

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HALIFAX



FOR THE YEAR 2010

YEAR	POPULATION
2001	7,537
2002	7,500
2003	7,521
2004	7,561
2005	7,722
2006	7,656
2007	7,835
2008	7,937
2009	7,922
2010	8,035

IN MEMORIAM

ALBERICO GENTILE

JANUARY 30, 2010

*Mosquito Control Commission
Municipal & School Building Committee
Selectman*

SANDRA L. LaCIVITA

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

*Assistant Town Accountant
Housing Authority
Halifax Cultural Council
Halifax 250th Birthday Committee*

JOHN E. KEARNEY, SR.

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

*Chairman, Halifax School Committee
Silver Lake Regional School Committee*

EDWARD A. UBURTIS

MARCH 4, 2010

*Board of Assessors
Silver Lake Regional School Committee*

JOHN B. THUNBERG

MARCH 16, 2010

Planning Board

HENRY M. BOSWORTH

MARCH 24, 2010

*Grand Marshall, 275th Parade
Halifax Deputy Fire Chief
Halifax Farmer's Club
Historical Society
Republican Election Worker
Veterans' Agent*

IN MEMORIAM

SUSAN G. ELLIOTT-SMITH

APRIL 7, 2010

Republican Election Worker

HARRY H. BROWN

MAY 6, 2010

*Conservation Committee
Elementary School Building Committee
Forestry Committee
Halifax Boys Baseball
Halifax Cub Scouts
Halifax Farmer's Club
Historical Society*

GERALDINE C. BERNIER

MAY 30, 2010

*Democratic Town Committee
Election Worker*

MARY H. SIEMERS

JUNE 22, 2010

Veterans' Agent

JOHN N. MULREADY

AUGUST 20, 2010

*ADA Commission
Democratic Election Worker
Finance Committee
Municipal & School Building Committee
Selectman*

INEZ H. GASSETT

OCTOBER 1, 2010

Town Librarian

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen would like to begin by recognizing and honoring those who have passed away in 2010 and served on numerous Boards and Committees in Halifax. These citizens have contributed to the Town of Halifax on so many levels, whether they volunteered, were elected officials or sat on a board or committee as Citizens at Large. All of these wonderful people are listed at the front of the Town Report. Without their many accomplishments and service, the town would not have been able to maintain services at the highest possible level.

In the midst of the recent economic decline, in 2010 the Town of Halifax was still able to maintain and provide services at the same level to the community, despite cut backs in department budgets for fiscal year 2011.

Two new committees have been established over the last year, which were the Town Government Study Committee and the Fire Department Study Committee. These committees, along with the Halifax Affordable Housing Committee and the Master Plan Committee, helped the Board of Selectmen make decisions to lead the town in a positive direction of recovery during this economic decline, as well as help the town grow and develop in many areas.

The Master Plan Committee updated the town's Master Plan and presented it to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board this past fall. The purpose of the plan is to provide the Town of Halifax with goals and information to make it possible for the town to move forward. Their research, with the help of the Planning Board and other boards and committees, indicated that many improvements have been made and that the town is moving in the right direction.

The Halifax Affordable Housing Committee worked on a Housing Production Plan for the town. This plan provides local communities control over affordable housing and 40B developments. When the plan is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board it will be sent to the State for certification. The town will then be protected against unwanted comprehensive permit applications that

may be submitted by developers, but in order for this to take place, the town will then have to take actions to create additional affordable housing in Halifax.

Added stress has been put on our law enforcement personnel here in town due to the loss of our Animal Control Officer. There will always be the continuous risk of biting dogs and residents exposed to wandering dogs, therefore the Board would like to ask all dog owners to abide by the laws set forth in town so that everyone can feel safe when walking or jogging in the town's scenic neighborhoods. The Board plans on hiring a new Animal Control Officer in early 2011.

