

Annual Town Report



Town of Oakham Massachusetts

Fiscal Year 2009



On the cover is a photo of the December ice storm taken by Evan Ringgard of Oakham, age 16.



Town of Oakham

A Farm Preservation Community

Public Notification Statement

It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants, that the property they are about to acquire or occupy, lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include operations that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of properties within the Town may be impacted by farming as addressed in Town of Oakham Bylaws, Chapter XIV Zoning, and State Laws.

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General Government

Board of Selectmen

Appointed Positions

Town Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Fiscal 2009

The Board of Selectmen, along with all town boards, committees and officers present their reports for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

The past year has been very difficult financially for the town; local receipts were down as well as local aid from the state which was cut once again midyear. The board of selectmen along with the finance committee and all town departments made cuts to the budget that would preserve core services to the town.

On December, 11, 2008, several towns in the state experienced a devastating ice storm which crippled many communities for several days. The Emergency Management Director, along with the Fire, Highway, Police Department and the many volunteers, did a tremendous job of getting the town functioning again.

On July 7, 2008, a school roof repair committee was formed to study the replacement of the Oakham Center School Roof.

The Well Tanks at the Oakham Center School were not functioning at full capacity and needed to be replaced.

The front section of the boiler at Oakham Center School cracked and needed to be replaced.

The Oil Storage Tanks at the Town Hall were replaced.

Nicholas Mardirosian converted a closet in the town hall to an office space for the senior center and his brother Timothy repaired the old Animal Pound on Coldbrook Road as part of their Eagle Scout project. The board of selectmen would like to thank them both for all their hard work.

The board of selectmen applied for and received an Energy Grant in the amount of \$1549.93 which was used to purchase Bio-Diesel.

A management review was conducted by the State Division of Local Services of the Department of Revenue and many of their suggestions will be implemented over time.

A Pathfinder Study Committee was formed to begin the process of joining Pathfinder Regional Vocational - Technical High School District.

Fuel Bid Awards

Competitive bids were solicited for heating fuel, low sulphur diesel and highway materials. R.J. McDonald was awarded the bid for Heating Oil at a fixed price of \$3.969 per gallon. Global Services have the state contract for Diesel & Gasoline which is not contracted at a fixed price.

Licenses & Permits Issued

- (1) Class III Junkyard
- (2) Class II Used Auto Sales
- (3) Serve/Sell Alcoholic Beverages
- (1) Inn Keeper
- (1) Entertainment

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Richard, Chairman
Dennis M. Bergin Jr., Vice Chairman
Clayton E. Rice, Clerk

**APPOINTED POSITIONS FOR THE TOWN OF OAKHAM
FY 2010**

| POSITION | NAME | TERM | EXPIRES |
|--|---|-------------|--|
| Administrative Assistant | Catherine Amidio | 3 yr | 6/30/2011 |
| Agriculture Commission | Henry Stone Jr. Eva Grimes Colleen Melanson Marilyn Leary Evelyn Enos Carol Poole Stephanie Black Ellenor Downer | 3 yr | 6/30/2010 |
| Animal Control Officer | Laura Pease | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
| Board of Registrars | Maude Stone Lucy Tessnau Christine Mardirosian Susan Carpenter | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
| Building Inspector/ZEO Alternate | Louis Pepi Harold Nichols Harry Johnson | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
| Central Ma. Reg. Plan Comm. | Donald Haapokoski | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
| Conservation Commission 5 year term - 1 member each term | Paul Lockwood Donald Jodray Luke Tashjan Lucy Tessnau Russell Arnold Mark Blanchard | | 6/30/2014 6/30/2010 6/30/2011 6/30/2012 6/30/2015 6/30/2013 |

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|---|---|------------------------|--|
| Council on Aging 5 year term - 1 member each term | Lucy Tessneau Carol Cordiner Alice Connor Claudia Lacerte Jane Pease Pauline Dwelly | | 6/30/2014 6/30/2010 6/30/2011 6/30/2014 6/30/2014 6/30/2014 |
| Cultural/Arts Council | Mary Amidio Pat Beauregard Kathy Bibaud Christine Drolet Linda Morse Anne Kornitsky Elizabeth Montgomery Judy Menard | 3 yr | 6/30/2012 |
| Elder Bus Representative | Robert Whyte | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
| Emergency Management Director | Thomas Hughes | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
| Harrassment Officer | Catherine Amidio | 3 yr | 6/30/2011 |
| Highway Department | Kevin Currier Peter Paquin David Hardaker | 3 yr Hired Hired | 6/30/2011 |
| Historical Commission | Lucy Tessnau Maude Stone Wesley Dwelly Lee Dugan William Mucha | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
| Library Building Committee | Susan Turnbull Susan Meyer Peter Joyce Clayton Rice | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |

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|---|---|------|-----------|
| Old Schoolhouse Committee | Ward Holloway Dennis Bergin Ken Housman | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
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| Open Space Committee | Cynthia Henshaw Paul Lockwood Joe Landyn John Barringer Phil Warbasse Carole Poole Ron Wolanin Rick Hendra | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
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| Parks & Recreation | William Mucha James Willard George Paradis Linda Duffy Ray Duffy Elizabeth Sansoucy Ann Marie Smith | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
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| Pathfinder Study Committee | Dennis Bergin Donna Sands Jon Boucher Eliot Starbard Lisa Starbard | 1 Yr | 6/30/2010 |
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| Plumbing Inspector | Byron Carpenter | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
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| QRSD Regional Agreement Review Committee | Donna Sands Clayton Rice | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
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| Recycling Coordinator | Nancy Richards | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
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| School Roof Repair Committee | Paul McNeil Tim Howe Eliot Starbard | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
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| Town Moderator | Jeff Young | 3 yr | 6/30/2011 |
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| Town Counsel | Kopelman & Paige | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |

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|-----------------------------------|------------|--|------|-------------------------------------|
| Veterans Agent | | William Mucha | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
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| Wiring Inspector Assistant | | Denis delaGorgendiere L. Thomas McCaffrey | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |
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| Zoning Board of Appeals | | Gunther Mueller Lucy Tessnau Leo McCaffrey | 3 yr | 6/30/2012 6/30/2010 6/30/2011 |
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| ZBA Alternates | 1st 2nd | John Couture Luke Tashjan | 1 yr | 6/30/2010 |

TOWN CLERK

Fiscal 2009

The Town Clerk's office is open on Mondays 7:00-9:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, marriage licenses, registering to vote, copies of birth, marriage or death certificates, and applications for business certificates are available in the Town Clerk's office.

As of January 1, 2009 Oakham's Population was 1928

Vital statistics Totals, July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Births 11 Marriages 2 Deaths 7

Town Elected Officers Three-Year Terms

Selectmen

Dennis Bergin 2010
Clayton Rice 2011
Eliot Starbard 2012

Town Clerk

Christine Mardirosian 2012

Treasurer

Edna Holloway 2010

Moderator

Jeffrey Young 2011

Constables

Lucy Tessnau 2010
Russell Jones 2010
Werner Tessnau 2010
Donald Haapakoski 2010
Glenn Mardirosian 2010
Edna Holloway 2010

School Committee

Thomas Tashjian 2010
John Barringer 2012

Five Year Term/Planning Board

Phillip Warbasse 2010
Peter Clifford 2011
James Barnhill 2012

Assessors

Daniel Haynes 2010
Jim Smith 2011
Peter Joyce 2012

Board of Health

Adrien Ayer 2010
Linda Mueller 2011
William Payne 2012

Library Trustees

Susan Turnbull 2010
Nancy Howe 2011
Elizabeth Ott 2012

Town Collector

Susan Carpenter 2011

Cemetery Commissions

David Richard 2010
Russell Jones 2011
Gregory Spinney 2012

Tree Warden

2012

Mark Turnbull 2013
Thomas Hughes 2014

STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Lucy Tessnau, and closed at 8:00 p.m. by Lucy Tessnau.

On duty were:

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Christine Mardirosian Clerk | 6:30 A.M. to 8:45 P.M. |
| Lucy Tessnau Constable | 6:45 A.M. to 8:45 P.M. |
| Werner Tessnau | 6:45 A.M. to 8:45 P.M. |
| Lynn May | 6:45 A.M. to 8:45 P.M. |
| Russell Jones | 6:45 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. |
| Sherry Bergin | 1:00 P.M. to 8:45 P.M. |

Official Ballots

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| Official ballots delivered to the polls Republican | 650 |
| Official ballots delivered to the polls Democratic | 750 |
| Official ballots delivered to the polls Green-Rainbow | 50 |
| Official ballots delivered to the polls Working Families | 25 |
| Official Automark delivered to the polls | 50 |
| No. of Democratic ballots spoiled | 0 |
| No. of Republican ballots spoiled | 0 |
| No. of Green-Rainbow ballots spoiled | 0 |
| No. of Working Families ballots spoiled | 0 |
| No. of Automark ballots spoiled | 0 |

Absentee Ballots

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| Official Absentee ballots delivered Republican | 50 |
| Official Absentee ballots delivered Democratic | 50 |
| Official Absentee ballots delivered Green-Rainbow | 25 |
| Official Absentee ballots delivered Working Families ¹⁰ | |
| No. of Republican Absentee ballots spoiled | 0 |
| No. of Democratic Absentee ballots spoiled | 0 |
| No. of Green-Rainbow Absentee ballots spoiled | 0 |
| No. of Working Families Absentee ballots spoiled | 0 |

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| Total number of ballots cast | 142 |
| Total number of names checked on voter list | 142 |
| Total number of voters eligible to vote | 1272 |
| Total percentage of those eligible who voted | 8% |
| Total number of people who voted Republican | 30 |
| Total number of people who voted Democratic | 112 |
| Total number of people who voted Green-Rainbow | 0 |
| Total number of people who voted Working Families | 0 |
| Total number of people who voted using the Automark | 0 |

Senator in Congress

Democratic Party John F. Kerry 53
Democratic Party Edward J. O'Reilly 59

Republican Party Jeffrey K. Beatty 27
Republican Party Blanks 03

Green-Rainbow Party Blanks 0
Working Families Party Blanks 0

Representative in Congress

Democratic Party John W. Olver 58
Democratic Party Robert A. Feuer 48
Democratic Party Blanks 06

Republican Party Nathan A. Bech 26
Republican Party Blanks 04

Green-Rainbow Party Blanks 0

Working Families Party Blanks 0

Councillor

Democratic Party Thomas J. Foley 80
Democratic Party Blanks 32

Republican Party Blanks 30

Green-Rainbow Party 0

Working Families Party 0

Senator in General Court

Democratic Stephen M. Brewer 95
Democratic Party Blanks 17

Republican Party Blanks 30

Green-Rainbow Party Blanks 0

Working Families Party Blanks 0

Representative in General Court

Democratic Party Others 03
Democratic Party Blanks 109

Republican Party Lewis G. Evangelidis 27
Republican Blanks 03

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| Green-Rainbow Party Blanks | 0 |
| Working Families Party Blanks | 0 |

Register of Probate

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| Democratic Party Stephen G. Abraham | 82 |
| Democratic Party Blanks | 30 |

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| Republican Party Blanks | 30 |
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| Green-Rainbow Party Blanks | 0 |
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| Working Families Party Blanks | 0 |
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The polls closed at 8:00 p.m. Counting began immediately with Christine Mardirosian, Lucy Tessnau, Werner Tessnau, Lynn May and Sherry Bergin. Dennis Bergin and Glenn Mardirosian helped put voting booths and equipment back. Counting ended at 8:30 p.m. Calls were made. Results posted.

STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2008

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Lucy Tessnau, and closed at 8:00 p.m. by Lucy Tessnau.

On duty were:

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| Christine Mardirosian, Clerk | 6:15 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. |
| Lucy Tessnau Warden/Constable | 6:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. |
| Werner Tessnau | 6:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. |
| Russell Jones | 6:45 A.M. to 1:00 P.M./ 8:00 to 10:00 P.M |
| Lynne May | 6:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. |
| Susan Carpenter | 6:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. |
| Sherry Bergin | 1:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. |
| Dennis Bergin | 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. |
| Glenn Mardirosian | 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. |
| Robert May | 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. |
| William Mucha | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Marna Mucha | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Linda Houseman | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Kenneth Houseman | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Judith McCaffrey | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Leo McCaffrey | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Gregory Spinney | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Shirley Bunarowski | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Jeff Young | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Barbara Young | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Kimberly Bergin | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Michael Bergin | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |
| Betty Gaidanowicz | 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. |

Official Ballots

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|---|------|
| Official ballots delivered to the polls | 2250 |
| Official ballots spoiled | 4 |
| Official ballots cast | 1080 |
| Official ballots not cast | 1166 |
| Provisional ballots | 0 |

Absentee Ballots

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| Official Absentee ballots delivered | 400 |
| Absentee ballots spoiled | 0 |
| Absentee ballots cast | 50 |
| Absentee ballots not cast | 341 |

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| Total number of ballots cast (number on the ballot box) | 1130 |
| Total number of names checked on voter list | 1130 |
| Total number of voters eligible to vote | 1337 |
| Total percentage of those eligible who voted | 85% |

Electors of President and Vice President

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|-----------------------|------|
| Baldwin and Castle | 1 |
| Barr and Root | 13 |
| McCain and Palin | 562 |
| McKinney and Clemente | 2 |
| Nadar and Gonzalez | 17 |
| Obama and Biden | 520 |
| Write-ins | 5 |
| Blanks | 10 |
| Total Votes Cast | 1130 |

Senator in Congress

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| John F. Kerry | 555 |
| Jeffrey K. Beatty | 498 |
| Robert J. Underwood | 46 |
| Write-ins | 0 |
| Blanks | 31 |
| Total Votes Cast | 1130 |

Representative in Congress

| | |
|------------------|------|
| John W. Oliver | 633 |
| Nathan A Bech | 417 |
| Write-ins | 0 |
| Blanks | 80 |
| Total Votes Cast | 1130 |

Councillor

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Thomas J Foley | 810 |
| Write-ins | 4 |
| Blanks | 316 |

Total Votes Cast 1130

Senator in General Court

Stephen M. Brewer 916
Write-ins 5
Blanks 209
Total Votes Cast 1130

Representative in General Court

Lewis G. Evangelidis 914
Others 2
Blanks 214
Total Votes Cast 1130

Register of Probate

Stephen G. Abraham 824
Others 3
Blanks 303
Total Votes Cast 1130

Question 1

Yes 407
No 715
Blanks 8

Question 2

Yes 783
No 334
Blanks 13

Question 3

Yes 561
No 551
Blanks 18

The polls closed at 8:00 p.m. Counting began immediately with Christine Mardirosian, Lucy Tessnau, Werner Tessnau, Susan Carpenter, Lynne May, Robert May, Sherry Bergin, Glenn Mardirosian, Dennis Bergin, Judy McCaffrey, Leo McCaffrey, Barbara Young, Jeff Young, Linda Houseman, Kenneth Houseman, Gregory Spinney, Russell Jones, Shirley Burnarowski, Betty Gaidakowicz, Kimberly Bergin, Michael Bergin, Marna Mucha and William Mucha. Counting ended at 10:30 p.m. Calls were made. Results posted.

Special Town Meeting Votes November 10, 2008

A quorum being present, Moderator Jeffrey Young called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

Article 1: It was voted to amend the education line item portion of article 5 of the June 18, 2008 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

Quabbin Regional School assessment: \$1,385,752.00

Vocational School assessment/transportation \$179,360.20

Total \$1,565,112.20

Article 2: It was voted to pass over this article.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MAY 18, 2009

The polls were opened at 10:00 A.M. by Constable Russell Jones and closed at 8:P.M. by Russell Jones. The Election Officer on duty was Christine Mardirosian.

On duty were:

Christine Mardirosian 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Russell Jones 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Susan Carpenter 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Lynne May 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Sherry Bergin 10:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Glenn Mardirosian 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Robert May 8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Official Ballots

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Official ballots delivered to polls | 525 |
| Official ballots spoiled | 0 |
| Official ballots cast | 325 |
| Official ballots Not Cast | 200 |

Absentee Ballots

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Absentee ballots delivered to polls | 65 |
| Absentee ballots spoiled | 0 |
| Absentee ballots cast | 6 |
| Absentee ballots not Cast | 49 |

Total number of ballots cast 331

Total number of names checked on voter list 331
Total number of voters eligible to vote 1303
Total percentage of those eligible who voted 3.94%

Selectmen, 3 Years

David Richard 155
Eliot Starbard 173
Blanks 3

Town Clerk, 3 years

Christine Mardirosian 282
Blanks 47
Write-Ins
William Mucha 1
Carol Poole 1

Library Trustee, 3 Years

Elizabeth Ott 278
Blanks 50
Write-Ins
Maude Stone 3

Assessor, 3 Years

Peter Joyce 258
Blanks 72
Write-Ins
Eva Grimes 1

Board of Health, 3 Years

William Payne 266
Blanks 58
Write-Ins
Julian Votruba 6
Sherry Bergin 1

Cemetery Commission, 3 Years

Gregory Spinney 272
Blanks 58
Write-Ins
John Barringer 1

School Committee, 3 Years

Blanks 203
Write-Ins
John Barringer 114
Evan Barringer 1
Therese Salvadore 2
Edna Holloway 1
Brad Taylor 1
Carol Poole 1
Chris Ott 1
Jeff Howard 2

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|---------------|---|
| Sherry Bergin | 2 |
| Tom Tashjian | 2 |
| Clayton Rice | 1 |

Tree Warden, 3 Years

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|----------------|-----|
| Blanks | 297 |
| Write-Ins | |
| David Richard | 13 |
| Wes Dwelly | 3 |
| Peter Linehan | 1 |
| Bruce Ware | 2 |
| Ward Holloway | 1 |
| Kevin Currier | 4 |
| Mark Tasjian | 1 |
| Sherry Bergin | 1 |
| Eliot Starbard | 3 |
| Clayton Rice | 1 |
| John Dymon | 1 |
| John Hyland | 1 |
| Ron Wallanlan | 1 |
| John Barr | 1 |

Planning Board, 5 Years

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|---------------|-----|
| Thomas Hughes | 262 |
| Blanks | 69 |

Shall the town of Oakham cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?

