by the use of approximately \$22,000 from the Transportation Revolving Account.

Transportation Financial Report		
	Budgeted	Expenditures
Salaries	\$ 54,700	\$ 54,700
Regular Transportation	\$795,726	\$795,726
Special Needs Transportation	\$285,614	\$285,614
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,136,040</b>	<b>\$ 1,136,040</b>

**FOOD SERVICES**  
**Marc Furtado, Coordinator**

The Westport Community Schools' food services program is self-supporting and offers healthy, appealing and nutritionally balanced meals consistent with the Recommended Daily Allowances and the Guidelines for Americans under the National School Lunch Program, emphasizing reductions in fat, sodium, and cholesterol. A full lunch for our students, including 8 oz. of milk, cost \$1.75 at the Elementary and Macomber Schools and \$2.00 with 10 oz. of milk at the Middle and High Schools. The cost for lunch at all schools remains below the average for the region and state. The Food Service staff at each school received monthly training on safety and sanitation procedures, as well as training on germs and food related illnesses. All staff are Serve Safe and CPR certified. Average daily student participation in the Westport Community Schools' lunch program remains well above the state average. The school lunch account finished the year approximately \$15,000 above last year's end of year balance.

Food Services Financial Report 06/06	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$42,008</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>	
State Reimbursement	\$10,530
Federal Reimbursement	\$116,585
Sales	<u>\$491,836</u>
Subtotal Revenues:	\$618,952
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	
Salaries	\$275,102
Food	\$273,351
Maintenance & Repairs	\$23,969
Supplies, Taxes & Misc	\$25,418
Equipment Acquisition	<u>\$ 5,108</u>
Subtotal Expenditures	\$602,948
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$58,011</b>

**SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL  
2005-2006**

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAMS**

Superintendent of Schools/Business Manager  
Director of Special Education  
Director of Curriculum, Testing & Professional Dev.  
Curriculum Coordinator – Math/Science  
Curriculum Coordinator – Language Arts/Reading  
Education Technology & Media Services Director  
Student Services Coordinator  
Head of Maintenance & Facilities  
Supervisor of Facilities  
Network Systems Engineer  
Computer Systems Technician  
Academic Support Services  
Executive Assistant for Human Resources  
Executive Assistant for Business Services  
Business Services Assistants

Superintendent's Secretary  
Clerical Staff

Maintenance & Facilities Assistant  
Maintenance Helper & Groundskeeper  
Courier/Custodian  
District Custodian  
School Committee Secretary  
School Psychologist  
School Physician

Dr. Linda L. Galton  
Ralph W. Tripp III  
Dr. Marjorie Condon  
Pamela Glass  
Alice Clancy  
Maureen Brisson  
Marc Furtado  
Michael Duarte  
Kimberly Ouellette  
Jonathan Plourde  
Patricia Andreozzi  
John DeFusco  
Joan Peternel  
Melissa Sousa  
Sheila Kenyon  
Lucy Hassey  
Lucy Thompson  
Jennifer Hodges  
Helena Neves  
Bradley Freitas  
Peter Sarza  
Ernest Caroselli  
Paul Malenfant  
Lucy Thompson  
Brenda Stone  
Dennis R. Callen

**SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS**

Speech Services (1-4)  
Speech Services (5-8)  
Reading Specialist  
Integrated Preschool Paraprofessional  
Language Intervention Preschool  
Language Intervention Preschool Paraprofessional  
Early Elementary Developmental Teacher  
Elementary Developmental Teacher  
Elementary Developmental Teaching Assistant  
Occupational Therapist  
Physical Therapist

Kathleen Duffy  
Carol Stewart  
Elizabeth King  
Diane Silvia  
Linda Isaksen  
Claudette Alberto  
Renee Rego  
Maryann Shaker  
Joan Wood  
Renee Jones  
Susan Sherman

**WESTPORT HIGH SCHOOL**

Interim Principal  
Interim Assistant to the Principal  
Director of Guidance  
Director of District Athletics/High School Activities