The Board has continued to represent the Town of Halifax on the local, county and state levels. The Board will continue to seek grants that are offered to the local communities. This past fall and winter, applications were taken for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program, which is funded through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, is designed to improve housing conditions for low and moderate income residents by providing financing to correct code violations. Residents were selected on a lottery basis and the process will continue into the spring of 2011.

Town management is still growing and developing with several office holders finishing their first year in their respective positions. The Board of Selectmen would like to thank all department heads, employees, boards and committees and especially the residents of Halifax for their continued support and trust. The Board of Selectmen is always receptive to any ideas that may be beneficial to the town. Thank you for making Halifax such a wonderful place to reside.

Troy E. Garron, Chairman
Michael J. Schleiff, Vice-Chairman
Kim R. Roy, Clerk

STATE AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

JOHN F. KERRY
SCOTT P. BROWN

GOVERNOR

DEVAL PATRICK

LT. GOVERNOR

TIMOTHY P. MURRAY

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE – FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

BARNEY FRANK

ATTORNEY GENERAL

MARTHA COAKLEY

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

TREASURER

STEVEN GROSSMAN

AUDITOR

SUZANNE M. BUMP

SENATOR IN THE GENERAL COURT

THOMAS P. KENNEDY

REPRESENTATIVE-SIXTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

DANIEL WEBSTER

REPRESENTATIVE-TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

THOMAS CALTER

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – PLYMOUTH COUNTY

TIMOTHY CRUZ

REGISTER OF DEEDS

JOHN R. BUCKLEY JR.

CLERK OF THE COURTS

ROBERT S. CREEDON JR.

COUNTY TREASURER

THOMAS O'BRIEN

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ANTHONY T. O'BRIEN
JOHN P. RIORDAN, JR.
SANDRA WRIGHT

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

TERM EXPIRES

ASSESSORS

John J. R. Shiavone	2011
Holly J. Merry	2012
Thomas Millias	2013

TOWN CLERK

Barbara J. Gaynor	2012
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TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Kathleen Shiavone	2012
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CONSTABLES

Thomas A. Fitzgerald	2013
Thomas M. Hammond	2013

BOARD OF HEALTH

John W. Delano	2011
Jeffrey Anderson	2012
John L. Weber	2013

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Robert J. Badore	2011
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HOLMES LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Kathleen Carbonara	2011
Lisa T. Gilbert	2011
Kimberly Cicone	2012
Carol Julien	2012
Lisa M. Arcuri	2013
Diane M. Wilmarth	2013

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Martha J. Smith	2011
Lee M. Mulready	2011
Joan E. Burke	2014
Richard E. Phillips	2015
Elaine S. Dolan, Exec. Director (Appointed by Authority)	

TERM EXPIRES

MODERATOR

John H. Bruno II 2012

PARK COMMISSIONERS

John Campbell 2011

Sarah Sloat 2012

Thomas F. Schindler 2013

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Piccirilli 2011

Gordon Andrews 2012

Dean Jafferian 2013

Edward Whitney 2014

V. Richard Greeley 2015

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (HALIFAX ELEMENTARY)

Paula Hatch 2011

Cassandra J. Hanson 2011

John F. Stanbrook 2012

Derek M. Bennett 2012

Lisa T. Gilbert 2013

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (SILVER LAKE REGIONAL)

Edward J. Desharnais, Jr. 2011

Cassandra J. Hanson 2012

Jean M. Levesque 2013

SELECTMEN

Troy E. Garron 2011

Michael J. Schleiff 2012

Kim R. Roy 2013

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Bonnie Wood 2011

Daniel O. Bosworth, Jr. 2012

Donald A. Bosworth 2013

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

(ALL TERMS ARE JUNE 30TH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Elaine Dolan	Open
John G. Mather	Open
Thomas Millias	Open
Thomas Schindler	Open
Vacancy	Open

ALEWIFE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Edward O'Brien	Open
William Perkins	Open
Tim Watts	Open