YES 253 NO 57 BLANKS 21

Special Town Meeting Votes May 12, 2009

A quorum being present, Moderator Jeffrey Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

- Article 1: It was voted to transfer \$65,000 from stabilization to the vocational school assessment/transportation account.
- Article 2: It was voted to establish a Pathfinder Study Committee, consisting of 5 members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 3: It was voted to authorize borrowing a sum not to exceed \$460,000 for the purpose of paying costs associated with the December 2008 ice storm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

- Article 6: Transfer proceeds of Cemetery Lots**
It was voted to transfer any money received by the Town for the sale of cemetery lots to the General Cemetery Fund, and such money to be used for improvements to the Town Cemeteries.
- Article 7: Transfer money paid for Perpetual Care**
It was voted to transfer any money received by the Cemetery Commission for perpetual care during the 2008 Fiscal year to the Perpetual Care Trust Fund
- Article 8: Accept State Library Grant**
It was voted to accept any sum of money received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of the Library and transfer said amount(s) to the Library
- Article 9: Authorize Selectmen to enter into agreement with Mass. DPW**
It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into agreements with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department (formerly named the Department of Public Works) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads.
- Article 10: Authorize Selectmen to set compensation**
It was voted to authorize the selectmen to set the compensation that will be allowed for men and equipment used in repairing highways and opening roads for enginemen and/or firemen employed for the purpose of fire protection and for police officers employed for the purpose of police protection, during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.
- Article 11: Authorize Treasurer to spend Highway Chapter 90 money**
It was voted to authorize the treasurer to expend money for authorized road projects, up to the reimbursable amount according to the provision of chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Law, said funds to be spent with the approval of the board of selectmen and Mass. Highway Dept.
- Article 12: Board of Health Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Board of Health Inspection Fees for the purpose of compensating the Board of Health Inspectors, not to exceed \$ 14,000.
- Article 13: Building Inspector Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Building Inspector Fees for the purpose of compensating the Building Inspector, not to exceed \$12,000.
- Article 14: Wire Inspector Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Wire Inspector Fees for the purpose of compensating the Wire Inspector, not to exceed \$3,000.

- Article 15: Plumbing/Gas Inspector Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Plumbing/Gas Inspector Fees for the purpose of compensating the Plumbing/Gas Inspector, not to exceed \$6,000.
- Article 16: Fire Inspectors Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Fire Inspector Fees for the purpose of compensating the Fire Inspectors, not to exceed \$8,000.
- Article 17: Town Clerk Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Town Clerk Fees for the purpose of compensating the Town Clerk and paying the State's share of fees collected, not to exceed \$5,500.
- Article 18: Town Collector Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Town Collector Fees for the purpose of compensating the Town Collector, not to exceed \$10,000.
- Article 19: Deputy Town Collector Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Deputy Town Collector Fees for the purpose of compensating the Deputy Town Collector, not to exceed \$5,500.
- Article 20: Dog Officers Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Dog Licensing Fees for the purpose of paying salaries and expenses of the Dog Officers and Animal Control Officers, not to exceed \$8,000.
- Article 21: Police Department Pistol Permit Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Police Firearms Licenses and Permit Fees, for the purpose of paying the State's share of such fees and to use the balance for Police Department expenses, not to exceed \$15,000.
- Article 22: Planning Board Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Planning Board Fees for the purpose of paying expenses of the Planning Board; not to exceed \$12,000.
- Article 23: Conservation Commission Engineering and Advertising Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass

General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Conservation Commission Engineering and Advertising Fees for the purpose of paying the engineering and advertising expenses of the Conservation Commission; not to exceed \$1,500.

- Article 24: Zoning Board of Appeals Fees**
It was voted that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the Mass General Law that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving fund for Zoning Board of Appeals Fees for the purpose of paying the expenses of the Zoning Board, not to exceed \$1,500.
- Article 25: Tree Warden Fines and Other Payments Due for Damages**
It was voted that pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 to reauthorize a revolving fund for Tree Warden Fines and other payments due for damages to public trees for the purpose of paying the expenses to care for or replace those trees; not to exceed \$2,500.00
- Article 26:** It was voted that the Town vote to carry over any money left in the fiscal 2009 Treasurer's Foreclosure Account to the fiscal 2010 Treasurer's foreclosure Account in the amount of \$4,143.05
- Article 27:** It was voted to hear the report of the West Brick Schoolhouse Committee. Read by Kenneth Houseman.
- Article 28:** It was voted to hear the report of the Library Building Committee. Read by Susan Meyer
- Article 29:** It was voted by a 2/3 vote to appropriate \$485,000.00 for the repair/replacement of the Oakham Center School roof and all costs incidental and related thereto; and as funding therefore, that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum and to issue bonds and notes therefore pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, section 7(3A) or any other enabling authority; provided, however, that the appropriation authorized hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion vote, so-called.
Yes 136 No 3
- Article 30:** It was voted to transfer \$6,000 from free cash to Pay for a full measure and list of all taxable and exempt real property as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bureau of Local Assessment.
- Article 31:** It was voted to transfer \$2,700 from free cash to pay the lease payment for 5 defibrillator units.
- Article 32:** It was voted to pass over article 32.
- Article 33** It was voted to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, section 5, clause 54 to establish a minimum value of \$10,000 of personal property subject to taxation, the so-called small personal property account exemption beginning FY 2010.
- Article 34:** It was voted to raise & appropriate \$1,275 to purchase a free standing mailbox to be used by all town departments and committees.

- Article 35:** It was voted by a 2/3 vote to transfer \$22,287 from stabilization to pay the lease payment on the ambulance.
Yes 137 No 0
- Article 36:** It was voted to raise & appropriate \$35,687 to pay principal interest for repair/replacement of the Oakham Center School Roof.
- Article 37:** It was voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or a committee appointed by said Board, to meet with representatives of the towns of Barre, Hardwick, New Braintree, & Hubbardston to consider proposing amendments to the existing Quabbin Regional School District Agreement dated, March 15, 1985.
- Article 38:** It was voted to establish a (5) member committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to organize a celebration for the 250th anniversary of the town.
- Article 39:** It was voted to pass over article 39.
- Article 40:** It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,051,872.04 and appropriate \$51,000 from ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation and transfer from free cash \$32,325 as is necessary to pay salaries, expenses & outlays of the several departments for the FY beginning July 1, 2009, as recommended in the Annual Report of the Finance Committee.

| DEPARTMENT | | FY 2010 |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| Ambulance | | |
| Salaries, Part-time | | 26,370.00 |
| Expense | | 25,980.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 52,350.00 |
| Animal Inspector | | |
| Salaries, Part-time | | 600.00 |
| Expense | | 25.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 625.00 |
| Annual Town Reports | | |
| Expense | | 1,000.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 1,000.00 |
| Board of Assessors | | |
| Salaries, Elected | | 1,800.00 |
| Salaries, Part-Time | | 15,000.00 |
| Expense | | 5,660.00 |

| DEPARTMENT | | FY 2010 |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Sub-Total | | 22,460.00 |
| Board of Health | | |
| Salaries, Elected | | 1,500.00 |
| Expense | | 500.00 |
| Recycling Coordinator | | - |
| Sub-Total | | 2,000.00 |
| Board of Selectmen | | |
| Salaries, Elected | | 4,160.00 |
| Salaries, Part-Time | | 21,481.20 |
| Expense (includes blanket insurance) | | 61,785.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 87,426.20 |
| Cemeteries | | |
| Salaries, Elected | | 81.00 |
| Expense | | 6,200.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 6,281.00 |
| Council on Aging | | |
| Expense | | 5,179.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 5,179.00 |
| Cultural Council | | - |
| Sub-Total | | - |
| Dispatch | | |
| Expense | | 39,464.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 39,464.00 |
| Dog Officer | | |
| Salary | | - |
| Supplies | | - |
| Sub-Total | | - |
| Emergency Management | | |
| Salary | | 1,000.00 |
| Expense | | 500.00 |

| DEPARTMENT | | FY 2010 |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Sub-Total | | 1,500.00 |
| Finance Committee | | |
| Expense | | 1,000.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 1,000.00 |
| Reserve Fund | | 15,000.00 |
| Fire Department | | |
| Chief Salary | | 15,000.00 |
| Asst Chief | | 3,437.40 |
| Wages, Part-Time | | 29,760.56 |
| Expense | | 29,730.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 77,927.96 |
| Highway | | |
| Superintendent Salary | | 54,101.00 |
| Salaries and Wages | | 74,443.00 |
| Overtime Wages | | - |
| Expense | | 52,165.00 |
| Snow and Ice | | 77,999.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 258,708.00 |
| Historical Commission | | |
| Expense | | 2,000.00 |
| Sub-Total | | 2,000.00 |
| Legal | | |
| Town Counsel | | 12,000.00 |
| Treasurer Foreclosure | | - |
| Sub-Total | | 12,000.00 |
| Library | | |
| Salaries, Elected | | 50.00 |
| Salaries, Part-Time | | 28,519.00 |
| Expense | | 21,471.75 |
| Sub-Total | | 50,040.75 |

| DEPARTMENT | FY 2010 |
|--|-------------------|
| CMRP Assessment | 404.00 |
| Conservation Commission Expense | 375.00 |
| Planning Board Expense | - |
| Building Inspector | 2,150.00 |
| Zoning/Appeals Board Expense | 75.00 |
| Sub-Total | 3,004.00 |
| | |
| Moderator Salary | 156.00 |
| | |
| Municipal Buildings Utilities | 35,000.00 |
| | |
| Parks and Recreation Expense | 3,750.00 |
| Sub-Total | 3,750.00 |
| | |
| Police Department | |
| Chief Salary | 61,753.00 |
| Wages, Part Time, OT & Holidays | 99,754.74 |
| Expense | 42,901.00 |
| Sub-Total | 204,408.74 |
| | |
| Street Lights | - |
| | |
| Town Accountant | |
| Salary | 12,835.68 |
| Expense | 2,200.00 |
| Sub-Total | 15,035.68 |
| | |
| Town Clerk | |
| Salary, Elected | 4,590.00 |
| Expense | 875.00 |
| Sub-Total | 5,465.00 |
| | |
| Town Elections | |
| Salary, Registrar | 300.00 |
| Wages, Part-Time | 2,700.00 |

| DEPARTMENT | FY 2010 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Expense | 1,845.00 |
| Sub-Total | 4,845.00 |
| Census | |
| Salaries, Part-Time | 794.58 |
| Expense | 1,250.00 |
| Sub-Total | 2,044.58 |
| Tax Collector | |
| Salary, Elected | 11,000.00 |
| Certification Incentive | 1,000.00 |
| Expense | 8,275.00 |
| Sub-Total | 20,275.00 |
| Town Hall | |
| Salaries, Part-Time | - |
| Web Site | 1,200.00 |
| Expense | 38,550.00 |
| Cable Access | - |
| Misc. Water Treatment Expense | 500.00 |
| Sub-Total | 40,250.00 |
| Town School House Committee | |
| School House Repairs | 1,000.00 |
| Sub-Total | 1,000.00 |
| Treasurer | |
| Salary, Elected | 6,630.00 |
| Certification Incentive | 663.00 |
| Expense | 1,780.00 |
| Sub-Total | 9,073.00 |
| Treasurer - Debt Service | |
| Municipal Building - Principal | 18,125.00 |
| Municipal Building - Interest | 25,828.13 |
| Equipment - Principal | - |
| Equipment - Interest | - |
| Short Term Interest | 8,000.00 |
| Borrowing Cost | 300.00 |

| DEPARTMENT | FY 2010 |
|---|---------------------|
| Sub-Total | 2,253.13 |
| Treasurer Employee Benefits | 97,543.00 |
| Tree Warden | |
| Salary | 225.00 |
| Expense | 2,000.00 |
| Sub-Total | 2,225.00 |
| Veterans Agent | |
| Salary | 1,607.00 |
| Expense | 2,300.00 |
| Sub-Total | 3,907.00 |
| Grand Total Article 40: | 1,135,197.04 |
| Article 41: General Education Appropriations | |
| Education | |
| Quabbin Regional School Assessment | 1,302,920.00 |
| Quabbin Regional School Bond Payment | 50,318.66 |
| Vocational School Assessment/Transportation | 284,647.00 |
| Sub-Total Education | 1,637,885.66 |
| Grand Total School Article 41: | 1,637,885.66 |

Article 41: It was voted to accept a 1976, 4 man cab pumper truck with a 1,000 gallons per minute pump, a 1,000 gallons tank for the purpose of fire suppression and all departmental uses.

Article 42: It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,637,885.66 for educational costs for the FY beginning July 1, 2009.

Article 43: It was voted by 2/3 to transfer \$15,000 from the stabilization fund to balance the FY 2010 budget.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses sold July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009

| <u>No. Sold</u> | <u>Type and Cost</u> | <u>Amt. Collected</u> |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|
| 3 | Resident Fishing @ 27.50 | \$ 82.50 |
| 3 | Resident Minor Fishing @ 11.50 | \$ 34.50 |
| 0 | Resident Fishing (65-69) @ 16.25 | \$ 0.00 |
| 4 | Resident Fishing (over 70) Free | \$ 0.00 |
| 4 | Resident Citizen Hunting@ 27.50 | \$ 110.00 |
| 2 | Resident Minor Hunting @ 11.50 | \$ 23.00 |
| 0 | Non Resident Big Game Hunting @99.50 | \$ 0.00 |
| 5 | Resident Sporting @ 45.00 | \$ 225.00 |
| 1 | Resident Sporting (65-69) @ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| 7 | Resident Sporting(over 70) Free | \$ 0.00 |
| 5 | Archery Stamp @ 5.10 | \$ 25.50 |
| 3 | Primitive Firearms Stamp @ 5.10 | \$ 15.30 |
| 0 | Waterfowl @ 5.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| | Total Collected | \$540.80 |
| | Less Fees | \$ 9.80 |
| | Total to Fisheries and Wildlife | \$531.00 |

Dog Licenses sold July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009

| <u>Type</u> | <u>No. Sold</u> | <u>Cost Each</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Male/Female | 45 | \$ 11.00 | \$ 495.00 |
| Spayed/Neutered | 300 | \$ 7.00 | \$ 2,100.00 |
| Kennel (4 or less) | 03 | \$ 30.00 | \$ 90.00 |
| Kennel (5 to 10) | 04 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 240.00 |
| Kennel (10-20) | 06 | \$100.00 | \$ 600.00 |
| Fines | 01 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Replacement tags | 0 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Neads | 01 | Free | \$ 0.00 |
| | | Total Collected | \$ 3,550.55 |
| | | Less Fees | \$ 556.50 |
| | | Net forwarded to county | \$ 2,993.50 |

The dog-licensing year begins on April 1st, and ALL dogs are required to be licensed by that date. New licenses are generally available in January.

To license your dog, you may see the Town Clerk, or you can do it through the mail. To renew through the mail, you must send last year's license and proof of a current rabies vaccination .The Town Clerks mailing address is P.O. Box 222.

With all the rabid animals found in area towns, it not only makes sense to vaccinate your dog, **IT'S THE LAW!!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Mardirosian
Oakham Town Clerk

Public Safety

Animal Control

Emergency Management

Fire Department

Highway Department

Police Department

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Fiscal 2009

| | |
|--|-----|
| Dog calls | 76 |
| Other than dog including cats and wildlife | 69 |
| Total of number of calls | 145 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Pease ACO Oakham

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Fiscal 2009

Oakham Emergency Management has been meeting as a team with our Fire Department, Police Department and EMT'S working on the process of reviewing our existing Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and comparing it to some of the real life situations that occurred during our eight day State of Emergency in December 2008.

The duration of the Emergency in December and its lingering effects on town services have highlighted areas within each department that positive changes have been made to our plan.

Areas of concern were communications between departments during an Emergency situation, and a more effective process to notify residents of the current situations concerning sheltering, food, and water supplies for the elderly and handicapped.

A process to insure an adequate fuel supply for Emergency Facilities and town residents especially during the winter months is being reviewed.

Our CERT members along with our Emergency Management Team will continue to make positive changes to our plan that will enable us to effectively approach whatever situation that may arise in the future.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Administrative Assistant, Cathy Amidio, Fire Chief, Thomas McCaffrey, EMT'S, Fire Department, Police Chief, Don Haapakoski and police department, Kevin Currier and the Highway Department for their many hours of hard work and support during our State of Emergency.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas P. Hughes,
Emergency Management Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal 2009

In October, the Fire safety program was presented at the Oakham Center School by Deputy Chief Jeff Nahkala with the help of Fire Fighters Don Albano, Harold Black and Mark Clockedile. Assistant Chief Tom Snay and Deputy Chief Jeff Nahkala have also performed all required fire drills and safety checks at the Oakham Center School throughout the school year.

In December, we experienced the largest ice storm in 100 years, this event to be known as “**Operation Big**” started as a simple ice storm on Thursday, December 11th 2008 and lasted through the night, when day light broke our town looked liked a war zone with trees, power lines and utility poles broken and lying in the roads, most roads were not easily passable. The Fire Department had began Thursday evening with a report of wires down on Spencer Road by East hill Road, power was out and the wires were off the road we returned to the station and started to head for our homes when a large tree fell in the center of town taken out the National grid power supply for the town, there were now multiple locations in town with trees down blocking roads, we began clearing trees from the roads allowing the Highway department to keep to their task of sanding the roads which were coated with ice. We cleared roads until 1:00 am Friday morning at which time we had to pull Firefighters and equipment off the roads due to the number of trees and branches still falling, it had become unsafe for them to be in the streets as trees and branches broke, they sounded the explosions, we returned to the Fire station only to respond on 911 calls.

This storm was very labor intensive, the men and women of the Oakham Fire Department collectively put in over 1180 man hours in the first seven days of the storm clean up, with a total for the 12 day period of 1402 man hours. During this period crews were on stand-by at the station and were continuously responding to calls, when not responding to calls we assisted the Highway department with the removal of trees along the roads, one of our two ambulance was staged and staffed at the Oakham Center School where an Emergency Shelter had been opened, allowing those who needed, a warm place to eat or sleep. Many residents brought food up and donated it to the shelter, as well as several residents who donated time to assist in cooking and serving food to all those using the shelter. Among the residents of Oakham, power crews from National Grid used the shelter to feed crews working to re-store electrical power to the town; some areas of our town were without power for eight days. We also had the help of the 189th Engineer Team of the Massachusetts Army National Guard, the effort of these men was outstanding, the 189th arrived in Oakham on Sunday night December 14, 2008, bringing with them, equipment and man power to help open roads throughout the town, while they were here they stayed in the Emergency shelter until they left on Thursday morning December 18th 2008.

The effort of the towns Emergency Management Director Thomas Hughes cannot go un-mentioned; Thomas Hughes was on hand from the beginning of the storm through to the end attending our daily meeting with department heads and the Board of Selectmen, Tom’s business management style allowed for the Emergency Shelter at the School to run effectively and efficiently.