Robert Wood  
Dianne Rezendes  
Anthony Melli  
Gail Silvia

English Teachers

Mathematics Teachers

Social Studies Teachers

Science Teachers

World Languages Teachers

Visual & Performing Arts Teachers

Guidance Counselors

Adjustment Counselor

Physical Education/Health Teacher

Music Teacher

Business Teachers

Unified Media Specialist

Special Needs

Prevocational Teacher

Disciplinary Classroom

In-School Suspension Teacher

Campus Supervisors

School Nurse

Certified Nurse's Assistant

Administrative Executive Secretary

Student Services Clerk

Student Management Clerk

Clerk/Receptionist

Teaching Assistant

Stephen Cook

Patricia Kehoe

Katie Cabral

Erin Foley

Harry Proudfoot

Thomas Clark

Irene Barros

Glenn Lincoln

Debra August

Richard Simon

Matthew Girard

Gus Cariglia

Michael Roy

Christopher Garth

Katherine Silva

Jane Dybowski

Scott Atkinson

Arlyn Bottcher

Maureen Piccarelli

John Moniz

Moir Greenson

Caroline Pavao

Edneuza Farias

David Allen

Cal Ellinwood

Michael Davis

Theresa Hadley

Paul Amaral

Melissa Sweeney

Joan Riley

Celia daLuz

Kristy Tripp

Scott Frost

Jean DeSouto

Chester Millett

Kevin Clark

Bridget Buckless

Joan Blake

Paula Smith

Jessica Govoni

Shannon McGuire

Paul Bornstein

Christopher Warren

Leslie Ruel

Dylan Ferreira

Carol Beaupre

Kelly Santos

Sharlene Botelho

Deborah Dziedzic

Theresa Medeiros

Patricia Amaral

Vivian Sa

Joanne Stokowski

Natalia Silva

Kimberly Perry

Christine Noenickx

Theresa Lawrence

Stacy Silva

Paraprofessional  
Food Service Staff

Custodial Staff

Carol Sunderland  
Nancy Little  
Karen Ferreira  
Maria Raposo  
Gail Menard  
Terry Pires  
Robert Jude Cateon  
James Pacheco  
Michael Caeton  
Maral Souza

## WESTPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Mathematics Teachers, Grades 7-8

Social Studies Teachers, Grades 7-8

Science Teachers, Grades 7-8

Reading Teachers, Grades 7-8

Grade 5-6 Teachers

Instructional Technology  
Physical Education Teacher

Music Teacher  
Art Teacher  
Special Needs Resource Staff

Speech Pathologist  
Language Based Classroom

James Gibney  
Ann Marie Dostou  
Andrea Teixeira  
Cheryl Rose  
Andre Provost  
Michael Borges  
James O'Hara  
Amy Dubois  
Peter Holt  
Suzanne Theriault  
Elizabeth Dickinson  
Jonathan Bernier  
Carol Michael  
Nancy Tripp  
Debra Janik  
Frances Gilchrist  
Trisha Paiva  
Nicole Pereira  
David Sullivan  
Christine Carlile  
Sue Ubiera  
Cheryl Vieira  
Nicole Fillion  
Lauren Driscoll  
Kelly Croft  
John Sullivan  
Bruce Vincelette  
Patricia Robichaud  
Martha Delpape  
Mark Robichaud  
Amy Teixeira  
Norbert Medeiros  
Beth Buvarsky  
Jeanne Rivard  
Anne Clark  
Linda Ferreira  
Judy Gilbert  
Andrea Medeiros  
William Bernier  
Amanda Rebello  
Jean Tavares  
Carol Stewart  
Diane Comeau