ALTERNATIVE SEWERAGE COMMITTEE

(Appointed by Board of Health)

Vacancies (5)

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMMISSION (ADA)

Elaine Dolan	2011
Richard Phillips	2011
Vacancy	2012
Vacancy	2012
Vacancy	2013

John N. Mulready, Sr. – deceased 08/20/10

ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG OFFICER, POUND KEEPER

Vacancy

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG OFFICER, POUND KEEPER

Vacancy

PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR

(Appointed by Board of Assessors)

Suzan Duggan	03/15/11
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ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

(Appointed by Town Clerk)

Stacey Elmes – resigned 01/14/10

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

(Appointed by Treasurer)

Linda E. Cole 2011

ASSISTANT TOWN COLLECTOR

(Appointed by Town Collector)

Kathryn Roche 2011

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Robin Bellinger - appointed 10/12/10 2011

Robin Holzworth-Gilpatrick - appointed 10/12/10 2011

Scott Gilpatrick - appointed 10/12/10 2011

Vacancy 2011

Vacancy 2011

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Joann Andrews 03/31/11

Michael P. Mason 03/31/12

Larry Robinson 03/31/13

BUILDING COMMISSIONER / INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Thomas Millias 2011

BUILDING INSPECTOR ASSISTANT

Robert Piccirilli 2011

CABLE T.V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Special Municipal Employees)

Derek M. Bennett 2011

Patrick O'Brien 2011

John Shiavone 2011

Robert Staples 2011

Richard Wright 2011

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Charles Seelig	Town Administrator	Open
Peter Beals	Finance Committee Member	Open
Sandra Nolan	Town Accountant	Open
Curt MacLean	Citizen At Large	2011

Membership changed 05/25/10 to:

Kim Roy	Board of Selectmen Member	Open
Peter Beals	Finance Committee Member	Open
Sandra Nolan	Town Accountant	Open
Curt MacLean	Citizen At Large	2011
Vacancy		2013
Advisor:	Charles Seelig	

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT & BURIAL AGENT (1 year)

(Special Municipal Employee)

Robert Badore	05/14/11
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION *(Special Municipal Employees)*

April Powers	2011
Gerald Fitzgerald	2012
John Peck	2012
Kathy Evans	2013
Tina Tonello	2013

COUNCIL ON AGING

Alice Dolan	2011
Lee Mulready	2011
Joan Towne	2011
Frank Ciavarra	2012
Elaine Dolan	2012
Debra Bunszel	2013
Josephine Schofield – appointed 09/28/10	2013

Kenneth Vinton – resigned 09/28/10

FENCE VIEWER

Michael Travers	2011
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FIELD DRIVER

Vacancy	2011
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Peter Beals	06/15/11
Paul Weckbacher	06/15/11
Karen Fava	06/15/12
Margaret Fitzgerald - appointed 09/07/10	06/15/12
Richard Wright	06/15/12
Karlis Skulte	06/15/13
Gordon Andrews - appointed 09/07/10	06/15/13
<i>Kim Roy - resigned 05/25/10</i>	
<i>Robert Hughes - resigned 06/08/10</i>	

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

William Carrico	Open
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FIRE DEPARTMENT STUDY COMMITTEE (*estab. 10/26/10*)

William Carrico - appointed 10/26/10	2012
Michael Schleiff - appointed 10/26/10	2012
Robert Hughes - appointed 10/26/10	2012
Member of Finance Committee	2012
Member of Wage & Personnel	2012

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Kevin Miller – appointed 10/12/10	Open
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GAS INSPECTOR

(Appointed by Building Inspector)

John F. O'Brien, Jr.	2011
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GAS INSPECTOR ASSISTANT

(Appointed by Building Inspector)

Thomas Leary	2011
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GIS AD-HOC COMMITTEE - (*Open*)

Building Inspector	Thomas Millias	Open
Highway Surveyor	Robert Badore	Open
Principal Assessor/Appraiser	Suzan Duggan	Open
Town Accountant	Sandra Nolan	Open
Selectmen		Open