I would like to thank all of the dedicated Fire Department personnel as listed below for their hard work and dedication throughout the past year, because of these people, Oakham is a great community to live in.

Fire Officers: Assist Chief Tom Snay, Deputy Chief Jeff Nahkala, Captain Bob Tefft, Captain Joe Landyn, Lieutenant Glenn Mardirosian, Lieutenant Bruce Ware

Firefighters: Don Apholt, Harold Black, Mark Clockedile, Tim Collette
Ron Dolson, Chris Konde, Paul Lockwood, Andy Schiltz,

Firefighter/EMT: Don Albano, Rob Collette, John Drolet, Chris Houghton

EMT's:

Diane Petrone, Chris Soufleris, Shelly Lam, Maral Markosian, Jason Stepien, Jen Lockwood, Carrie McCaffrey, Gretchen Nahkala, Eric Smith, Jesse Haynes, Christine Drolet

The Fire Department was called upon a total of 190 times for Fire/EMS service, with a break down as follows;

| | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|---|
| Fire Calls Total | 88 | | |
| Motor vehicle accident w/ EMS transport | 6 | Working Structural Fire | 5 |
| Electrical Hazard | 5 | False alarm | 7 |
| MVA without EMS transport | 7 | CO Detector | 7 |
| Vehicle Fire | 1 | Brush fire | 2 |
| Illegal burn | 3 | lock out | 3 |
| Mutual aide given fire | 3 | Smoke investigation | 2 |
| Propane leak | 1 | Fire not classified | 2 |
| Chimney Fire | 6 | Public service | 4 |
| Trees down | 1 | Wires down | 3 |
| HAZMAT | 3 | Electrical Fire | 3 |
| Welfare Check | 3 | CO Incident | 7 |
| Oil Burner Malfunction | 2 | Bomb Scare | 1 |
| EMS Calls total | 119 (with 12 MVA responses listed above) | | |
| EMS medical | 107 | | |
| EMS transport | 82 | EMS signed refusal | 9 |
| Mutual aide given EMS | 10 | Medical alert | 2 |
| Transport by other service | 15 | UN attended death | 1 |

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Thomas McCaffrey
Fire Chief

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

FISCAL 2009

Fiscal 2009 was a busy year for the Highway Department. The winter of 2008-2009 left the department with twenty eight snow, sleet, and freezing rain storms with a total accumulation of ninety two inches. General road maintenance consists of cold patching (pot holes) road edging, re-grading of gravel roads (spring & fall) road sweeping, roadside mowing, spring clean up of all town lawns, and lawn mowing. Drainage improvements and regarding of Gaffney, East Hill and Hunt Road were done in preparation for paving.

| Roads Resurfaced | Drainage | Pavement |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Gaffney Rd | 800 ft | 2,200 ft |
| East Hill Rd | | 1,500 ft |
| Hunt Rd | 60 ft | 2,100 ft |

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Kevin Currier

Town of Oakham

OAKHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oakham Public Safety Complex, 178 Barre Rd.

P.O. Box 32, Oakham, Ma. 01068

Telephone (508) 882-3347

Fax (508) 882-5208



Donald A. Haapakoski

Chief of Police

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The past year has been a challenge for any municipality to maintain services due to our economic problems and loss of revenues as the state cut local aid to cities and towns. The police department also realized a reduction in its regular budget by \$13,000. The department lost \$11,299 in Community Policing Grant funds that were used to keep the department solvent. This combined loss of \$24,299 has forced us to reevaluate programs and prioritize our operational procedures.

One thing that we did notice is that as bad as the economy gets, the workload and crime rates have not gone down; only our ability to prevent them has been compromised. I have attached some statistics to this report that show the crimes investigated and incidents that we responded to. Our domestic disturbance rates have risen sharply by 57%. We issued 21 restraining orders last year and 19 of them resulted in violations of the orders. Domestic violence calls are one of the most dangerous calls a police officer can respond to second to traffic stops.

The main job of a police department is to prevent crime and the opportunity to commit crimes. This is accomplished by placing officers on duty to perform proactive patrols. Additionally, we are responsible for conducting criminal investigations, auto accident investigations, court prosecutions, ensuring the free flow of traffic by enforcement, direction and education. We respond as first responders to medical emergencies and provide other general police assistance to the townspeople. Police departments are proactive in their nature as opposed to fire departments which are reactive. The ability to prevent crime, respond to emergencies and enforce state and local laws are baseline services provided by any police agency. The first duty of any government, federal, state or local, is to provide security to its citizens.

To provide a base line of services to the town we had to ramp up the use of part time officers to cover shifts. In doing so, we need to properly train and supervise them to avoid liability to the department, and the town. The reasoning is we are relying on undertrained, under experienced officers who may work once or twice a week to carry a significant part of the work load. A fulltime officer attends a police academy graduating after he /she completes 840 hrs of instruction. Part time officers attend a part time police academy and graduate with 120 hrs of instruction. The main reason for the difference is that the part time officers are supposed to supplement fulltime staff, not supplant them. We obviously cannot afford the proper fulltime staffing levels, so we rely on part timers. As with the schools, there are certain state and federal benchmarks relative to staffing. The FBI suggests that a municipality should have 2.5 fulltime officers per 1,000 of population. That means Oakham would have 4.86 FT officers. We had 3 officers in FY- 09 and 2 officers in FY-10, well below the federal standard. The average in Massachusetts is 1.9 fulltime officers per 1,000 of population. This would be 3.69 fulltime officers; again we are below the standard for FY-10. We did meet the state average in FY's 2005-2009.

During the past year we responded to 4,848 calls/incidents of which 107 calls, usually on the weekends, were between the hours of 1am and 8am. I have provided a sample of the crimes and calls were encountered in 2009.

We have mutual aid agreements with all the surrounding towns and use the state police for back up but, these towns are experiencing the same type of cutbacks, they have fewer officers available to assist and the state police are spread thin being over 300 troopers short. This creates a challenge for the department to be doing more with less and still provide a proper level of police services to the town.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Fire Department, Highway Department, School Department, Town Hall employees, Library staff and all the Boards and Committees for their help and cooperation over this past year and most importantly, the citizens of Oakham for their continued support.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Haapakoski
Chief of Police

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| A&B/ Assaults | 23 |
| Breaking & Entering/Res/Commercial | 32 |
| Larceny/Fraud | 33 |
| Burglar Alarms | 42 |
| Investigations/Gen/Drugs | 32 |
| Vandalism | 25 |
| Disabled Vehicles | 37 |
| Summonses Served | 40 |

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Welfare Checks | 26 |
| Restraining Orders Issued | 21 |
| Restraining Order | |
| Violations | 19 |
| Officer Wanted | 68 |
| General Police | 126 |
| General Disturbances | 46 |
| Mutual Aid | 99 |
| Assist Highway Dept | 10 |
| Suspicious Activity | 66 |
| 911- Silent Calls | 19 |
| Dog/Animal Complaints | 145 |
| Sex Offender Registry | 6 |
| Erratic Vehicle Operation | 40 |
| Lost/Found Property | 13 |
| Missing Persons | 10 |
| Vehicle Accidents | 29 |
| Traffic Safety Complaints | 49 |
| Arrest Warrants | 10 |
| Arrests/Criminal Court | |
| Complaint | 67 |
| Assist Ambulance | 60 |
| Sexual Assault/Rapes | 3 |
| Assist Fire Department | 24 |
| LTC-FID Licenses delivered | 35 |
| Trespassing Complaints | 9 |
| General Incidents | 280 |
| Property & House Checks | 1,853 |
| Traffic Radar Assignments | 384 |
| Motor Vehicle Stops | <u>1,103</u> |
| TOTALS | 4884 |

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Motor Vehicle Stops: | 1,103 |
| Arrest/Criminal Complaints: | 33 |
| Civil Fines: | 289 |
| Written Warnings: | 430 |
| Verbal Warnings: | 349 |
| Total fines issued: | \$31,720 |

OAKHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS LIST

NAME:

TERM EXPIRES

FULLTIME OFFICERS:

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Chief Donald Haapakoski | 2012 |
| Off. Christopher Sherblom | 2010 |

PART-TIME OFFICERS:

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Off. Mike Sweet | 2010 |
| Off. Lawrence Haire | 2010 |
| Off. John Songy | 2010 |
| Off. Diane Herzig | 2010 |
| Off. Robert Toupin | 2010 |
| Off. Stuart Fuller | 2010 |
| Off. Arthur O'Connell | 2010 |

RESERVE OFFICERS:

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Off. Frederick Gehring | 2010 |
| Off. James Albano | 2010 |
| Off. Robert Marino | 2010 |
| Off. Fran Marderosian | 2010 |
| Off. Pamela Schultz | 2010 |

Inspectors & Human Services

Animal Inspector

Board of Health

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer

Cemetery Commissioners

Conservation Commission

Council on Aging

Cultural Council

Historical Commission

Librarian

Library Building Committee

Library Trustee's

Planning Board

Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Veterans Agent

Wiring Inspector

Zoning Board of Appeals

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Fiscal 2009

| | <u>ADULT</u> | <u>YOUNG</u> |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cattle: | | |
| Dairy | 1 | 5 |
| Beef | 10 | 11 |
| Steers / Oxen | 0 | 6 |
| Goats | 11 | 0 |
| Sheep | 64 | 11 |
| Swine: | | |
| Breeders | 1 | 0 |
| Feeders | 0 | 2 |
| Llamas / Alpacas | 13 | 0 |
| Equines: | | |
| Horses / Ponies | 76 | 1 |
| Donkeys / Mules | 5 | 1 |
| Poultry: | | |
| Chickens 307 | Turkeys 3 | |
| Ratites 0 | Waterfowl 41 | Gamebirds 0 |
| Rabbits 3 | Other: 0 | |

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheryl Brackley
Animal Inspector

BOARD OF HEALTH

Fiscal 2009

The Board of Health continues to do inspections of all campgrounds, restaurants, convenience stores, and catering businesses. Exams and permits are given to all septic installers. Fred Carey, BOH agent does septic system design approvals and inspections. The BOH reviews plans and decides on any local upgrades.

Linda Mueller has been involved in working with the State Department of Public Health to prepare for any possible public health emergency situations. The BOHs in Barre, New Braintree, Hardwick, and Oakham have joined together to form a coalition (Quabbin Regional Emergency Response Coalition) to increase our ability to respond to an emergency. We have formed an Emergency Response Plan that will make use of the Quabbin Regional High School as an emergency dispensing site for any inoculations/vaccines/medications which might be necessary. We have been meeting every two weeks to work on these plans. The Coalition has completed a practice disaster at the Quabbin High School. We have contacted local residents to assist the coalition in the event of a health disaster. Training sessions have begun. Anyone who is interested in volunteering may contact a BOH member.

The Board of Health has approved regulations for outdoor wood furnaces. Furnaces must be permitted by the BOH. Copies of the regulations are available from the BOH.

The Board of Health holds meetings on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Mueller, William Payne, Adrien Ayer

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER
&
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Fiscal 2009

I hereby submit this best estimate summary of the activities performed by the Building Inspector.

Total of Permits Issued: 83

Single Family Homes **5**
Solid Fuel Stoves **9**
Siding **1**
Demolition **4**
Door Replacement **1**
Windows **5**
Pellet Stoves **14**
Foundation **3**

Garages **3**
Sheds **6**
Decks **4**
Additions& Alterations **3**
Chimneys **2**
Roofs **7**
Barns **2**

Annual Inspections **14**
Certificates of Occupancy **79**
Zoning Complaints **2**
Permit Applications Denied **3**

Total Inspections: 115

Respectfully Submitted,
Louis A Pepi Jr.
Building Commissioner
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Fiscal 2009

During the fiscal year 2009, there were six cremation burials.

The following lots were sold:

- (1) Single Grave Lot

Restoration of the Green Hollow Cemetery arch has begun, thanks to the generosity of private donors. Completion is anticipated in the spring of 2010. General upkeep and mowing of all town cemeteries was carried out in the usual manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Richard
Russell Jones
Gregory Spinney

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Fiscal 2009

Due to the economic conditions of the past year and the slowdown of building projects in town, the Conservation Commission has had a fairly quiet year.

In keeping with our responsibility of administering and enforcing the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Rivers Protection Act, the Conservation Commission responded to three complaints of wetland violations, discussed an all inclusive Order of Conditions for the Highway Dep't which could address all future work in wetland areas, and held seven hearings and two continuations of hearings.

The following were issued:

- 1 positive Determination of Applicability which required a further filing of a Notice of Intent for a project on Parmenter Road.
- 1 negative Determination of Applicability which does not require further filings
- 3 Orders of Conditions
- 3 Enforcement Orders for violations of the Wetlands Protection Act
- 1 Amendment to an existing Order of Conditions
- 2 Emergency Certificates

The Department of Environmental Protection appealed one of our Orders of Conditions by disagreeing with our decision that a project could go forward with the protection requirements we issued. DEP felt that more restrictions were needed. An agent conducted a site visit with the owner as well as the Commission and a superceding Order was issued to the landowners by DEP requiring that the house and septic system plans be redrawn.

One applicant who received an Order of Conditions from the Commission appealed our decision to DEP seeking to lessen our requirements. An agent from DEP reviewed the plans, the orders issued and did a site visit in the fall. DEP issued a superceding Order of Conditions and will be responsible for its implementation on the property located on North Brookfield Rd.

Due to three calls to DEP regarding roadwork in wetland areas, DEP sent an agent to inspect the work done on North Brookfield Rd. There were a few areas of concern but no major violations.

A Notice of Intent was filed and a hearing was held. An Order of Conditions was issued for any roadwork to be done on this route.

Mr. Ed Yaglou of Wachusett Greenways/the Rail Trail attended several meetings to update the commissioners on the progress of the Oakham branch of the rail trail. The work was held up for a while due to grant money not being released in a timely fashion and by having to meet requirements and standards of the National Heritage of Endangered Species. In June, the work commenced in earnest and is well underway with the repairing of culverts and the construction of bridges spanning Parker's Brook on and near Rte.122.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Blanchard, Chairman

Donald Jodray, Vice- Chairman

Lucy Tessnau, Clerk/Treasurer

Luke Tashjian, Secretary

Paul Lockwood, Member

COUNCIL ON AGING

Fiscal 2009

At the end of the previous fiscal year, Betty Gaidanowicz reminded the Board of Selectmen that her term has ended and that she would not be continuing in her present position on the Council on Aging. A search has been going for the past year and one half to find a volunteer successor to Betty but without success. The Board thanked Betty for her years of dedication to the Town and the Council and they will continue to search for a new member to the COA.

Alice Connor has offered to stay on the Council on Aging as co-chairman in order to continue the work of the COA as well as to help the new chairman, yet to be named.

In July 2008 Susan Smichinsky of East Hill Road volunteered her services as the new co-chairman. Robert Whyte of Spencer Road volunteered to serve as secretary. Carol Cordiner and Claudia LaCerte agreed to remain on the board, although Carol did not want to continue as treasurer. The members asked Lucy Tessnau if she would take over that position as a volunteer.

The first meeting took place in August and the Council began to create its goals and objectives for the new fiscal year as well as planning activities to be enjoyed by the residents it represents. At the September meeting the board felt that everything was falling into place and that we could proceed smoothly. In October, Susan notified the Council that she did not feel that she could continue in her role as co-chairman due to health issues and in November she tendered her resignation to the Board of Selectmen. They accepted her resignation with regret and, as there was no one else who had come forward after one and one half years of advertising this position in town, asked Lucy Tessnau if she would be willing to volunteer as a replacement to Susan. She was appointed to the Council until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2009.

The Auxiliary Police Department sponsored what has become the annual chicken barbeque at the Lake Dean Campground pavilion. This is always an enjoyable event and we appreciate the time and effort given by the members of the Auxiliary Police Department and to John and Carol Cordiner for allowing us to use their facility.

Claudia LaCerte organized the COA's tables at the annual town wide yard sale sponsored by the Oakham Historical Association. It was a lot of work, a lot of fun and a success. She will be willing to do it again next year if there is another yard sale event.

On December 7, 2008 the COA sponsored a holiday workshop at the Bemis Farms Nursery in Spencer for anyone interested in creating an Advent wreath centerpiece. Sixteen seniors signed up and met at the nursery for instructions. All participants went away with a beautiful, handmade holiday work of art, even those who said they were not artistic or were not talented. Our photos of this event certainly showed that with the proper guidance we can all create a lovely project. We were pleased that Pauline Dwelly consented to join the COA and was appointed by the Board of Selectmen at the beginning of December to serve through June 30, 2009.

As many as 35 seniors attended the annual Christmas luncheon at the Oakham Center School. We were able to wish the students who help out at the nutrition site a Merry Christmas and thank them for their services during the school year. This has become a very popular and welcome event that provides the

seniors an opportunity to connect with the town's youth. This is extremely important in this day and age as so many are so busy and begin to lose touch with the community. We would like to express our appreciation to the entire kitchen staff, teachers, students, administration and custodial personnel for making this event possible.

The COA set aside December 17, 2008 for its annual Christmas dinner and party at the Senior Center. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other ideas, namely the now infamous, once-in-a-lifetime ice storm. Once power and other essentials were back on line, the COA, together with the Nutrition Site manager, Betty Gaidanowicz, planned an impromptu party at the Nutrition Site for December 23. Our planned entertainers were unable to attend and Santa Claus could not get his sleigh to fly, so Senator Brewer and the Rev. Russ Arnold, the new pastor of the Oakham Congregational Church, helped with the dinner, the singing of carols and the giving out of the gifts. Even with all that was against us, we had a great time visiting and telling stories of how we, as seniors, were able to survive the storm.

The month of January was used for the planning of the Annual Valentine Dinner scheduled for February 7, 2009. We were fortunate and grateful to have been approved for a grant by the Cultural Council. This event is partially sponsored by a grant from the Oakham Cultural Council, a local agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Members of the Oakham Congregational Church provided a traditional home cooked turkey dinner with all the fixings and homemade pies for dessert. And, once again, we were pleased that the Otters, Oakham's own band, were available to entertain us with their music. We tried something new this year. In place of soliciting raffle prizes from area businesses, each member of the COA created baskets of different themes to be raffled off at \$1.00 per chance. There were two tea baskets, a pasta basket, a chocolate basket, a valentine basket and many others. We were pleased that some of our friends also created baskets to donate to this cause. In total, we had 14 baskets and two handmade quilted lap robes as gifts. This event was deemed very successful and we may consider doing it again next year.