Guidance/Psychologists

Health Teacher

School Nurse

Library Media Specialist

Teaching Assistants

Paraprofessional

Administrative Executive Secretary

Clerk/Receptionist

Student Services Clerk

Campus Supervisor

Food Service Staff

Custodial Staff

Sherry Michael

Marie Fallows

Constance Strauss

Annie Ellis

Janice Brightman

Heather Davis

Kathleen Cummings

Paula Mello

Jill Brown

Elaine Marshall

Robin Blais

Donna Bedard

Annette Degagne

Elena Borges

Mary Trepanier

Vicky Darcy

Kim Goncalo

Kristina Silvia

Karen Arruda

Teresa Soares

Linda Souza

Judith Alvares

Patricia Sulyma

Richard Mello

Robert Joseph Cateon

Robert Samson

## WESTPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal

Assistant Principal

Grade 1 & 2 Teachers

Grade 1 & 2 Resource Teachers

Grade 3 & 4 Teachers

Grade 3 & 4 Resource Teachers

Alec Ciminello

Nancy Durfee

Sandra Hague

Amanda Melo

Linda Eastwood

Robin Kestenbaum

Carolyn Pontes

Aimee Rapoza

Liz O'Hara

Stacey Duquette

Brenda Peixe

Joanne Morris

Marjorie Rowe

Shelly D'Elia

Kathleen Thibault

Joan Travers

Patricia Lavallee

Christine Staskiewicz

Leah Chesney

Mary France

Paul Tetrault

Andrew Cottrill

Judy Jennings

Angela Newell

Kathleen Whelan

Sarah Sylvain

Catherine Shockro



Music Teacher  
Art Teacher  
Physical Education Teacher  
Computer Specialist  
Tutor  
Title I Reading  
Teaching Assistant

Paraprofessional

Guidance Counselor

School Nurse  
Administrative Executive Secretary  
Clerk/Receptionist  
Student Services Clerk  
Food Service Staff

Custodial Staff

Janice Sutton  
Bethany Newman  
Carol Duby  
Nancy Mercier  
Melissa Avila  
Stephen Gomes  
Carolyn Lavalley  
Angelique Smith  
Nadine Fournier  
Joan Wood  
Sandra Caya  
Donna Bedard  
Amy Arruda  
MaryAnn Vincelette  
Sherrie Lees  
Shirley Machado  
Elizabeth Bacchiocchi  
Kimberly Welty  
Cynthia Azevedo  
Linda Maiocco  
Paula Brown  
Ruth Barlow  
Janice Carvalho  
Donna Leary  
Lucia Ferreira  
Normand Thibodeau  
Lori Bercier  
John Richard

#### ALICE A. MACOMBER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal  
Kindergarten Teachers

Kindergarten Integrated Arts Specialist  
Integrated Pre-school Teacher  
Teaching Assistant

Paraprofessional

School Nurse  
Administrative Executive Secretary  
Student Services Clerk/Receptionist

Paula Sullivan  
Karen Lavenda  
Michelle Thomas  
Ingeborg DeFusco  
Jennifer Medeiros  
Ann Hathaway  
Melissa Parker  
Jane Dufault  
Donna Edwards  
Cheryl Estrella  
Madaline Lesieur  
Claudette Alberto  
Susan Martin  
Michelle Rapoza  
Linda Liberty  
Lucy Cordeiro  
Suzanne Welch  
Christine Dias  
Jeanine Deveau  
Margaret Cardozo  
Jeannette Souza  
Tammy Pimentel  
Tracey Cusick  
Judith Oliveira  
Suzanne Lemar

Food Service Manager  
Food Service Staff  
Custodial Staff

Rose Sutcliffe  
Heidi Pierce  
Ray Cambra  
Mark Thibodeau



Employee Appreciation Day July 28, 2006



# WESTPORT HIGH SCHOOL

## Graduation Exercises

### Class of 2006



Class Valedictorian  
Class Salutatorian  
Class President  
Certification of Class

Brian Bates  
Jeffrey Fernandes  
Megan Sykes  
Robert Wood

Francesca Africano \*  
Joshua David Aguiar  
Amanda Louise Alexandre \*  
Derek Amaral  
Kathleen Marie Amaral \*  
Jessica Amorin \*  
Kyle J. Arruda \*  
Lydia Poole Barker \*  
Brian Scott Bates  
Marissa L. Bedard \*  
Christopher M. Borges  
Scott Borges  
Evan Bouchard  
Ashley M. Bourgeois  
Justin James Bourgeois  
Junior Boucher  
Kayla E. Branco  
Trevor James Brum  
Reid James Burns  
Jonathan Cabral  
Ashley Camara  
David Paul Campion  
Joshua Carvalho  
Luis Anthony Cipriano \*  
Richard P. Collier \*  
Jordan Correia  
Courtney Elizabeth Corvelo \*  
Deserie Damaso  
Nicole DaPonte  
Justin Denny