At the end of January, we were sorry to learn that our co-chair, Alice Connor, had developed serious health issues and would not be able to be with us for several months. We wish her well and keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Early March, several seniors participated in the Community Reading Day at the Center School. Each of us read stories to our assigned class. It was a fun experience and allowed to, once again, connect with our town's youth. We were treated royally by the staff and students, presented with certificates of appreciation and served delicious refreshments. A lovely way to spend an afternoon.

March 17, 2009 several of us celebrated St. Patrick's Day with the wearing-of-the-green at the nutrition site. A ham and vegetable lunch was served and we enjoyed some Irish music for atmosphere. Lisa Huntington of the school's parents' association joined us and explained this year's final student theatrical production, a type of talent show, to be held in June. She was hoping to make a connection between the students and the seniors of Oakham by enlisting seniors to help out with rehearsals, stage settings etc. Maude Stone, Patricia Ide, Pauline Dwelly, Lucy Tessnau and Betty Montgomery volunteered to assist. The theme of the production was "Dreaming Through The Decades". Maude good heartedly agreed to represent the 1920s and 1930s telling of life around Oakham at that time while Pat Ide described going to school in the 1940s and 1950s.

The members of the COA decided to try to put on an afternoon Spring tea on in the same manner as was done in the Victorian Age. Pat Perry, of Under the Petticoat fame, dressed in period garb and took us step by step through the culture of the "tea". We had a full house that day and we hope that everyone not only enjoyed the food and teas prepared by the COA members and Pat Ide, Florence Muldoon and Lynne May, but that they also learned the lessons presented. A special note of thanks goes to Laura Pease for her

expertise in helping with the kitchen work, the teas and maintaining a calm order to this event. In April, Bob Whyte tendered his resignation to the Board of Selectmen stating that he would be unable to complete his term on the COA. Jane Pease expressed interest in becoming a member and will agree to be appointed in June for the ensuing year. We will be happy to welcome her aboard. She has already been a fantastic help to us as a volunteer.

In June, the fifth grade students treated us to a picnic in our own backyard. They prepared sandwiches and watermelon served with chips, juices and pickle. The COA provided cupcakes and ice cream for dessert. Robert May, Lynne May, Pastor Arnold, Howard Bechan, Werner Tessnau and Lucy Tessnau helped to set up all the tables and chairs and also to break them down and to return them. Many hands do make light work.

Throughout the year, we held regular Bingo games on the last Friday of each month at the senior center. Refreshments and prizes are always a part of these games and our numbers had grown for a while. We average around 20 players. Card players meet on Sunday afternoons, unless it is a holiday, to play Whist from 2-4 p.m. New members are needed. Instructions are given to anyone who would like to learn. Refreshments are served during the game. Give it a try!

Fifth grade students continue to join us at the nutrition site on Tuesdays to help Betty serve the meals. Blood pressure testing is available the second Tuesday of each month except July and August at 12:30 in the Senior Center. Flu shots were given in November. Claudia continues to send out birthday acknowledgements and sympathy cards when needed. Maude, thankfully, continues to create a new Herald each month for us. We have added the minutes of the COA meetings so that everyone can be aware of what is being planned and discussed. We have also included some photos of a few of our special events. As always, we welcome ideas and suggestions from all residents of Oakham to help us better serve those whom we represent.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Jane Pease, Pauline Dwelly and Lucy Tessnau to serve full terms beginning July 1, 2009. Carol Cordiner has asked that her name be removed from the list of COA members as of July 1. She does not feel that she can dedicate the time needed to the Council but has made herself available for any help we may need in the future.

Finally, our biggest ongoing project since February has been the rejuvenation of the senior center and the creation of an office for the COA. With the approval of the Board of Selectmen, we have cleaned out the closet and small storage room next to the boiler room. Thanks to Boy Scout Nicholas Mardirosian and his parents Glen and Chris Mardirosian, the walls, ceiling and floor have been washed and painted. More energy efficient ceiling lights were installed and old furniture moved out and gently used donated furniture moved in. Betty G. donated a computer desk and Werner Tessnau donated two large shelving units to the office. We truly appreciate the efforts of all to get this project completed. Nicholas has earned many community service hours for his hard work which go toward his Eagle Scout award. He also volunteered to clean out and paint the closet in the nutrition site. Pat Ide continues to give us her expert ideas on rearranging the sitting room and on a coordinating color scheme. If all goes well, the project should be completed by September 1, 2009. We have purchased two new reclining chairs, new cushions for the two wooden chairs and material for accent pillows. Pat has generously offered to make the pillows and head rest protectors for the recliners. Florence Muldoon has graciously offered a sofa to the sitting room. We should now have enough seats for everyone. Also, 3 new card tables have been added to the center. We are now awaiting an electrician to install another electrical outlet in the sitting room. Then, all will come together. We will be in good shape for FY 2010.

As we conclude this very busy year, all the members of the Oakham Council on Aging would like to extend their sincere appreciation to everyone who volunteered their time and energy in supporting our

various events. Without your help we could not have been as successful as we were this year. We hope to see many of you in the coming year at our new activities and we invite all seniors to participate in planning the goals and objectives of the Council on Aging. You are most welcome to attend our monthly meetings. All meetings are open to the public and are posted in the Town Hall and printed, when possible, in the Herald.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Tessnau, Co-Chairman
Alice Connor, Co-Chairman
Pauline Dwelly
Claudia LaCerte
Robert Whyte

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Fiscal 2009

The Cultural Council received \$4,300 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, making it possible to award the following grants:

- “Art Meets Poetry Bookmark Project” awarded to Renee Malowitz, and held at the Fobes Memorial Library.
- “Popular Music of the Gaslight Era” awarded to John Root and performed at the Fobes Memorial Library.
- “Our Town” awarded to Audio Journal
- “Oakham Herald Preservation” awarded to the Oakham Historical Museum.
- “Public Viewing License” awarded to Fobes Memorial Library.
- “Oakham Center School Variety Show” awarded to Oakham Parent Advisory Council.
- “Reading is Magic” awarded to Edward Cope.
- “Valentine Entertainment” awarded to Council on Aging
- “Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary passes” awarded to Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library.
- “Tower Hill Botanical Garden passes” awarded to Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library.
- “Children’s Author Visit” awarded to Oakham Agricultural Commission and performed at Center School.
- “Crochet for Everyone” awarded to Fobes Memorial Library.
- “Zoo New England” awarded to Oakham Parent Advisory Council.
- “Eat Like a Rainbow” awarded to Jay Mankita and performed at Center School,

The following grants were given a continuance to be completed in 2010.

- “Contempaissance - Flute and Guitar” to be performed during the gourmet dinner at Oakham Congregational Church.
- “Discovering Watercolors” awarded to Fobes Memorial Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Morse
Oakham Cultural Council

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Fiscal 2009

The members of the Historical Commission held five regular business meetings this year at the Town Hall or at the Historical Museum. The date, time, location and purpose of each meeting were posted a minimum of 48 hours in advance at the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public and guests are enthusiastically welcome.

The members were pleased to learn that the Old Schoolhouse Committee was preparing to take the initial steps in placing the West Brick Schoolhouse on Old Turnpike Rd in the National Register of Historic Places. The Historical Commission provided the committee with the contact information of the person who helped with the Historical Museum. We also facilitated the procurement of information she required from the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

In October we welcomed a new member to the Commission. Lee Dougan of North Brookfield Rd .was appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Lee brings with him a wealth of historical knowledge of Oakham and the surrounding area. He is also well versed in the archeology of the area. In the past he has presented his finds that correspond to the history of Native Americans in and around Oakham at a meeting of the Historical Association. We feel very fortunate that he has volunteered his services to us.

In the Fall, Christopher Skelly of the Massachusetts Historical Association attended our meeting and gave a power point presentation of the duties and responsibilities of historical commissions, procedures to follow to have properties listed on the state and national register of historic places and creating historical districts. At one time listing Oakham Village an historic district had been considered. After the presentation we questioned whether or not we have the funding and capabilities of going forward with this idea. We would need to hire an historical architect to accurately and completely describe the buildings located within the proposed district to meet the requirements of the register. He also let us know that it would not be acceptable to list each structure in the center of town on the register individually. The state is looking to create larger areas rather than individual sites.

Two of the historical markers that we purchased last year have been installed. The Dean's Sawmill is located on the property of the old sawmill on North Brookfield Rd. and the sign for Dr. Field's accident is located on New BraintreeRd. The remaining signs will be posted when the property is prepared for installation. The land around the West Brick Schoolhouse needs to be cleared and excavated before a proper site can be chosen and the marker for the animal pound on Coldbrook Rd. will be put in after the pound has been restored.

The project of restoring the animal pound began in the Spring 2009. Boy Scout Timothy Mardirosian has undertaken this project to gain community service hours toward his Eagle Scout award. At this time, the three walls have been straightened and rebuilt, the interior has been cleaned out and the peripheral area has been cleared of brush. All that remains is the construction of the front fence and gate.

This project has taken many hours and hard work to accomplish. Tim and the boy scouts who helped have done a remarkable job. As soon as it is completed, the marker will be placed in a suitable location near the pound. We would also like to recognize the work of our Highway Department in helping with tree removal,large stone removal and spreading the woodchips. Their cooperation has made this project much easier than first anticipated.

Finally, the members of the Commission have chosen and are in the process of ordering the next set of four markers. These will be placed at the Coldbrook Inn, the Coldbrook train station, Toby Barker's gravesite and the site of the former Crawford Carriage shop. If all goes well, they will be installed by October 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Tessnau
Wesley Dwelly
Maude Stone, Clerk
William Mucha
Lee Dougan

LIBRARY REPORT

Fiscal 2009

Now that we are settled into the Crombie Level it is hard to imagine being without it. The summer and early fall of 2008 were spent preparing for the move and once again packing and unpacking boxes. The dedication of the Crombie Level was held on Monday Oct 13. Many thanks to those who worked hard to make this historical event happen. Since opening, circulation has increased nearly 50%, there has been a tremendous increase in patronage, and we have welcomed well over 100 new members. We enjoy showing the renovated library to returning friends and newcomers as well.

The library hosted several educational, cultural or social events this year including Summer Reading (32 Oakham children attended). Lionheart Puppets, movie viewings (license purchased for public viewing on big screen), a pressed flower workshop, Halloween Storyteller, Photos with Santa, book sales, a pass program, Oakham time capsule display, crochet workshops, watercolor workshops, first ever book club, Fireside Author Series, Music of the Gaslight Era with John Root, Mother's Day craft, young adult book club, young adult local artist display, Robert Wile Fest and display (over 150 entries depicting the ice-storm) a photo contest and Ed the Wizard during the block party. In addition, Read and Play for pre-schoolers is held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. This is a time for simple crafts, stories and free play for the younger set.

As always, the Friends of the Library helped us in many of the above mentioned projects. A meeting was held in January to introduce new members and to discuss ideas and plans for the coming months. Please consider becoming a member of the "Friends", a gift of even a few hours goes a long way. Thank you also to Oakham Center School for supporting the Summer Reading program, the Robert Wile Art Contest and inviting the library staff to visit classrooms. We had a regular volunteer this year, Ian Smith who we would like to especially thank for his service to the town of Oakham.

Alas, the library along with all town departments was asked to trim from its budget to help the town meet its budget for FY2009. As we look forward, we hope to be able to sustain our current hours and staff and to continue to offer the services and technology required to be a relevant and growing library. The entire library staff welcomes you to the library to enjoy the collection, use the computers, hold a meeting or partake in the various programming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon LoRiccio, Director

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Fiscal 2009

And what a year it was!

The Board of Trustees hustled around and kept regular trustee meetings and endeavors afloat while readying for the 100th Anniversary of the Library and the Dedication of the Gus and Mary Crombie Level. Many, many other activities filled in the year to make it most memorable!

The year started with the final three months of ongoing renovations and construction that brought us to the Crombie Level Dedication and 100th Anniversary celebrations on the Monday of Columbus Day Weekend. Nearly 200 people attended this outstanding event. The Board of Trustees took the opportunity to have stone mason Scott Stidsen of Oakham remove the capsule that had been placed in 1907 when the corner stone was laid during construction. It was very interesting to see the newspapers and other documents that had been stored away. They were just as crisp as the day they had been placed. The paperwork was removed to the Historical Association for documentation and was returned to the library to be stowed away for another 100 years with similar current information.

Since the dedication, the Library Building Committee has continued on with some final renovation work including the following: bat exclusion from the building, insulating the attic, and plans to paint the Library's wooden trim the original colors. These items should finish up renovations for a while. Pointing the building remains the final major work to be done several years from now as money becomes available.

Renovation work on the library has made it the town's most up-to-date municipal building, complete with wheelchair lift, automatic fire alarm and security alarm, timed heating, and energy efficient lighting. The new insulation will drastically reduce the heating costs and keep the building cooler in the summer months. Our dehumidification system will help to keep our materials drier than in the past.

The board of trustees continues to work with Crombie Trust Attorney Brian Forts to streamline our disbursements and help provide the citizens of Oakham with some services beyond the financial duties of the town.

The board of trustees has been dreaming of the electronic cataloging of the collection for the past eight years, and this year voted to begin the process in FY2010. The library has decided on MASSCat, a state funded, less expensive, stand-alone cataloging system that will be able to be viewed on-line anywhere for book selection. However, this is not an interactive program and patrons will have to visit, call, or e-mail to have their selection placed on reserve. At this point in time, all the interactive cataloging programs are far beyond our financial means.

The last of the books removed from the building in 2001 have been returned to the library. The final remaining books were the Historical Collection, and they are now completely cataloged and available for use within the library.

The mid-year budget crisis of the state caught up with the town and each of the town's departments was required to give back what they could to make financial ends meet. The library was able to return \$2,000 to the town from the heat and electricity budgets. At the end of the year, the library returned an additional \$700.

The library director, Sharon LoRicco, applied for State Aid to MA Public Libraries through a series of complex applications and the library received over \$3,191.06 in State Aid to Public Libraries

over the course of the year. However, the most important result of this process is continued library certification with the state, allowing every Oakham resident the opportunity to borrow materials statewide.

Assumption College donated three computer systems to the library in the fall. At first one seemed to be enough when joined with the three we already had on-line. However, we are now seeking to further update our computer infrastructure and add more computer availability for the library.

The Boylston Thayer Library is our architectural sister. Their Board of Trustees came to us at our Dedication/Anniversary and asked if we could help them with ideas and an infomercial to build public support to renovate their building. The Board of Trustees and Friends of the Fobes Memorial Library, Inc. hosted a two-hour visit to our library and at a later time hosted their infomercial filming. We are pleased to say that our little part propelled them to full town support and funding to renovate their building after our wonderful example.

Fiscal Year 2010 has already proven to be financially difficult, and we haven't even gotten there. The Board of Trustees was asked for a regular budget, a level funded budget, and 5% and 10% reduction budgets. After two meetings with the Finance Committee and Selectmen and the other major departments, we went to town meeting with our 2009 budget reduced 6½%. At this point in time, we will enter the new year with this for an operating budget.

The year has been very busy! The staff members managed to host 52 special events during the year while dealing with constructions, gearing up to occupy the lower level, and moving everything all around within the building. **THEY WERE FABULOUS!**

The library has a Web page thanks to the State Board of Library Trustees. Basic information can be found on-line at fobeslibrary.org don't forget you can call us at 508-882-3372 and leave a message if we aren't open.

The Board of Trustees is pleased that we have added more open hours, especially Wednesday afternoons during the school year to accommodate the Quabbin Regional School late bus.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Michelle McKeen for serving two terms as a Trustee. The Trustees welcomes Elizabeth Ott, former neighbor of the Crombies, as our newest member!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Turnbull, Chair
Nancy Howe
Elizabeth Ott

LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Fiscal 2009

Last October, the building committee was thrilled to open the new Crombie Level of the Fobes Memorial Library. Our thanks to all who made this day such a success. The new, two level Library has functioned beautifully during its inaugural year. The flexible spaces have hosted book club meetings, a concert, art shows and lectures. Business is booming, and we couldn't be more pleased.

Two major items remained on the building committee's agenda after the opening-- insulating the attic and painting the exterior. Ten inches of blown insulation was installed in the floor of the attic last March and a new system of catwalks was built above it so you can navigate around the space to inspect the roof. We should see a reduction in the heating costs next winter. The exterior painting is about to begin and should be completed in August. Our committee has agreed to serve for one more year to oversee the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Meyer, chair

Susan Turnbull

Peter Joyce

David Richard (resigned May 2009)

PLANNING BOARD

Fiscal 2009

We are pleased to submit this report of the Oakham Planning Board for Fiscal Year 2009 [7-1-08 through 6-30-09]. Regularly scheduled meetings are held at the Town Hall, on the third Monday of each month. Additional and rescheduled meetings are always posted in advance, in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. Legal notices for public hearings are published in the Worcester Telegram and/or the Barre Gazette, and are also posted at the Town Hall, the Post Office, and the Fobes Memorial Library. Residents' written comments to the Planning Board are always welcome.

ANR / "Approval Not Required" Lot Plans

Five ANR survey plans were presented to the Board for review this year, creating only three new road frontage lots but securing an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on 47 acres, and transferring two parcels to the Division of Conservation and Recreation. Each plan was in compliance with the state's requirements for town-required minimum frontage and for access from an existing town road, and was therefore endorsed by the Board members as mandated by state law.

Subdivisions

A ten-lot subdivision on North Brookfield Road, Forest Hills, approved in 2005, is under development. The subdivision road is progressing, with installation of underground utilities. Two homes have been built. Subdivision approval was extended for another year.

A twenty-one-lot subdivision on Old Turnpike Road, Longview Estates is nearing build-out. Seven lots remain. Subdivision approval was extended for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Warbasse, Tom Hughes, Mark Turnbull, Peter Clifford, Jim Barnhill

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

Fiscal 2009

Thirty (30) inspections were completed by the plumbing/gas inspector during the time period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. A total of fifteen (15) permit applications (6 for plumbing and 9 for gas) were drawn during fiscal year 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Byron A. Carpenter

WIRING INSPECTOR

Fiscal 2009

For the fiscal year 2009 I received a total of 34 permits for electrical work. They were for the following types of work: 4 New Houses, 4 Renovations, 2 Barns or garages, 5 Generator installations, 2 Heating systems or outdoor furnaces, 10 Repair or Replacement of Services, 2 Temporary Services, 1 Cell Site, 1 Swimming Pool, and 3 Alarm Systems. I did a total of 47 inspections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denis delaGorgendiere
Wiring Inspector

VETERANS AGENT

Fiscal 2009

The department of Veterans Services' manages and oversees a municipal benefit, entitlement program. This program is administered by Veterans Director Agents in every city, town and district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This program provides for emergency financial assistance for food, clothing, shelter, health and medical benefits to eligible wartime veterans and their dependents. We believe any veteran who paid the ultimate price, should never be forgotten.

There are now 2 Veteran Memorial Cemeteries located in this area, Agawam and Winchendon. Veterans interested in registering for one these can contact me to fill out a registration form.

If you know of any Veteran buried in one of our cemeteries who does not have a flag marker would you please contact me so that I may arrange to have one placed at the gravesite.

The year 2009 was a relatively quiet year with only a few questions received concerning services and eligibility. We were saddened by the death of one of our veterans this year, Elwin Whitman.

We've also had several of our local residents return from both active duty and reserve training.

Again this year on Veterans Day we were invited to attend Oakham Center School where some of our local veterans were honored for their service to our country. The local students put on a very moving ceremony and then the veterans were sent to different class rooms where they were asked questions by the students concerning their military experience. After which they were invited for refreshments and some friendly hospitality. And I'd like to thank the school for making this a special day for the veterans and maybe the start of a new school veteran's day ceremony.

You can now go to the Oakham Web site when it's finished access **Departments** and go to the **Veterans Services** and you will find many links to valuable information on many subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Mucha
US AF 1967-1971

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Fiscal 2009

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets throughout the year on an as needed basis. All meetings and hearings are open to the public and all residents are encouraged to attend.

This fiscal year the ZBA received two applications for variances. The date and time of each hearing was advertised in the Barre Gazette for two consecutive weeks and posted in town at three public places: Memorial Hall, The Fobes memorial Library and the Oakham branch of the Post Office. All abutters to the properties in question were notified in writing. Interested parties were present at both hearings where concerns and legal issues were discussed at length.

The ZBA granted one variance since the application and presentation met the specifications of the law. One variance was not granted because no pertinent information to the law was addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Tessnau, Chairman
Leo McCaffrey, Vice-Chairman
Gunter Mueller, Clerk
John Couture, Alternate
Luke Tashjian, Alternate

Schools and Education

Quabbin Regional School District

Superintendent of Schools

Quabbin Regional High School

Quabbin Regional Middle School

Oakham Center School

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Cheryl A. Duval, Director of Administrative Services
Robert Berlo, Director of Educational Services
Jason Newton, Director Student Services

QUABBIN REGIONAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Marilyn Tencza, High School Principal
Susanne Musnicki, Middle School Principal

QUABBIN REGIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Martha Femino, Ruggles Lane Principal
Joan Paula, Hubbardston Principal
Tricia Worthington, Oakham & New Braintree Principal
Janeth Williams, Hardwick Elementary Principal

2008/2009 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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| Dr. Richard Allan | Barre |
| John Barringer | Oakham |
| Paula Bolger | Barre |
| Mark Brophy | Barre |
| Ned Kelly | Hardwick |
| Edward Leonard | Hubbardston |
| Robert Dupuis | Hardwick |
| Charles Miller | Barre |
| Dr. Thomas Tashjian | Oakham |
| Peggy Thompson | New Braintree |
| Mark Wigler | Hubbardston |
| Timothy Williams | Hubbardston |
| Lee Wolanin | Barre |
| Cheryl Wolfe | Hardwick |

2008/2009 SCHOOL COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Chair, Edward Leonard
Vice-chair, Lee Wolanin
Executive Secretary, Melissa Widing
Treasurer, Ronald Christensen
Parliamentarian, Sue M. Gee

The 2008-2009 school year began on August 25, 2008 with all staff attending the opening day meeting at the middle/high school. Students began their year the following day. The official student enrollment as of October 1, 2008 was 3,121 students in grades pre-k through 12. This enrollment shows a continuing decreasing trend (-2.04%) from the 2007-2008 enrollment of 3,186. Resident enrollment, as well, continues to decrease with an official enrollment of 2,745 as compared to the previous year of 2,790, a 1.61% decrease.

The fiscal year 2009 (FY09) was an extremely difficult budget year for not only the Quabbin Regional School District but its member towns of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham. The FY09 budget was not approved by member towns until November 13, 2008, which required the district to operate under a 1/12th budget as ordered by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education from July 1st to that date. In addition, although the level of state funding (Chapter 70) initially increased by 2.53% from \$16,898,056 in FY08 to \$17,325,703, Governor Patrick, utilizing his authority under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 29, §9C, cut the district's FY09 Chapter 70 Aid for the 4th quarter due to lower than anticipated tax revenue receipts at the state level. A total of \$438m was cut state-wide from the FY09 appropriation to cities, towns and regional school districts and funds from the federal American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), which had been planned for use in FY10 and FY11, was be used to supplement the reduction in state aid. Quabbin Regional School District's loss in Chapter 70 Aid totaled \$1,822,045.

A new reading program, Reading Street, was implemented in all elementary schools to fulfill coordination of reading curriculum. The middle school received a new math program which will provide the basis for a rigorous, high-quality instructional program based on best practice for all learners in an effort to improve student achievement.

The technology plan continued at a much slower rate than hoped for due to funding, however, Smartboards, interactive whiteboards, have now been installed in all seven schools as part of the first phase of implementation. All classrooms across the district now have at least one computer available for student and teacher use.

In the Special Education arena, in an effort to assess parent satisfaction, a survey was sent to over 400 parents of students whose children receive special education services. Although only 79 surveys returned, those returned indicated overwhelmingly positive feedback. Of the 25 survey questions, there were only four with an average rating below a 4.0 or "Agree" satisfaction level. (6=very strongly agree, 5=strongly agree, 4=agree, 3= disagree, 2=strongly disagree, 1=very strongly disagree). The three highest rated items directly reflect the special education staff's work on a personal level with parents: "All my concerns and recommendations were documented in the IEP."; "Teachers are available to speak with me."; and, "My child's teachers give me enough time and opportunities to discuss my child's needs and progress." This is a positive indicator that our special education staff is responsive to parent and student needs.

During the 2008-2009 school year, the district made progress towards meeting the requirements identified in the Corrective Action Plan from the Office of Civil Rights in many areas. Given the progress to date and the opportunity to prepare the during the summer for implementation of additional corrective actions for the start of the 2009-2010 school year, the staff seemed

optimistic that the second progress report to be submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in September of 2009 would reflect substantial progress towards completion of all requirements.

Members of the academic community created QUEST, the Quabbin Education Foundation for Student and Teachers. QUEST was created in August 2008 as an official group with seventeen board members and received its non-profit status in March 2009. It is a non-profit organization created to support academic enrichment and improve technology within the district. Funds generated by QUEST will enable faculty and the district to provide learning experiences and opportunities the school district can not provide within its operating budget. Through fundraising, donations and grants, the foundation will offer mini-grants to teachers to enrich student learning opportunities.

Superintendent Gee resigned on April 28th, 2009 and the School Committee appointed Director of Administrative Services Cheryl Duval as Acting Superintendent of Schools.

Quabbin Regional High School graduated two hundred eleven (211) students. At the time of reporting to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 35% of seniors had intentions to attend 4-year private colleges or universities, 23% to attend 4-year public colleges or universities, 22% had intentions to attend 2-year public colleges, 2% to attend other post-secondary institutions, 3% planned to enter the workforce, 2% planned to enter the military and 13% were uncommitted.

The School Committee ended its fiscal year discussing the possibility of sharing services with another school district for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

**QUABBIN REGIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL
END OF YEAR REPORT 2008-2009
SCHOOL YEAR**

Opening of School

The school year opened smoothly. The teachers returned on August 25, 2008 which was about a week earlier than previous years. The faculty and staff participated in professional development that day and prepared for the students' arrival. Classes began for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 on August 26, 2008. Freshmen attended an orientation day on August 27th. Faculty and staff were in place; and we were ready for another exciting year. The facility was in pristine condition thanks to Clare Barnes and her staff. They worked very hard during the summer to repair and refresh the high school.

Below is a summary of our opening day statistics for the past two years:

| | 2008 – 2009 | 2007 – 2008 | Inc/(Dec) | % Change |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Grade 9 | 278 | 290 | (12) | (4.13)% |
| Grade 10 | 254 | 277 | (23) | (8.30)% |
| Grade 11 | 259 | 234 | 25 | 10.7% |
| Grade 12 | 216 | 232 | (16) | (7.40)% |
| Total | 1007 | 991 | (26) | (2.62)% |

Staffing

We have a number of new employees at the high school who are replacing staff who retired, resigned, or took a new position within the district:

Renee Boucher, Trainer
Daniel Brennock, NJROTC
Mark DePasquale, Social Studies
Haifeng Guo, Math
Rory Harrity, English
Rich Hurley, Jr., Special Education
Sara Nichols, Special Education
Michael Staiti, Special Education
Carrie Vasseur, English
Morgan Watkins, Art

School Council

The High School Council met several times during the course of the year. The council reviewed the progress made toward meeting the goals of the 2008-2009 school improvement plan and developed a school improvement plan for the 2009-2010 school year. In addition, the council also worked to review the Student Handbook changes, as well as review the FY 2009 budget and its impact on the high school. As always, school council meetings are open to the public and we encourage anyone who is interested in serving on the council to call the high school office and make their interest known.

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)

At the time of graduation this year, 100% of the members of the class had passed MCAS and met that state-mandated graduation requirement. Congratulations to all students and faculty for that great accomplishment.

MCAS Results Review

Percentage Break Down

| | Failing | | Needs Improvement | | Proficient | | Advanced | | |
|-------------|---------|-------|-------------------|-------|------------|-------|----------|-------|--|
| | QRHS | State | QRHS | State | QRHS | State | QRHS | State | |
| ELA | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 | 1% | 4% | 14% | 21% | 53% | 51% | 32% | 23% | |
| 2007 | 0% | 6% | 17% | 24% | 49% | 49% | 34% | 22% | |
| 2006 | 3% | 7% | 23% | 24% | 62% | 53% | 12% | 16% | |
| 2005 | 2% | 11% | 24% | 25% | 40% | 42% | 34% | 22% | |
| 2004 | 4% | 10% | 21% | 27% | 51% | 44% | 23% | 19% | |
| 2003 | 3% | 12% | 25% | 28% | 55% | 41% | 17% | 20% | |
| 2002 | 6% | 14% | 21% | 27% | 48% | 40% | 25% | 19% | |
| 2001 | 7% | 18% | 25% | 31% | 49% | 35% | 20% | 15% | |
| MATH | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 | 3% | 9% | 18% | 19% | 31% | 29% | 48% | 43% | |
| 2007 | 3% | 9% | 15% | 22% | 29% | 27% | 53% | 42% | |
| 2006 | 6% | 12% | 17% | 21% | 30% | 27% | 47% | 40% | |
| 2005 | 4% | 14% | 27% | 24% | 27% | 27% | 43% | 35% | |
| 2004 | 4% | 15% | 21% | 28% | 36% | 28% | 39% | 29% | |
| 2003 | 5% | 21% | 21% | 28% | 39% | 27% | 35% | 24% | |
| 2002 | 13% | 25% | 40% | 31% | 30% | 24% | 17% | 20% | |
| 2001 | 11% | 25% | 35% | 30% | 38% | 27% | 15% | 18% | |

We met the AYP Goal for the May 2008 MCAS Administration.

Student Accomplishments for school year 2008/2009

A new program, Link Crew, was been initiated at Quabbin during the 2008/2009 school year to help the incoming freshmen transition into the high school. Diane McMorro spent many hours over the summer

getting ready for this program, and trained approximately 50 junior and seniors to be Link Crew Leaders. The incoming freshmen class was welcomed on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 with Freshman Orientation Day. The students enjoyed a fun day with games, role playing, tours, and a barbeque. The students also received their schedules and followed a mock schedule during the afternoon. We believe we met our goal in providing reassurance and confidence to the freshmen as they began their high school experience.

Student Government conducted a mock election on Monday, November 3, 2008. Approximately 60% of the student body exercised their right to vote. Sixty percent of the votes went to the Obama/Biden ticket and 28% of the votes to the McCain/Palin ticket. Question 1 was defeated with 418 votes; question 2 approved with 465 votes and question 3 approved with 370 votes.

NJROTC held their annual inspection on Friday, November 7, 2008. The cadets and staff were in tip-top shape and passed inspection with flying colors. Commander Joe Hankins, NJROTC Area Four Manager was very impressed with the program and the cadets' achievements. Many cadets received promotions and awards during the ceremony that followed. State Senator Steve Brewer, State Rep. Anne Gobi, and other area dignitaries were on hand for the program. Congratulations to Captain Brennock, Master Gunnery Sergeant Brosnan, and the students for a job well done.

Fall sports are wrapped up with congratulations going out to our varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams who qualified for district play.

Congratulations to our Quabbin field hockey team who earned a spot in the Central MA finals. Field hockey Coach Shelly Zalneraitis reached a milestone 200th win this fall.

Quabbin was a test site for SAT testing on November 1, 2008 with approximately 95 students participating. PSATs were held on October 18, 2008 with 153 students participating.

National Honor Society students collected money during late November and early December for their annual Christmas for Kids campaign. Students shopped on December 16th and distributed toys to area towns later that week.

School reopened on Monday, January 5th after an unexpected extended break. December events were cancelled due to the ice storm, and many of these events will be rescheduled during the month of January. First semester was extended by one week due to the loss of school time during the ice storm. The first semester concluded with final exams being given on January 22nd and 23rd. During those two days students attended each day for two exam periods and were dismissed at noon. The second semester began on Monday, January 26, 2009.

The Music Department began rehearsals for the HS Districts at Milford High School on Wednesday, January 14th & Friday, January 16th. This culminated with a concert be held on Saturday, January 17th at Mechanics Hall

On Friday, January 30, 2009, the freshmen class had the pleasure of listening to returning motivational speaker Mark Mainella. Mr. Mainella celebrated his 30th year as a human relations consultant and national lecturer. He has traveled the country making presentations to high schools & colleges on the importance of positive self-image. He addressed the importance of a positive attitude and living one's life with passion. Across the country, Mark's experience has led him to believe that whatever our present position or station in life, there is always room for improvement. He calls it "staying solid".

Quabbin's NJROTC Drill Team sponsored the Northeast Drill League Drill meet here at Quabbin on Saturday, February 7, 2009 with much success. Five schools participated in eleven events with over 200 cadets. Congratulations to our own drill team who came in first in the Armed Regulation Drill, Male Color Guard, and the New Cadet Drill.

Forty-four cadets from the NJROTC program departed from Quabbin on Sunday, February 15, 2009 to Washington, DC. They had the opportunity to visit the CIA headquarters, Marine Corps Intelligence Activity and the National Museum of the Marine Corps. In addition, they made a trip to Arlington Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The oldest building in Washington, the Marine Barracks at 8th and I streets was also on the agenda. The cadets returned on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

Second semester Open House took place on Thursday, March 5, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Progress reports for the third quarter were distributed at that time, and parents had the opportunity to meet with teachers. The participation rate of Open House was approximately 20%.

Academic awards for first semester were distributed to students on Thursday, March 26, 2009. Students who received academic awards were treated to ice cream sundaes at lunch on Friday, March 27, 2009.

We applauded the Varsity Wrestling team who won the Mid Wach league with a 6-0 record. Five Quabbin wrestlers, Sean Giorgi (Gr. 9), Brandon Beauregard (Gr. 10), Colin Houghton (Gr. 12), Jake Straight (Gr. 9), and Kyle Muir (Gr. 12), competed in the All State Tournament held on February 20 & February 21, 2009. Moving on to the New England Tournament were Brandon Beauregard and Colin Houghton. Colin moved on to represent Quabbin at the National Tournament in April.

Congratulations to the Boys' Varsity Basketball team, along with their coach, Dennis Dextrateur, for qualifying for tournament play at the state level. Quabbin was also selected as the number one seed in the large school division of the Clark Tournament. The boys completed their season at 17-5. We admire the level of dedication and commitment to good sportsmanship that these student athletes brought to each level of the competition and thus represented Quabbin very well. Congratulations to Dan LaRoche, Chris Foley, and Kellin Zalneraitis who were named to the Mid WachB All Star team.

Kyla Dickson received the distinction of being selected to the Massachusetts State Field Hockey Coaches Association Joanne Paquette Senior Academic All-Star Team for the 2008 season. This prestigious academic award is based on very stringent academic standards set forth by the association. Kyla is among fifteen senior athletes who were chosen for this award.

The Varsity Girls' Indoor Track Team had an accomplished season with some school record performances. Tove Freeman set a record for the 300m with a time of 42.75. A record time of 1:53:05 was set in the 4 x 200m relay by Jackie LeBlanc, Danielle Jones, Tove Freeman, and Dylan Baker. Also setting a new school record was Kathleen Brekka, Jackie LeBlanc, Dylan Baker, and Tove Freeman in the Sprint Medley.

The Massachusetts All-State Festival took place in March, 2009. Three members of our music program auditioned for and were selected to participate - Stephanie Clark, Caroline Doane, and Daniel Knobel rehearsed for two full days and performed on March 28, 2009 at Symphony Hall in Boston. Congratulations also go out to Rebecca Green who was selected to participate in the All Eastern Conference. Acceptance to this program is based upon last year's All State audition score. Becca performed in the All Eastern concert in Providence, RI on Saturday, March 14, 2009.

Congratulations to the members of the Symphonic Winds for receiving a Silver rating at the MICCA festival on Friday, April 3, 2009. The MICCA festival grades the ensembles based on their performance of three difficult pieces of music. The group was given one of the highest ratings of all of the ensembles that performed at their location on Friday afternoon.

On Saturday, June 6th, under a beautiful, sunny sky, Quabbin Regional High School issued diplomas to 209 students. The total value of scholarships for next year amounted to \$393,240 with a value of \$937,710 over a four-year period. Of the 211 graduating seniors, 176 (83%) plan to continue their education; 126 (60%) plan to attend a 4-year college; 47 (22%) plan to attend a 2-year college or institution; 3 (1%) plan to attend a certificate program; 4 (2%) plan to enter the military; 31 (15%) plan to enter the work force full time.

Step up day for incoming-grade 9 students was held on Thursday, June 12, 2009. Various clubs & activities spoke with the students and enlightened them on the different extracurricular activities held at the high school level. The decision was made to repeat this program this year due to the overwhelming success of last year's program.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2008/2009

Congratulation to Ms. Becky Bottomley who was selected as the 2008 Massachusetts Agricultural Teacher of the Year by the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom.