Stephanie Anne DeSousa \*  
Dan S. Dias  
John A. Dolbec, Jr.  
Danielle Marie Dore \*  
Amanda Lynn Dube  
Melissa Duquette  
Emilio Estacio \*  
Jonathan M. Farias  
Jeffrey D. Fernandes \*  
Justin Orion Friel-Carleton  
Jessica J. Goodwin  
Michael Andre Gosselin  
Jonathan Michael Green  
Joshua P. Homen  
Lauren O. Huggon \*  
Andrew Isidoro \*  
Matthew Derrek Jacob  
Lynnsey Ann Johnson  
Sarah Rose Knarr \*  
Lindsay F. Loranger  
Lea Anne Machado  
Shannon E. Malloy  
Jennifer Anne Martins \*  
Ryan M. McNeil  
Jessica Lynn Medeiros \*  
Kourtney Lynn Medeiros  
Krystal Leigh Medeiros  
Tara L. Menard  
Joseph D. Michaels  
Richard Gerard Monast III \*

Douglas R. Mongeon  
Timothy J. Navarro  
Katie L. Nemeth  
Michael Noonan  
Derek E. Oliveira  
Kyle Andrew Oliveira  
Brandon Pacheco \*  
Krishna Atulkumar Patel \*  
Megan E. Perry  
Ashley Marie Pimentel  
Kyle A. Reis \*  
Shannon Lee Resendes  
Lindsey Jean Roderick  
William Bradford Shaw, Jr.  
Matthew J. Souza  
Kacie Anne Spooner  
Sarah Renee St. Martin \*  
Brendan A. Sullivan  
Megan J. Sykes \*  
Amanda Marie Szeliga  
Michael K. Teixeira  
Alex K. Thibault  
Ashley Ryan Toomey  
Amanda Lynn Tripp  
Brandon Verville  
Katelyn Marie Viveiros  
Matthew S. Weaver \*  
Cody J.W. Whiting  
Elizabeth Hayes Wood \*  
Luke Thompson Zembo



Employee Appreciation Day July 28, 2006

## Book Awards

Harvard Book Award  
Wellesley Book Award  
University of Massachusetts Book Award

Joseph Pelletier – Alicia Gagnon  
Kerri Da Silva  
Kayla Correia

## Academic Awards

President's Award for Educational Excellence

Francesca Africano, Amanda Alexandre, Kathleen Amaral, Kyle Arruda, Lydia Poole Barker, Brian Bates, Marissa Bedard, Luis Cipriano, Jonathan Farias, Jeffrey Fernandes, Lauren Huggon, Andrew Isidoro, Jennifer Martins, Jessica Medeiros, Richard Monast, Kyle Oliveira, Branden Pacheco, Krishna Patel, Kyle Reis, Sarah St. Martin, Megan Sykes, Elizabeth Wood

President's Award for Educational Achievement

Joshua Aguiar, Jessica Amorin, Christopher Borges, Scott Borges, Reid Burns, Richard Collier, Courtney Corvelo, Nicole DaPonte, Stephanie De Sousa, Danielle Dore, Melissa Duquette, Emilio Estacio, Justin Friel-Carleton, Jonathan Green, Sarah Knarr, Shannon Malloy, Tara Menard, Joseph Michaels, Derek Oliveira, Lindsey Roderick, Alex Thibault, Ashley Toomey, Matthew Weaver, Luke Zembo

Good Citizenship Award

Ashley, Camara, Desiree Damaso, Dan Dias, Jessica Goodwin, Michael Gosselin, Joshua Homen, Lindsay Loranger, Krystal Medeiros, Katie Nemeth, Megan Perry, Shannon Resendes, Matthew Souza, Katelyn Viveiros

The Phenix Award

Amanda Dube

Principal's Leadership Award

Sarah St. Martin

Principal's Student Achievement Award

Megan Sykes

Massachusetts Association of Secondary Schools Student Achievement Award

Francesca Africano, Amanda Alexandre, Kathleen Amaral, Jessica Amorin, Kyle Arruda, Brian Bates, Marissa Bedard, Christopher Borges, Reid Burns, David Campion, Luis Cipriano, Richard Collier, Danielle Dore, Emilio Estacio, Jonathan Farias, Jeffrey Fernandes, Justin Friel-Carleton, Michael Gosselin, Jonathan Green, Lauren Huggon, Andrew Isidoro, Sarah Knarr, Jennifer Martins, Derek Oliveira, Kyle Oliveira, Branden Pacheco, Krishna Patel, Kyle Reis, Richard Monast, Lindsey Roderick, Sarah St. Martin, Alex Thibault, Ashley Toomey, Matthew Weaver, Luke Zembo