We are happy to announce that Science Department Head, Robert Kolesnik, has been selected as a recipient of a \$2,000 Teacher Scholarship from the Board of Directors of the Laboratory Robotics Interest Group New England Chapter. This scholarship is awarded to teachers who go the extra mile to encourage and promote science in the classroom. Mr. Kolesnik will receive his award on June 10, 2009 at the LRIG spring meeting.

QUABBIN REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

END OF YEAR REPORT

2008-2009

This year there were six new staff members added to the middle school faculty. Linda Petty transferred from the Hardwick Elementary School to 7th grade English replacing Sonia Cure who retired after many years at the middle school. Cheryl O'Bryan filled the 7th grade science position vacated by Joanne Collins who retired. Kathleen Carville accepted a one year maternity leave in 8th grade Earth Science.

Janet Tankersley is filling the open position in the middle school office. Renee Witkos is the paraprofessional in the transition program. Kathleen Cirelli, a one on one paraprofessional, transferred from Ruggles Lane with her student.

To welcome students and parents to the Middle School, orientation nights were held for seventh grade on Monday, August 25 and for eighth grade on Tuesday, August 26. Student schedules were distributed and a mock schedule was followed so that parents and students could meet teachers and learn classroom expectations. Attendance for both nights was extremely high with 98% of seventh graders and 88% of eighth graders attending. Parents and students look forward to the orientation nights, which seem to lessen the anxiety of a new school year.

On Tuesday, August 26, we welcomed 275 returning eighth graders. Wednesday, August 27, saw the arrival of 252 seventh graders. This made the total Middle School student enrollment 527 on opening day.

To address a need for middle school students to continue formal reading instruction, Dona Lapati was transferred from a grade 7 English classroom to establish a reading class.

In November Todd Stewart, 7th grade social studies teacher, was appointed Middle School Dean of Academic Affairs replacing Janeth Williams, who moved to the principalship at Hardwick Elementary School.

After Thanksgiving recess, Michael Smith, who had been a substitute teacher in the Wachusett Regional School District, took over Mr. Stewart's 7th grade social studies classes.

Middle School Extracurricular Activities

In September, all middle school students attended a performance of the elite U.S. Army drill team in the high school gymnasium.

Quabbin hosted Central Massachusetts History Day on Saturday, March 7, 2009. Several staff members participated as judges. The middle school entered two teams in the junior exhibits division and one in the individual documentary category. It was a great experience for all students.

Kylie Brewer won the local Geography Bee. Though Kylie did not move on to the next level, we are extremely proud of her accomplishment.

The Middle School has continued its community involvement through “Trick or Treat for UNICEF” and donations of canned goods, collected at Middle School dances, to benefit local food banks.

The arts are an important part of the curricula and co-curricula activities at the middle school. Artwork from middle school students was entered into the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competition. Emily Raskett and Katie Coppolino won gold keys and Holly Fallon and Abigail LeClair won silver keys. Dan Ludwig, Alyssa Horsung, Glenna Jones, Natalie Martone, and Jordan Evurard had pieces exhibited at the Worcester Art Museum. The Gardner News chose Derek Taylors textured animal to be featured in an article about outstanding art work done in schools in central Massachusetts. Student art decorates the halls and office of the middle school. Several vocal and instrumental concerts are held throughout the year. Middle School Central District Music Festival Auditions were held in February. Congratulations to Glenna Jones who was selected to the Central District Chorus. Also in February seventeen middle school students participated in the Quabbin Valley Music Festival in Palmer. These students were chosen by their music directors and attended two rehearsals to prepare for this concert. This was an excellent opportunity for students to play or to sing with a larger ensemble and to work with a new conductor without having to go through the audition process.

May and June saw numerous awards and honors programs. The Honors Breakfast, prepared and served by staff, honored 151 students who achieved honor roll status for three marking terms. This program included a brief awards presentation for outstanding grade seven and eight students. June 18 was the grade eight graduation program, held in the high school gym, which marked the passage of students from grade eight to grade nine.

Eighth Grade Activities

In October, six buses of eighth grade students rotated through three museums, the Worcester Art Museum, Higgins Armory, and the Ecotarium. At Higgins Armory they were involved in an interactive presentation about armor and weapons that were used during the Middle Ages in Europe and Asia. At the Ecotarium, students viewed two planetarium shows before touring the museum.

In November, Ray Zalneraitis, a four wheeler stunt driver, presented an outdoor assembly for 8th grade students. Students heard Ray speak about riding safety and the physical science necessary for him to complete his stunts. Then he demonstrated many of his tricks. We would like to thank Chief Demetropoulos for his assistance and presence at the assembly.

In February, Steve Hammond from the Aldrich Foundation, gave a presentation on Mars exploration. Mr. Hammond is a volunteer representative from NASA.

In March, Matthew Marino and Bill Short treated our students to an assembly of Viking history which included demonstrations of Viking weapons. This is an extension of their volunteer work with Higgins Armory.

On Monday, March 23, fifty four students were inducted into the National Junior Society in a candle lighting ceremony. To be inducted students had to maintain a 90% average for six marking terms and show leadership, character, citizenship, and service. Mr. Todd Stewart, Dean of Academic Affairs and Quabbin alumni was the guest speaker.

The sixth annual Craft Fair was held in the Quabbin cafeteria on Saturday, April 4. This is a major fundraiser for the eighth grade Washington, D.C. trip. Over fifty crafters filled the cafeteria and downstairs halls of Quabbin. The eighth grade staff and parents worked on the bake table, food booth, cake walk, children's table, rock wall, and silent auction. There is a great deal of hard work that goes into this event. Our profit was approximately \$2,500. We want to thank all those in the community who support our Craft Fair.

On Monday April 27, 2009, 219 students and 30 chaperones traveled to Washington, D.C. Annual stops on the trip included the Smithsonian Museums, a tour of Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum, a night bus tour of Washington, D.C., the World War II monument, and the Air and Space Museum at Dulles airport. Buses returned to Quabbin on Thursday, April 30.

Seventh Grade Activities

In September, the 7th grade traveled to the DCU center to view the Spirit of America which included a performance of the elite U.S. Army drill team that had performed at Quabbin earlier in the week, as well as reenactments of major U.S. historical events.

The seventh grade was scheduled to attend a performance of five short story classics in December; however, due to the ice storm they were unable to go. On April 15, they traveled to Cathedral HS in Springfield to view the performance of the Chamber Repertory Theater.

In June, Yoko Kawashima Watkins, author of So Far From the Bamboo Grove, visited with our social studies classes discussing her life as a young Japanese girl who was forced to flee North Korea at the end of World War II.

May 21 through May 22 was the date for the grade seven overnight. Students began the evening moving through stations where they experienced elements of Chinese culture, Ecuadorian music, a tour of the inside of a giant National Geographic globe in the high school gym and African dancers. Activities later in the evening included competitive games in the gym, a talent show, a geography bee and a movie.

June 18 was the date of the seventh grade field trip to Canobie Lake Park. Before the trip students studied the "math of an amusement park".

MCAS testing

On March 31, 2009, students in grade seven completed the long composition portion of the MCAS tests. March 30, April 1 and 2 both seventh and eighth graders completed the ELA MCAS tests. The testing resumed on May 12 through May 22. Grade seven completed the math test. Areas tested in grade eight were Mathematics and Science & Technology/Engineering. We received the results of these assessments in the spring and summer of 2009

Math Camp

To keep students thinking about math during the summer, the first Middle School Math Camp was held from July 20-31, 2009. Students were invited based on teacher recommendations and MCAS scores. This hands-on program included the use of math to play baseball, take a hike, plan a camping trip, tie dye tee shirts, make ice cream build sand castles and construct carnival games. In addition to improving math skills, students reported having a great time.

Sixth Grade Transition

To help with the transition from grade 6 to grade 7, parent orientation nights were held in the elementary schools in the district. The purpose is to give parents an overview of the academic program, extracurricular activities, and to give some pointers before their children enter the middle school. The second transition activity was "Step Up Day" on June 5th. During this day students followed a mock schedule which included pictures and measurements in math, a tour of the building, and friendly competition in the middle school gym. August 26, 2009, will be orientation night for both parents and students.

Mrs. Susan Flagg , longtime middle school teacher, and Mr. Robert Pereira, district-wide music teacher, retired at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. We wish them well in their retirement.

The staff of the middle school would like to thank the Quabbin Regional School District community for the support that has been given to our students and our school.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne R. Musnicki
Principal

OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL
END OF YEAR REPORT
2008/2009

During the summer months of July and August, Oakham Center School housed two summer programs for students in the Quabbin district. Between the weeks of July 7 to July 13, we had two preschool classes with a total of 18 students enrolled, and the project create program, which had 12 students.

Prior to the start of the school year, new carpet and tile was installed in the nurse's office and the preschool rooms, and new rugs were placed in the entryway. The nurse's office also received a fresh coat of paint.

August 26th marked a great start to the school year at Oakham Center School. We welcomed a new program to Oakham this year, the New England Center for Children (NECC), which services autistic children in the preschool in kindergarten. We were also happy to welcome the following new staff members to Oakham: Sara Davis, Susanne Houghton, Molly Miller, Jessica Molt, Samantha Moore, and Tiffany Wooding, all members of the NECC staff, as well as Marcia Bobka, a paraprofessional in the resource room.

First day enrollment numbers for Oakham Center School were as follows:

| | | | |
|--------------|----|----------------|----|
| Kindergarten | 31 | Grade 4 | 19 |
| Grade 1 | 28 | Grade 5 | 26 |
| Grade 2 | 24 | Grade 6 | 24 |
| Grade 3 | 24 | Project Create | 8 |

Preschool classes started on September 2, with a total of 97 students enrolled.

A new reading program was implemented in elementary schools across the district. The program is designed to accommodate all learning levels and includes benchmark tests to be given throughout the year, to assist teachers in gauging students' progress.

The 2008 Spring MCAS results reflected the hard work and dedication of the students and staff at Oakham Center School. We again were in the "Very High" performance rating for ELA and in the "High" rating for mathematics.

Crystal Lucchesi, our computer/media aide, accepted a position with the technology department in January. We were all sad to see Mrs. Lucchesi go, but are fortunate to see her in the building from time to time for computer repairs and maintenance. Mrs. Lisa Topper was hired as our new computer/media aide, and has fit in nicely with the Oakham students and staff.

The aging roof on our building continues to be a problem whenever inclement weather arrives. On March 20, members of the MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) visited the school to look at the condition of the roof, as well as areas of the school needing asbestos removal. They also met with district administrators to discuss the possibility of the district receiving reimbursement for these repairs, which are greatly needed.

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC), again this year, provided several interesting and educational programs for the students in Oakham:

- The after-school enrichment program was held in October and April. Students in Oakham and New Braintree were offered a variety of one-hour classes at a minimal cost.
- In February, students were treated to a performance of “The Dragon King” by the Tanglewood Marionettes. This was sponsored by PAC, along with a grant from the Oakham Cultural Council.
- In April, PAC also provided the students with a visit from the Franklin Park Zoo. Staff from the zoo brought several animals to the school, including a python, a rabbit, and a ferret, to present programs on animal adaptations and animal senses.

Through a grant from the Oakham Cultural Council, an educational program entitled “Eat Like a Rainbow” was provided for the students in Oakham. Storyteller Jay Mankita had the students singing along to songs about good nutrition and healthy lifestyles, and also allowed the students to see his vehicle, the “Veggie Voyager”, which runs solely on vegetable oil.

In May, Deb Pelley from the district’s technology department, held an Internet Safety Meeting for parents at Oakham Center School. Mrs. Pelley had a great deal of information for parents about software that is available and websites that can be accessed to ensure that children are using the internet safely.

The following field trips were taken this year:

- Miss Miller’s annual Saturday trip to Boston for grades 4 & 5.
- Grade 3 field trip to the Fruitland’s Museum in Harvard, Mass.
- Field trip for Grades K & 1 to the Eric Carle Museum in Amherst.

During the school year, students also participated in the following activities and events:

- The Grade 6 Cultural Buffet
- Weekly trips to the Senior Center for grade 5 students
- Student banking with Athol Savings Bank
- Science Fair for grades 5 & 6
- Magazine Drive, Book Fair, Cake Raffle, and Candy Bar Fundraisers to benefit Nature’s Classroom trip
- Special Olympics
- Nature’s Classroom trip for grade 6
- Production and presentation of this year’s Memory Book

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Worthington

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMPENSATION

Quabbin Regional School District FY09 Employee Salary Data

| Employee | Salary |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| ADAMIAK, MELISSA M | \$55,965.00 |
| AFONSO, NANCY J | \$52,532.00 |
| ALLAIN-THOMAS, DEBORAH L | \$57,718.00 |
| ALLEN, ANN M | \$19,011.10 |
| AMIDIO, MARY C | \$35,197.00 |
| ANDERSON, PATRICIA A | \$66,758.00 |
| APPLETON, JANE M | \$70,699.00 |
| ARNOLD, LUCINDA A | \$66,508.00 |
| ARSENAULT, CHERISE A | \$18,770.00 |
| AUDETTE, BERNARD P | \$68,993.00 |
| BALSER, ANDREA L | \$15,776.00 |
| BALSER, MELANIE A | \$19,857.75 |
| BALZANO, STEPHANIE L | \$18,804.55 |
| BARKER-BERLO, DONNA | \$56,305.00 |
| BARNES, CLARE H | \$65,024.00 |
| BARNES, THERESA L | \$40,966.00 |
| BARRINGER, EVAN M | \$51,704.00 |
| BARRINGER, JANIS A | \$59,185.00 |
| BART-RABER, KERRY J | \$52,732.00 |
| BATES, NITA | \$28,435.00 |
| BEAUDET, KRISTINE A | \$68,784.00 |
| BEAUDRY, DANIELLE T | \$67,318.00 |
| BEAUPRE, JODI M | \$15,391.20 |
| BEAUREGARD, SHARON A | \$60,906.00 |
| BENNETT, JESSICA A | \$35,706.00 |
| BERLO, ROBERT F | \$107,120.00 |
| BERNARD, HEATHER R | \$20,361.00 |
| BERNARD, ROBIN L | \$38,124.00 |
| BERTHIAUME, GAIL L | \$34,528.80 |
| BERTHIAUME, VALERIE A | \$22,967.20 |
| BETTEZ, ERNEST A | \$73,664.00 |
| BLACK, JEAN M | \$19,274.60 |
| BLASZCZYK, VIRGINIA M | \$67,318.00 |
| BOBKA, MARCIA A | \$15,776.00 |
| BOHIGIAN, EILEEN O | \$67,568.00 |
| BOISSY, GAIL A | \$11,581.84 |
| BOLGER, BRENT A | \$59,935.00 |
| BOTTOMLEY, REBECCA B | \$65,577.00 |

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| BOUCHER, RENEE M | \$37,000.00 |
| BOYD, JOANNE | \$15,892.00 |
| BRAY, ELECIA C | \$55,107.00 |
| BREARLEY, DEBORAH A | \$34,528.80 |
| BRENNOCK, DANIEL J | \$64,792.72 |
| BREWER, CHRISTINE M | \$65,259.00 |
| BREWER, JOHN D | \$14,203.20 |
| BRIAND, ANNE MARIE | \$21,795.40 |
| BRISTOL, CHRISTINE | \$69,034.00 |
| BROSNAN, MARK A | \$66,784.00 |
| BROWN, TONI | \$58,096.00 |
| BROWNE, KIM A | \$66,758.00 |
| BRUNELL, RACHEL M | \$52,092.00 |
| BRYANT, SCOTT G | \$59,185.00 |
| BURKLE, SHERRY L | \$51,442.00 |
| BURNETT, WILLIAM A | \$74,960.00 |
| BURNS, LISA A | \$26,879.00 |
| CAPURSO, JANE M | \$72,084.00 |
| CAREY, EDWARD M | \$42,537.00 |
| CAREY, KYLE J | \$69,034.00 |
| CARLSON, CHRISTOPHER B | \$51,704.00 |
| CARLSON, KIMBERLY R | \$19,652.85 |
| CARON, MARK D | \$70,023.00 |
| CARROLL-PASCALE, HELENE A | \$67,568.00 |
| CARVILLE, KATHLEEN M | \$43,592.00 |
| CASAVANT, THERESA J | \$54,357.00 |
| CASTRIOTTA, MARK | \$59,185.00 |
| CASTRIOTTA, MATTHEW | \$73,664.00 |
| CASTRIOTTA, WENDY B | \$62,394.00 |
| CHABOT, JACQUELINE M | \$53,972.00 |
| CHAPMAN, SUANN Q | \$67,318.00 |
| CHASE, KELLY L | \$58,636.00 |
| CHASE, MAUREEN L | \$60,521.00 |
| CHENEVERT, JOSEPH A | \$19,818.24 |
| CHRISTENSEN, RONALD P | \$12,540.00 |
| CHURCHILL, JENNIFER E | \$54,357.00 |
| CILLEY, PAUL D | \$69,732.00 |
| CIRELLI, KATHLEEN M | \$19,924.90 |
| CLARK, BLYTHE L | \$52,748.00 |
| CLOUGH, BARBARA J | \$60,372.00 |
| COATES, MARIE A | \$19,974.15 |
| COLBY, BEVERLY A | \$45,965.50 |
| COLLINS, PETER W | \$44,035.00 |

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| Employee | Salary |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| COMO, MARY L | \$61,656.00 |
| CONDE BEVERS, JOAN A | \$16,184.00 |
| CONSOLMAGNO, TERESA J | \$35,672.00 |
| COONS, KRISTEN D | \$70,699.00 |
| COPPOLINO, JOHN J | \$21,089.60 |
| COPPOLINO, SR, PETER J | \$53,526.00 |
| CRANSTON, ASHLEY B | \$52,748.00 |
| CRANSTON, KATHRYN A | \$30,928.00 |
| CRAWFORD, BARBARA A | \$26,645.60 |
| CREEDEN, CHERYL W | \$67,568.00 |
| CROSS, PETER A | \$34,860.80 |
| CURTIN, ROSANNE M | \$6,185.50 |
| CUSHING, HELEN E | \$65,577.00 |
| DAHART, HAROLD N | \$35,360.80 |
| DAHART, MICHELLE K | \$25,584.00 |
| DAIGNEAULT, LAURA L | \$13,856.80 |
| DALVE, JOHN R | \$66,508.00 |
| DARCY, LORI A | \$15,776.00 |
| DAUWALTER HARMON, ROBIN | \$72,334.00 |
| DAVIAU, CHRISTINE M | \$70,699.00 |
| DAVIS, SARA B | \$23,437.00 |
| DEACETIS, SANDRA A | \$15,448.00 |
| DEGNAN, MARTHA E | \$58,884.00 |
| DEPASQUALE, MARK S | \$44,035.00 |
| DERR, CHERYL C | \$71,762.00 |
| DESCHAMPS, DAVID A | \$72,334.00 |
| DESILETS, KATHLEEN A | \$58,884.00 |
| DEVINE, GREGORY J | \$76,749.50 |
| DEXTRADEUR, DENNIS M | \$67,568.00 |
| DIBENEDETTO, ANTHONY J | \$62,678.48 |
| DICKSON, PAMELA J | \$64,084.00 |
| DIETRICH, BARBARA J | \$67,568.00 |
| DIMARTINO, MICHELE A | \$65,665.00 |
| DOLAN, CHARLOTTE E | \$21,349.90 |
| DOWGIELEWICZ, JILL M | \$72,327.17 |
| DOYLE, KIMBERLY J | \$65,665.00 |
| DUBOIS, SEAN M | \$46,732.00 |
| DUCHARME, DENISE M | \$73,914.00 |
| DUFORT, RAYMOND O | \$69,512.00 |
| DUHAMEL, JOSEPH P | \$65,915.00 |
| DUNN, NATALIE A | \$34,860.80 |
| DURAND, NICOLE A | \$51,442.00 |
| DUVAL, CHERYL A | \$102,465.00 |

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| Employee | Salary |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| ELLIS, KAREN J | \$70,699.00 |
| ELLSWORTH, ELLEN M | \$19,721.70 |
| ENOS, EVELYN A | \$13,417.28 |
| ERICKSON, TRISIA L | \$57,577.00 |
| ERICSON, CANDACE A | \$24,914.80 |
| EVERITT, LAURA J | \$14,203.20 |
| EYLER-PELLETIER, AMY L | \$59,185.00 |
| FARRAJ, LORI J | \$28,872.00 |
| FARRELL, MATTHEW J | \$65,665.00 |
| FAUTEUX, CHRISTINE E | \$53,972.00 |
| FEMINO, MARTHA M | \$96,268.00 |
| FEMINO, SHERYL A | \$43,324.11 |
| FENSIN, CYNTHIA K | \$70,720.00 |
| FISHER, MARTINE A | \$77,561.00 |
| FLAGG, SUSAN | \$63,188.00 |
| FLAMAND, JACQUELINE R | \$25,399.00 |
| FOLEY, CAROLYN G | \$59,185.00 |
| FOLEY, HERBERT L | \$34,860.80 |
| FOLEY, JANET M | \$66,758.00 |
| FOLEY, MEAGHAN L | \$17,865.00 |
| FORAND, CAROL A | \$60,797.00 |
| FORD, LINDA J | \$64,017.00 |
| FRANKLIN, CHRISTOPHER J | \$62,406.00 |
| FRANKLIN, KELLEE J | \$65,577.00 |
| FRITSCHER, GERALD W | \$13,542.00 |
| FRITSCHER, JOHN A | \$37,836.00 |
| FRITSCHER, KATHLEEN S | \$24,333.00 |
| GARDNER, KATHLEEN | \$46,307.00 |
| GAREAU, THOMAS D | \$44,035.00 |
| GARTNER, VICTOR | \$73,664.00 |
| GEE, SUE M | \$135,445.00 |
| GEORGE, ELIZABETH A | \$64,747.00 |
| GIROUX, MARION L | \$17,127.20 |
| GLIDDEN, ERIN L | \$17,173.60 |
| GOEWY, PAUL N | \$55,607.00 |
| GRAHAM, CATHERINE T | \$43,617.00 |
| GRAVES, JENNIFER | \$16,754.40 |
| GREENE, STEPHEN E | \$51,917.00 |
| GREGORIOU, JANE C | \$46,307.00 |
| GRIFFIN, PATRICIA L | \$19,173.45 |
| GRONER, MICHAEL H | \$56,149.00 |
| GUERTIN, FRANK J | \$82,894.00 |
| GUILBAULT, LAURA J | \$54,772.00 |

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| GUMULA, THADDEUS J | \$81,635.00 |
| GUNNARSON, RUSSELL B | \$34,528.80 |
| GUO, HAIFENG | \$51,135.00 |
| HADDAD, GITA W | \$69,034.00 |
| HALEY, CHRISTOPHER P | \$63,984.00 |
| HALL, MICHELLE L | \$60,039.00 |
| HALL, WALLACE A | \$67,822.00 |
| HANLAN, MARIE M | \$42,499.00 |
| HANSON, DONNA T | \$46,967.00 |
| HARDING CRAWFORD, LINDA J | \$58,587.00 |
| HARDING, TAWNYA L | \$18,907.40 |
| HARRIS, BERNADETTE B | \$68,034.00 |
| HARRITY, RORY A | \$40,966.00 |
| HARROLD, DANIEL W | \$75,385.00 |
| HELDENBERG-HUGHES, ANDREA L | \$62,427.00 |
| HENGST, DENA J | \$52,092.00 |
| HEPPENSTALL, NANCY H | \$67,318.00 |
| HIPPERT, TRACEY M | \$87,676.00 |
| HOLWELL, KATHLEEN M | \$72,334.00 |
| HOUGHTON, SUSANNE | \$29,806.00 |
| HOWARD, PATRICIA | \$72,334.00 |
| HUARD, JENNIFER A | \$67,318.00 |
| HUBBARD, DONNA I | \$67,568.00 |
| HUDEC-SURRETTE, BARBARA | \$72,334.00 |
| HUGHES, MITCHELL D | \$60,906.00 |
| HURLEY, RICHARD | \$67,152.00 |
| HURLEY, RICHARD J | \$48,907.00 |
| INMAN, KATHLYN M | \$67,318.00 |
| JABLONSKI, MICHAEL J | \$68,373.00 |
| JALBERT, MAURA K | \$22,244.00 |
| JENKINS, MARY E | \$43,088.00 |
| JOHNSON, KATHLEEN D | \$69,034.00 |
| JOHNSON, NAIDA | \$76,272.00 |
| JONES, NANCY O | \$73,914.00 |
| JONES, PAMELA L | \$18,804.55 |
| JORDAN, MARY ANN | \$46,367.00 |
| KANE, KEVIN J | \$70,992.00 |
| KENTRIS, NANCY A | \$7,238.00 |
| KIELINEN, DONNA K | \$66,376.00 |
| KILLOUGH-MILLER, RUSSELL D | \$71,334.00 |
| KING, PARALEE P | \$49,528.00 |
| KMIEC, GLADYS B | \$19,500.00 |
| KOERNER, ANDREW J | \$75,385.00 |

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|----------------------|---------------|
| KOLEŠNIK, ROBERT S | \$77,686.00 |
| KONDE, BEVERLY M | \$64,334.00 |
| KOVACH, CYNTHIA M | \$38,806.00 |
| KOWAL, SHAWNA L | \$18,804.55 |
| KULARSKI, ELLEN R | \$34,197.00 |
| KWIATKOWSKI, MARIA | \$11,453.40 |
| LACHARITE, AMY M | \$38,295.00 |
| LACROIX, SANDRA M | \$47,117.00 |
| LAM, NICOLETTE | \$21,277.90 |
| LAMARCHE, MARRION P | \$10,048.92 |
| LAPATI, DONA L | \$70,699.00 |
| LAPERLE, MICHAEL J | \$34,860.80 |
| LAROSE, SUSAN E | \$65,915.00 |
| LATKA, SARAH F | \$51,135.00 |
| LAVALLEE, JOANNE K | \$35,706.00 |
| LEBLANC, JOANNE M | \$19,011.10 |
| LEBLANC, NANCY Z | \$73,914.00 |
| LEFEVRE, MARY E | \$26,879.00 |
| LEROUX, ANDREA P | \$65,626.00 |
| LEWIS, PETER B | \$60,859.00 |
| LINDSAY, SUSAN C | \$64,767.00 |
| LORICCO, PATRICIA A | \$6,185.50 |
| LUCCHESI, CRYSTAL A | \$31,285.49 |
| LUDWIG, CAROLINE S | \$18,804.55 |
| LUUKKO, NANCY G | \$73,914.00 |
| MAGILL-DIAZ, ANNE M | \$60,797.00 |
| MAIO, CHRISTINE M | \$19,173.45 |
| MAJOY, BRIAN R | \$59,935.00 |
| MAJOY, LESLIE B | \$58,327.00 |
| MAMMONE, DIANE M | \$72,084.00 |
| MANKOWSKY, JULIE | \$69,034.00 |
| MARCOUX, LISA M | \$15,391.20 |
| MARSDEN, DAWN M | \$14,476.00 |
| MARSHALL, PHYLLIS S | \$35,360.80 |
| MARTINELLI, DENISE A | \$63,156.00 |
| MCCARTHY, KATHLEEN | \$21,064.60 |
| MCCARTHY, MATTHEW D | \$37,836.00 |
| MCCORMACK, MARY M | \$62,394.00 |
| MCCRONE, ANN C | \$47,919.00 |
| MCDONALD, SHERRY E | \$44,785.00 |
| MCDONALD, TRACEY E | \$65,665.00 |
| MCLEOD, MICHAEL J | \$34,898.61 |
| MCMORROW, DIANE K | \$62,406.00 |

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| MCNIFF, PAUL S | \$65,915.00 |
| MEDEIROS, CARLA M | \$48,636.00 |
| MELANSON, KAREN A | \$70,699.00 |
| MERTZIC, LINDA L | \$17,309.00 |
| METTERVILLE, ELIZABETH A | \$14,826.00 |
| METZGER, NATALIE W | \$58,293.00 |
| MILLER, KAREN A | \$63,156.00 |
| MILLER, MOLLY A | \$23,753.78 |
| MIRABILE, KATHLEEN R | \$21,349.90 |
| MOEBUS, GARY W | \$73,664.00 |
| MONFREDO, JOHN C | \$65,434.00 |
| MONTGOMERY, KERI LYN | \$15,892.00 |
| MONTIVERDI, LORI L | \$67,792.00 |
| MOORE, SAMANTHA L | \$23,437.00 |
| MORELLO, PAUL J | \$65,915.00 |
| MORRISON, DEBORAH M | \$24,333.00 |
| MURRAY, GEORGE V | \$53,556.00 |
| MUSNICKI, SUSANNE R | \$101,695.00 |
| NEWTON, EDWARD R | \$63,177.00 |
| NEWTON, JASON R | \$107,120.00 |
| NICHOLS, CAROLYN M | \$66,758.00 |
| NICHOLS, IDA S | \$24,916.00 |
| NICHOLS, ROBERT E | \$34,860.80 |
| NICHOLS, SARAH S | \$29,946.32 |
| NOEL, ROBERT E | \$41,476.00 |
| NORTON, SANDRA L | \$11,860.80 |
| NOSEL, CHRISTINE R | \$54,507.00 |
| O'BRYAN, CHERYL M | \$47,102.00 |
| O'CONNOR, JEAN F | \$27,973.00 |
| O'CONNOR, MARTIN J | \$34,860.80 |
| OLDAKOWSKI, AMY L | \$17,602.40 |
| OLSON, BETHANY G | \$67,822.00 |
| OMILANOWICZ, DOROTHY A | \$73,914.00 |
| O'NEIL, CHRISTINA E | \$20,664.35 |
| ORSZULAK, JAMIE K | \$23,974.00 |
| ORTOLINO, SHANNON M | \$63,177.00 |
| PAGE, BARBARA G | \$62,160.00 |
| PARADIS, JANET E | \$66,508.00 |
| PARADISE, NADINE A | \$15,892.00 |
| PARSE, RONALD R | \$33,030.40 |
| PARSONS, BETTYANNE | \$45,117.00 |
| PAULA, JOAN V | \$96,268.00 |
| PAULA, RICHARD M | \$77,418.90 |

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|----------------------|---------------|
| PAYNE, LISA A | \$47,919.00 |
| PEABODY, DAVID N | \$35,360.80 |
| PEABODY, DONNA M | \$34,860.80 |
| PELLEGRINO, MARK J | \$83,556.00 |
| PELLEY, DEBORAH R | \$60,616.00 |
| PELTIER, JOAN N | \$24,333.00 |
| PEREIRA, ROBERT J | \$71,903.00 |
| PERKINS, DONNA M | \$23,756.00 |
| PETERSON, KARLA V | \$64,334.00 |
| PETTY, LINDA M | \$70,449.00 |
| PIERMARINI, SUE M | \$52,532.00 |
| PIKUL, BRENDA L | \$11,453.40 |
| PIMENTAL, JOHN J | \$57,273.00 |
| PIRRI, DAVID S | \$54,357.00 |
| PLANTE, MICHAEL W | \$40,976.00 |
| POIRIER, HELEN V | \$70,699.00 |
| POTHIER, PAMELA T | \$55,405.90 |
| POULIOT, AMBER L | \$49,528.00 |
| PULNIK, VICTOR M | \$19,938.00 |
| QUINLAN, AMANDA K | \$26,974.00 |
| RATTE, PATRICIA A | \$34,204.00 |
| REED, FLORENCE J | \$38,076.00 |
| REED, VIRGINIA S | \$67,318.00 |
| RENAUD, JEANETTE F | \$66,568.00 |
| RICE, JESSICA M | \$19,380.00 |
| RICE, LINDA L | \$18,180.00 |
| RICHARDS, REBECCA L | \$14,558.40 |
| RIVAL, FAITH M | \$11,860.80 |
| ROBERTS, MARIA M | \$28,808.00 |
| ROBILLARD, CHRISSY M | \$42,499.00 |
| ROBINSON, BONNIE R | \$24,333.00 |
| ROGOWSKI, LINDA M | \$21,206.80 |
| ROGOWSKI, NANCY R | \$18,494.40 |
| ROLLINS, LISA M | \$7,508.70 |
| ROTTI, JANICE E | \$28,250.00 |
| ROUSSEAU, JULIE | \$34,197.00 |
| ROUSSEAU, SUSAN M | \$47,919.00 |
| ROUTHIER, LU-ANN | \$19,173.45 |
| ROY, NANCEE J | \$58,884.00 |
| RUCKI, DIANA L | \$67,568.00 |
| RUGGLES, KELLIE A | \$64,546.00 |
| SACRAMONE, JASON D | \$61,271.00 |
| SAINT DENIS, LINDA R | \$19,173.45 |

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| Employee | Salary |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| SALVADORE, LAURIE J | \$69,034.00 |
| SAYRE, PATRICIA A | \$67,568.00 |
| SCHOOLCRAFT, MARY K | \$12,037.50 |
| SCHUBERT, THEODORE J | \$53,012.00 |
| SCOTLAND, CHERYL L | \$21,277.90 |
| SHAULIS, JAMES E | \$26,145.60 |
| SHAULIS-WISEMAN, TINA M | \$14,727.00 |
| SHAW, LYNNE | \$27,906.25 |
| SHELDON, ARTHUR G | \$66,376.00 |
| SHELDON, LAURIE A | \$54,357.00 |
| SHORTEN, MATTHEW D | \$69,699.00 |
| SIMONS, WILLIAM J | \$47,102.00 |
| SKERRY, STACEY L | \$41,600.00 |
| SKOWYRA, PATRICIA | \$47,117.00 |
| SKRZYPCZAK, ANN M | \$73,914.00 |
| SMITH, MICHAEL B | \$40,966.00 |
| SPENCER, LINDA L | \$76,272.00 |
| SPOONER, JOHN M | \$72,084.00 |
| ST. JEAN, JAN T | \$66,508.00 |
| STAITI, J. MICHAEL | \$27,447.22 |
| STAITI, KIM S | \$37,483.00 |
| STANDRING, SHIRLEY L | \$51,135.00 |
| STANKAITIS, DANIELLE M | \$51,135.00 |
| STARKEY, DARCIE E | \$25,399.00 |
| STEKL, NANCY A | \$67,822.00 |
| STEVENS, ERIN A | \$64,747.00 |
| STEWART, TODD D | \$61,619.33 |
| STOCKWELL, SUSAN E | \$64,334.00 |
| STOLZ, PATRICIA A | \$48,367.00 |
| STUART, DEBRA A | \$66,758.00 |
| STYMIEST, MICHAEL G | \$15,814.40 |
| SULLIVAN, JEANETTE M | \$24,333.00 |
| SZAFAROWICZ, PATRICIA A | \$67,822.00 |
| TANKERSLEY, JANET L | \$30,852.00 |
| TENCZA, MARILYN A | \$112,479.00 |
| TERRIEN, DEBORAH A | \$66,758.00 |
| TESCHNER, RACHEL N | \$15,016.00 |
| TOOMEY, CHRISTINE M | \$19,924.90 |
| TOPPER, LISA A | \$13,371.81 |
| TREMBLAY, NOREEN B | \$41,340.60 |
| TUTTLE, REBECCA L | \$44,007.00 |
| VAILLANCOURT, SASHA L | \$60,801.00 |
| VALARDI JR, EDWARD J | \$35,360.80 |

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| VALARDI, BRENDA J | \$19,075.00 |
| VARIN, KERRY E | \$71,809.00 |
| VASSEUR, CARRIE A | \$46,307.00 |
| VERHEYEN, DOROTHY J | \$67,568.00 |
| VEROLINI, NORENE J | \$34,860.80 |
| VERROCHI, EDWARD R | \$51,135.00 |
| VILLANOVA, CAROL-ANNE | \$48,636.00 |
| VOGEL, WENDY A | \$52,748.00 |
| VYCE, JANICE A | \$57,055.00 |
| WAITE, CLARISSA L | \$70,449.00 |
| WALKER, ANTONETTE P | \$16,288.80 |
| WATKINS, MORGAN L | \$43,088.00 |
| WELCH, JOANNE L | \$14,203.20 |
| WHITAKER, STEPHANIE M | \$18,804.55 |
| WHITCOMB, MARISOL T | \$14,558.40 |
| WHITE, KRISTIN L | \$64,767.00 |
| WHITE, PAUL W | \$34,860.80 |
| WHITNEY, CAROL W | \$14,727.00 |
| WIDING, MAUREEN A | \$68,318.00 |
| WIDING, MELISSA A | \$48,019.58 |
| WILLIAMS, JANETH H | \$91,250.00 |
| WILLIAMS, JOANN | \$64,915.00 |
| WILLIAMS, MARTHA K | \$24,320.80 |
| WORTHINGTON, PATRICIA A | \$98,125.00 |
| WROBEL, LINDA | \$73,914.00 |
| WYNNE, AILEY P | \$44,035.00 |
| WYPYCH, JOANN | \$15,255.00 |
| WYSZYNSKI, KIM E | \$3,742.14 |
| YOUNG, BRIAN T | \$67,318.00 |
| ZALNERAITIS, BARBARA A | \$19,857.75 |
| ZALNERAITIS, MICHELLE M | \$54,357.00 |
| ZALNERAITIS, RICHARD P | \$71,945.00 |
| ZAORSKI, STEPHEN M | \$55,276.00 |
| ZIENIUK, CELESTE | \$16,754.40 |
| ZOLA, JEAN G | \$70,699.00 |
| ZOLLA, REBECCA E | \$50,171.00 |

Financial Reports

Board of Assessors

Town Accountant

Town Collector

Town Treasurer

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal 2009

The Board of Assessors (the Board) is primarily responsible for the fair cash valuation of real and personal property for the purpose of levying the property tax. The Board's duties include maintaining a database on each parcel of property in the Town, and inspecting all properties where a building permit was issued, giving special attention to new homes that were under construction to determine their valuation status as of January 1.