Daughters of The American Revolution

Megan Sykes

Commonwealth of MA State Senate Official  
Citation

Sarah St.Martin

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### Academy Awards

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#### Academy of Mathematics & Sciences

Mathematics  
Science  
Health/Physical Education

Brian Bates  
Brian Bates, Jennifer Martins  
Dan Dias

#### Academy of Liberal Arts

Journalism  
Literary Magazine Award  
English  
James Merriam Howard Book Award  
Spanish  
French  
Portuguese  
Social Studies

Courtney Corvelo  
Lydia Poole Barker  
Andrew Isidoro  
Branden Pacheco  
Jeffrey Fernandes  
Jennifer Martins  
LuisCipriano/Jonathan Farias  
Richard Monast  
Andrew Isidoro

#### Academy of Visual & Performing Arts

Fine Arts  
  
Music  
  
Photography  
  
Multimedia

Lydia Poole Barker  
Kathleen Amaral  
Luke Zembo,  
Michael Gosselin  
Derek Oliveira  
Lydia Poole Barker  
Justin Friel-Carleton

#### Academy of Business & Technologies

Business Technologies  
Computer Science Award  
Accounting

Ashley Camara  
Brian Bates  
Amanda Alexandre

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### Scholarships

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Blue Heron Classic Scholarship

**\$150 each**

Reid Burns, Danielle Dore, Christopher  
Borges, Matthew Weaver

Kenneth Michael Candeias Memorial

**\$200 each**

Elizabeth Wood, Jeffrey Fernandes

Westport River Watershed Alliance

**\$500 + \$100**

Branden Pacheco

Potter Funeral Service Award

**\$500**

Richard Collier

L'Association Francophone de Fall River Scholarship	<b>\$150</b>	Jennifer Martins
Westport Lions Club	<b>\$2,000</b>	Luke Zembo
Lt. Richard Parker Memorial Scholarship	<b>\$500 each</b>	Matthew Weaver, Danielle Dore
Police Officers of Westport Alliance Scholarship	<b>\$500 each</b>	Reid Burns, Danielle Dore
Dianne B. Snyder Memorial Fund	<b>\$1,000</b>	Andrew Isidoro
Westport Art Group	<b>\$500 each</b>	Kathleen Amaral, Marissa Bedard
Westport Fair Scholarship	<b>\$500 each</b>	Joseph Michael, Elizabeth Wood
Head of Westport Fire Association	<b>\$500 each</b>	Christopher Borges, Elizabeth Wood
New England Institute of Technology	<b>\$1,500 each</b>	Dan Dias, Brandon Verville
Janice Migneault Memorial Scholarship	<b>\$500</b>	Danielle Dore
Westport Federation of Teachers	<b>\$500</b>	Brandon Sullivan
Westport Permanent Firefighter's Association	<b>\$1,000 each</b>	Jessica Amarin, Richard Monast, Jennifer Martins
Westport Portuguese American Civic League	<b>\$800 each</b>	Andrew Isidoro, Joseph Michaels, Branden Pacheco
Community Services Memorial Fund/In Memory of Ray Araujo	<b>\$250 each</b>	Reid Burns, Jessica Amarin
Westport Woman's Club	<b>\$500 each</b>	Elizabeth Wood, Jessica Amarin, Katie Nemeth, Brandon Sullivan, Luis Cipriano, Andrew Isidoro
Grimshaw-Gudewicz Scholarship	<b>\$1,000 each</b>	Brandon Verville, Branden Pacheco, Jessica Amarin, Amanda Dube, Brian Bates, Justin Friel-Carlton, Joshua Aguiar, Lauren Huggon, Lindsay Loranger
Clyde T. & Yvonne Salisbury Memorial Scholarship	<b>\$200 each</b>	Lindsay Loranger, Shannon Malloy, Richard Collier, Jeffrey Fernandes, Scott Borges, Lea Machado, Jessica Medeiros, Kyle Arruda, Kyle Reis, Lynnsey Johnson, Derek Oliveira, Katie Nemeth, Stephanie DeSousa
	<b>\$250</b>	Jonathan Green
Nancy Ring Music Scholarship	<b>\$1,000 each</b>	Kyle Reis, Luke Zembo
Westport Call Firefighters	<b>\$400 each</b>	Matthew Weaver, Branden Pacheco
Mid City Steel Scholarship	<b>\$1,000</b>	Danielle Dore

Westport Historical Society	<b>\$100</b>	Andrew Isidoro
Westport Point & Neighborhood Association/Cemetery Identification Group	<b>\$500</b>	Andrew Isidoro
Westport Babe Ruth League, Inc.	<b>\$500</b>	Reid Burns
St. Anne's Credit Union	<b>\$1,000</b>	Branden Pacheco
Sidney L. Hathaway Memorial Scholarship	<b>\$250</b>	Courtney Corvelo
Holly Martin Memorial Scholarship	<b>\$300</b>	Jessica Amorin
Kenneth Thibault Memorial Scholarship	<b>\$500 each</b>	Luke Zembo, Kyle Reis, Richard Monast
Greater New Bedford Association of Realtors	<b>\$1,000</b>	Branden Pacheco
Amanda Lee Tripp Memorial Scholarship	<b>\$500 each</b>	Brandon Sullivan, Katie Nemeth, Justin Friel-Carleton
Scott Pacheco Memorial Scholarship	<b>\$250</b>	Matthew Jacob
Sylvan Scholarship/Van Sloun Foundation	<b>\$1,000</b>	Scott Borges
Betsy Tabor Scholarship	<b>\$750</b> <b>\$500 each</b>	Brian Bates Lydia Poole Barker, Andrew Isidoro, Richard Monast, Luis Cipriano, Jennifer Martins, Kathleen Amaral, Marissa Bedard
Luther B. Bowman Scholarship	<b>\$590 each</b> <b>\$390</b>	Derek Oliveira, Luke Zembo, Shannon Malloy, Danielle Dore, Joseph Michaels Luke Zembo
Massachusetts Elks Scholarship	<b>\$700 each</b> <b>\$600</b>	Jennifer Martins, Richard Monast Krishna Patel
Westport Music Boosters		Matthew Weaver, David Campion, Kyle Arruda, Kyle Reis, Amanda Alexandre, Shannon Rezendes, Luke Zembo, Stephanie DeSousa
Westport Federal Credit Union		Brian Bates, Reid Burns, Jessica Medeiros



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Fire Department's New Ladder Truck  
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# MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

## TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk	508-636-1000
Assessors, Board of	508-636-1012
Building Department (Wire, Gas & Plumbing)	508-636-1035
Cemetery Department	508-636-1025
Conservation Commission/Soil Board	508-636-1019
Grant Office	508-636-1041
Health, Board of	508-636-1015
(Transfer Station & Recycling Center: Open - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed - Tuesday, Wednesdays & Holidays)	
Highway Department	508-636-1020
Planning Board	508-636-1037
Registrar of Voters	508-636-1001
Selectmen, Board of	508-636-1003
Tax Collector	508-636-1010
Town Administrator	508-636-1150
Town Accountant	508-636-1040
Town Treasurer	508-636-1007
Zoning Board of Appeals	508-636-1003

## PUBLIC SAFETY (BUSINESS NUMBERS)

Dog Officer	508-636-1115
Emergency Management	508-636-5884
Fire Department - Central Village	508-636-1110
Fire Department - Briggs Road	508-672-0721
Harbormaster	508-636-1105
Police Department	508-636-1122 or 508-636-1123
Detective Room	508-636-1124
Shellfish Constable/Wharfinger	508-636-1105
State Police (Dartmouth)	508-993-8373

## HUMAN SERVICES

Citizens for Citizens	508-672-2221
Community Nurse	508-636-1030
Community Center/Recreation Commission	508-636-1038
Council on Aging/Senior Center	508-636-1026
Housing Authority	508-675-2039
Public Library	508-636-1100
Senior Social Day Care Program	508-636-1027
Veteran's Office	508-636-1028

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Administration Building	508-636-1140
Alice A. Macomber School	508-678-8671
Superintendent of Schools	508-636-1137
Westport Elementary School	508-636-1075
Westport High School	508-636-1050
Westport Middle School	508-636-1090

## EMERGENCY ONLY

Ambulance, Fire, Police	911
Massachusetts Poison Information Center	1-800-682-9211