Massachusetts General Laws require that the Board annually adjust valuations to reflect changes in the tax base due to new construction, alterations, demolitions, etc. If there has been a change in market conditions in the community, adjustments must be made to property values to reflect full and fair cash values as of January 1.

In Fiscal 2009, the Board began an inspection program, also known as a full measure and list or cyclical inspection in order to maintain up-to-date and accurate property records. The Board has hired a contract data collector to measure and list all properties, recording any changes in condition since the last inspection on applicable field cards. The Bureau of Local Assessment recommends a full measure and list be completed at least every 7 to 10 years. The last full measure and list for Oakham was completed in 1987.

The assessors are also responsible for submitting annually a tax rate recapitulation sheet to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as evidence that the Town has a balanced budget within the limits of Proposition 2 ½. We offer the following financial data derived from the tax rate recapitulation sheets of 2010 and 2009.

BUDGETARY BASIS

| LEVY LIMIT CALCULATION | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning of period levy limit | \$ 1,988,192 | \$ 1,899,616 |
| Add: | | |
| 2 ½ percent | 49,705 | 47,490 |
| New growth | <u>26,511</u> | <u>41,086</u> |
| End of period levy limit | 2,064,408 | 1,988,192 |
| | | |
| Debt exclusions | <u>50,319</u> | <u>(69,546)</u> |
| Maximum allowable levy | <u>2,114,727</u> | <u>1,918,646</u> |
| | | |
| Excess levy capacity | <u>15,918</u> | <u>16,403</u> |

| BUDGET SUMMARY | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Revenue Sources: | | |
| Tax levy | \$ 2,098,809 | 1,902,243 |
| Less: | | |
| Allowance for abatements and exemptions | (25,833) | (22,991) |
| State aid | 299,588 | 374,854 |
| Local receipts | 357,000 | 463,883 |
| Other available funds | <u>154,112</u> | <u>167,574</u> |
| Total Budgetary Revenue | <u>2,883,676</u> | <u>2,885,563</u> |
| | | |
| Expenditures and other amounts to be raised | <u>2,883,676</u> | <u>2,885,563</u> |
| | | |
| OTHER DATA | | |
| Tax rate | \$10.32 | \$ 8.62 |
| | | |
| Total Town valuation | \$ 203,372,895 | \$ 220,677,862 |
| | | |
| OTHER DATA | | |
| Average assessed value of single family home | \$ 262,292 | \$ 286,767 |
| Average single family tax bill – Oakham | 2,707 | 2,472 |
| Average single family tax bill – State | 4,250 | 4,110 |

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the hard work of Priscilla and Cheryl Johnson, who are currently employed in this office. Their expertise and commitment were an integral part of getting 2010 quarterly tax bills issued on a timely basis. We thank them and the people of Oakham for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors

Dan Haynes, Chair
James Smith, Member
Peter Joyce, Member

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

| | General Fund | Special Funds | Trusts and Agency | Long Term Debt | Totals |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Assets: | | | | | |
| Cash & Investments | 387,948 | 633,887 | 908,166 | | 1,930,001 |
| Property Tax Receivables | 135,839 | | | | 135,839 |
| Excise Receivables | 24,164 | | | | 24,164 |
| Title V Loan Program Receivables | 122,125 | | | | 122,125 |
| Amount to be Provided for Long Term Debt Obligations | | | | 543,750 | 543,750 |
| Total Asset | \$ 670,076 | \$ 633,887 | \$ 908,166 | \$ 543,750 | \$ 2,755,879 |
| Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Abatements & Exemptions | 28,195 | | | | 28,195 |
| Deferred Revenue: | | | | | |
| Property Tax | 107,644 | | | | 107,644 |
| Other | 146,289 | | | | 146,289 |
| Payables | 39,269 | | | | 39,269 |
| BAN Payable | | 460,000 | | | 460,000 |
| Long Term Debt Payables | | | | 543,750 | 543,750 |
| Total Liability | 321,397 | 460,000 | - | 543,750 | 1,325,147 |
| Fund Balances: | | | | | |
| F/B Reserved Subsequent Year | 192,033 | | | | 192,033 |
| F/B Snow & Ice Deficit | (7,870) | | | | |
| F/B Trust Funds Principal | | | 97,540 | | 97,540 |
| F/B Reserved For Expenditures | | 173,887 | 810,626 | | 984,513 |
| F/B Undesignated Fund Balance | 164,516 | | | | 164,516 |
| Total Fund Balances | 348,679 | 173,887 | 908,166 | - | 1,430,732 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances: | \$ 670,076 | \$ 633,887 | \$ 908,166 | \$ 543,750 | \$ 2,755,879 |

Budget / Expense Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

| Account Name | Budget | Expenditures | Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|--|---------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Moderator | 156 | 156 | - |
| Board of Selectmen | 88,485 | 76,548 | 11,937 |
| Board of Selectmen / Web Site | 3,170 | 845 | 2,325 |
| Board of Selectmen / Schoolhouse Repairs | 3,000 | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| Town Accountant | 15,736 | 14,883 | 853 |
| Finance Committee | 1,000 | 585 | 415 |
| Board of Assessors | 24,800 | 23,431 | 1,369 |
| Board of Assessors Revaluation | 11,000 | 4,281 | 6,719 |
| Treasurer | 9,573 | 9,402 | 171 |
| Town Collector | 20,705 | 19,856 | 849 |
| Town Council | 12,000 | 11,020 | 980 |
| Treasurer Foreclosure Expenses | 5,033 | 936 | 4,097 |
| Town Clerk | 6,440 | 5,629 | 811 |
| Town Clerk Election | 4,462 | 4,105 | 357 |
| Town Clerk Census | 2,045 | 2,044 | 1 |
| Conservation Commission | 620 | 130 | 490 |
| Planning Board | 498 | - | 498 |
| Zoning Appeals Board | 200 | 60 | 140 |
| C.M.R.P.C. Assessment | 393 | 393 | - |
| Town Hall Expenses | 39,540 | 34,297 | 5,243 |
| Annual Town Report | 1,041 | 1,041 | - |
| Water Treatment Barre Road | 500 | 372 | 128 |
| Municipal Building Utilities | 35,000 | 26,704 | 8,296 |
| Police Department | 216,007 | 209,853 | 6,154 |
| Police / Lease Payment | 10,497 | 10,497 | - |
| Police / CJIS Computer | 7,902 | 7,699 | 203 |
| Fire Department | 82,028 | 61,758 | 20,270 |
| Fire / Lease Payment Defib | 2,700 | 2,520 | 180 |
| Fire / Used Vehicle Purchase | 10,000 | 9,795 | 205 |
| Dispatching | 39,464 | 34,865 | 4,599 |
| Ambulance | 54,850 | 38,877 | 15,973 |
| Ambulance Lease | 22,287 | 22,287 | - |
| Building Insp / Zoning Officer | 1,850 | 1,790 | 60 |
| Animal Inspector | 625 | 600 | 25 |
| Emergency Management Director | 1,500 | 1,000 | 500 |
| Dog Officer | 5,000 | - | 5,000 |

| Account Name | Budget | Expenditures | Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Tree Warden | 2,725 | 2,696 | 29 |
| Quabbin Regional Assessment | 1,385,752 | 1,385,752 | - |
| Quabbin Regional Bond Costs | - | - | - |
| Center School Roof | 38,000 | - | 38,000 |
| Center School Well Repair | 11,350 | 11,350 | - |
| Vocational Education | 244,360 | 236,035 | 8,325 |
| Highway Department | 187,958 | 174,316 | 13,642 |
| Highway /Gas Pump Repairs | 2,000 | - | 2,000 |
| Highway Snow and Ice | 77,999 | 85,525 | (7,526) |
| Street Lights | 3,200 | 2,590 | 610 |
| Cemetery | 6,081 | 6,059 | 22 |
| Board of Health | 2,700 | 1,921 | 779 |
| Council on Aging | 5,353 | 5,328 | 25 |
| Veterans' Agent | 3,907 | 1,899 | 2,008 |
| Cable Access | 100 | - | 100 |
| Library | 53,459 | 50,904 | 2,555 |
| Library / Anniversary Celebration | 250 | 250 | - |
| Parks and Recreation | 6,750 | 4,924 | 1,826 |
| Historical Commission | 3,500 | 26 | 3,474 |
| Cultural Council | 600 | 350 | 250 |
| Debt Payments - Principal | 18,125 | 18,125 | - |
| Debt Payments - Interest | 26,689 | 26,689 | - |
| Treasurer Short Term Debt Services | 6,663 | 6,663 | - |
| Benefits | 99,305 | 99,118 | 187 |
| Wachusett Home Health Aid | 1,279 | 1,279 | - |
| Prior Year Encumbrances | 727 | 727 | - |
| Cherry Sheet Assessments | 4,841 | 4,841 | - |
| Reserve Fund | 25,000 | 25,000 | - |
| | | | |
| TOTALS | \$ 2,958,780 | \$ 2,792,627 | \$ 166,153 |

**Statement of Special Revenue Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2009**

| <u>Account Name</u> | <u>Opening Balance</u> | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>State Grants:</u> | | | | |
| Community Policing | 889 | 8,610 | 3,770 | 5,729 |
| Governor's Highway Safety | (1,380) | 8,191 | 6,811 | - |
| Emergency Management | 139 | | | 139 |
| Firefighters Equipment | 4,391 | 3,897 | 3,960 | 4,328 |
| DCR Forest Fire Grant | - | | | - |
| Title V Loan Program | 4,749 | 10,196 | | 14,944 |
| Community Septic Management | 15,838 | 37 | | 15,875 |
| MEMA Ice Storm Dec 08 | - | 218,747 | 160,623 | 58,124 |
| Chapter 90 Highway Funding | - | 115,566 | 115,566 | - |
| Council on Aging | - | 3,300 | 3,300 | - |
| Library | 2,469 | 2,800 | 4,177 | 1,092 |
| Cultural Council | 3,168 | 4,396 | 3,290 | 4,274 |
| | <u>\$ 30,263</u> | <u>\$ 375,739</u> | <u>\$ 301,496</u> | <u>\$ 104,506</u> |
| <u>Revolving Funds (Chapter 53E 1/2)</u> | | | | |
| Board of Health | 1,621 | 3,845 | 3,840 | 1,626 |
| Building Inspector | 852 | 8,057 | 8,909 | - |
| Dog Officer | 8,000 | 2,734 | 4,526 | 6,208 |
| Fire Inspector | 2,044 | 807 | 293 | 2,558 |
| Plumbing Inspector | - | 1,350 | 1,350 | - |
| Town Collector | 937 | 6,120 | 6,090 | 967 |
| Town Collector Deputy | 139 | 5,068 | 5,068 | 139 |
| Town Clerk | 55 | 1,819 | 1,667 | 207 |
| Wire Inspector | - | 1,785 | 1,785 | - |
| Police Department | 8,460 | 3,300 | 2,396 | 9,364 |
| Planning Board | 9,378 | 1,665 | | 11,043 |
| Zoning Appeal Board | 1,903 | 700 | 147 | 2,456 |
| | <u>\$ 33,390</u> | <u>\$ 37,250</u> | <u>\$ 36,071</u> | <u>\$ 34,569</u> |
| <u>Special Funds</u> | | | | |
| Ambulance Receipts Reserved | 2,855 | 48,945 | 51,000 | 800 |
| Parks & Recreation | 1,624 | 1,881 | | 3,505 |
| Conservation Wetland Protection | 4,394 | 840 | 853 | 4,381 |
| Cable Access | | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| Planning Board Performance Bonds | 2,834 | | | 2,834 |
| Planning Board Consultants | 7,288 | 19 | | 7,307 |
| Police Law Enforcement Trust | | 250 | | 250 |
| Insurance Proceeds > 20K | 1,701 | 6,437 | 7,695 | 443 |

| <u>Account Name</u> | <u>Opening Balance</u> | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Injured on Duty - Insurance Proceeds | - | 12,281 | 12,281 | - |
| Ambulance Donations | 582 | 540 | | 1,122 |
| Fire Department Donations | 165 | | | 165 |
| Council on Aging Donations | 1,876 | 2,009 | 1,159 | 2,726 |
| Town Common Donations | 2,596 | | 1,302 | 1,294 |
| Library Donations | 5,022 | 391 | 3,027 | 2,386 |
| | <u>\$ 30,938</u> | <u>\$ 78,592</u> | <u>\$ 77,317</u> | <u>\$ 32,213</u> |
| <u>Project Funds</u> | | | | |
| Landfill Closure | 2,563 | - | 195 | 2,368 |
| <u>Agency Funds</u> | | | | |
| Police Road Details | 13,144 | 140,670 | 146,000 | 7,814 |
| Highway Driveway Permits | 31,800 | 800 | 400 | 32,200 |
| | <u>\$ 44,944</u> | <u>\$ 141,470</u> | <u>\$ 146,400</u> | <u>\$ 40,014</u> |
| <u>Trust Funds - Principal</u> | | | | |
| Fobes Memorial Library | 23,307 | | | 23,307 |
| Oakham Library | 26,034 | | | 26,034 |
| Henry Wright Trust | 255 | | | 255 |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care | 42,794 | 150 | | 42,944 |
| Alden Fund Stocks | 5,000 | | | 5,000 |
| | <u>\$ 97,391</u> | <u>\$ 150</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 97,541</u> |
| <u>Trust Funds - Expendable</u> | | | | |
| Crombie Library | - | 32,153 | 14,277 | 17,876 |
| Fobes Library | - | 637 | 336 | 301 |
| Oakham Library | - | 713 | 300 | 413 |
| Henry Wright | 298 | 15 | | 313 |
| Cemetery | 20,920 | 3,354 | 3,890 | 20,384 |
| Sam Dean Legacy | 12,170 | 327 | | 12,497 |
| War Memorial | 965 | 26 | | 991 |
| Post War Rehab | 5,023 | 135 | | 5,158 |
| Alden Fund | 409,671 | (20,584) | 3,440 | 385,647 |
| Stabilization Fund - Ambulance | 5,000 | 8 | | 5,008 |
| Stabilization Fund - General | 413,327 | 10,984 | 102,287 | 322,024 |
| | <u>\$ 867,374</u> | <u>\$ 27,768</u> | <u>\$ 124,530</u> | <u>\$ 770,611</u> |
| Grand Totals | <u>\$ 1,106,862</u> | <u>\$ 660,968</u> | <u>\$ 686,009</u> | <u>\$ 1,081,822</u> |

Debt Schedule
As of June 30, 2009

Municipal Building Debt:

Borrowed \$ 725,000 from U. S. D. A. Rural Development 1999
Final Payment January 2039, Annual Interest Rate 4.75%

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Principal Balance as of July 1, 2008 | 561,875 | |
| Principal Payment during Fiscal 2009 | <u>18,125</u> | |
| Balance as of June 30, 2009 | | 543,750 |

Short Term Borrowing:

Ice Storm Recovery BAN issued June 2009

| | | |
|--|----------------|--|
| | <u>460,000</u> | |
|--|----------------|--|

Total Long Term Debt as of June 30, 2009 **\$ 1,003,750**

TOWN COLLECTOR

Fiscal Year 2009

The Town Collector received and paid to the Town Treasurer the following amounts. These amounts were received for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009.

Real Estate

| | |
|------|------------|
| 2010 | 9431.17 |
| 2009 | 1787109.50 |
| 2008 | 70892.36 |
| 2007 | 8002.17 |

Personal Property

| | |
|------|----------|
| 2009 | 38669.59 |
| 2008 | 1038.46 |
| 2005 | 29.54 |
| 2004 | 38.08 |

Motor Vehicle

| | |
|------|-----------|
| 2009 | 195191.52 |
| 2008 | 43083.88 |
| 2007 | 1773.96 |
| 2006 | 1132.81 |
| 2005 | 42.50 |
| 2003 | 27.50 |

Other

| | |
|--|----------|
| Title V Septic Loan Principal | 4774.27 |
| Title V Septic Loan Interest | 5383.37 |
| Withdrawal Tax and Interest | 6186.50 |
| General Fund | 137.56 |
| Flagging Fees for Registry of Motor Vehicles | 1500.00 |
| Deputy Tax Collector Charges and Fees | 5068.00 |
| Town Collector Charges and Fees | 4570.00 |
| Municipal Lien Certificates | 1550.00 |
| Interest added to Delinquent Bills | 12121.98 |
| Bank Interest | 202.39 |

| | |
|-------|------------|
| TOTAL | 2197957.11 |
|-------|------------|

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. Carpenter
Town Collector

TREASURER

Fiscal 2009

GENERAL FUND CASH

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| BALANCE July 1, 2008 | \$977294.70 |
| Cash Received during the year | <u>5115862.65</u> |
| Cash Available | \$6093157.35 |
| Cash Disbursed | <u>4,513094.04</u> |
| BALANCE June 30, 2009 | \$ 1580063.31 |

TRUST FUNDS

Library Funds:

| | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| Forbes Memorial Library | \$23550.49 | |
| Oakham Library | 26305.90 | |
| Oakham Library and Park Crombie Trust | 569.00 | |
| | <u>18402.46</u> | <u>\$68827.85</u> |
| Stabilization Fund | \$397310.80 | |
| Ambulance Stabilization | 5007.63 | |
| Cemetery Funds | 64162.60 | |
| Sam Dean Legacy Fund | 12496.53 | |
| War Memorial Fund | 991.37 | |
| Post War Rehab Fund | 5158.21 | |
| Arts Council | 3669.77 | <u>\$488769.91</u> |
| Alden Fund | | |
| Cash | 60231.66 | |
| Trust | \$ 339255.38 | <u>\$399487.04</u> |
| TOTAL TRUST FUNDS | | \$1017343.46 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Edna G. Holloway
Treasurer