HALIFAX CULTURAL COUNCIL

(Special Municipal Employees)

Vivian B. Cardinal	01/08/11
Cheri J. Fox	01/08/11
Ava Grimason	11/08/11
Linda Redding	01/27/12
Janine Maker	12/18/13
Barbara Nessralla	12/18/13

**HALIFAX EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
DIRECTOR**

William Carrico	Fire Chief	2011
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**HALIFAX EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

Michael Manoogian	Police Chief	2011
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**HALIFAX EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
SHELTER COORDINATOR**

Vacancy		2011
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**HEMA CITIZEN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)
COORDINATOR**

James Keegan, Jr.		2011
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HALIFAX IN LIGHTS

Denise Rannou	08/31/13
Maureen Rogers	08/31/12
Judy Wall	08/31/12

HISTORIAN

Susan Basile	2011
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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Nicholas Bessette	2011
Steven Corkren	2011
David M. Mason	2012
John Werra	2012
John Shea	2013

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Vacancy	2011
Leslie R. Hawkins	2011
Mason Cook	2012
Shirley Schindler	2012
Nicholas Bessette	2012
Susan Basile	2013
John Shea	2013

Bonnie Wood - resigned 06-22-10

HOLIDAYS IN HALIFAX

Fire Chief	William Carrico	Open
Susan Basile		2011
Tania Massa		2011

INCLUSIONARY BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE

Board of Selectmen	Troy E. Garron	Open
Building Inspector	Thomas Millias	Open
Housing Authority	Elaine Dolan, Director	Open
Citizen at Large	Sandra Nolan	Open
Planning Board		Open
Zoning Board of Appeals		Open

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS – SMALL & LARGE

(Appointed by the Board of Health)

Judith Y. Anderson	04/30/11
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LICENSING AUTHORITY AGENTS

Chief Michael Manoogian	2011
Sgt. Edward P. Broderick	2011
Ryan Botto	2011
Theodore Brenner	2011
Robert L. Briggs	2011
William Caprio	2011
Albert Hingst	2011
Christopher Moore	2011
Patrick K. Sterling	2011
Herbert R. Wiltshire, Jr.	2011

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE COMMUNITY RESPONSE COORDINATOR

Fire Chief	William Carrico	Open
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LOGAN AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William Sweeney - appointed 07/27/10 Open

MASTER PLAN STUDY COMMITTEE

Dennis Carman Open
Elaine Dolan Open
Keith Hopkins Open
Eleanor Lyons Open
Vacancy

MUNICIPAL & SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Robert Hodge 2011
Frank Ciavarra 2012
Kenneth Vinton 2012
John D. Campbell 2013
Vacancy 2013

John N. Mulready, Sr. (deceased 08/20/10)

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES - FULL MEMBER

Maryellen Stevens 2011

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES – ALTERNATE MEMBER

Elaine Dolan 2011

O.C.P.C.-AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee Mulready 2011

O.C.P.C.-AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY - ALTERNATE

Elaine Marzilli 2011

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL - DELEGATE

John G. Mather 2013

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL – ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Troy Garron – Board of Selectmen Open

OPEN SPACE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ivy Matheny	Open
Steve J. Smith	Open
Brenda Thomas	Open
Kathy Evans	Open

PARKING CLERK

Kathleen Shiavone	2010
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PLUMBING INSPECTOR

(Appointed by Building Inspector)

John F. O'Brien, Jr.	2011
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PLUMBING INSPECTOR ASSISTANT

(Appointed by Building Inspector)

Thomas Leary	2011
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POLICE CHIEF

Michael Manoogian	2013
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

FULL-TIME OFFICERS

Anthony Barbour
Theodore Benner
Ryan Botto
Robert L. Briggs
Edward P. Broderick, Sgt.
William Caprio
Albert Hingst
Christopher Moore
Patrick Sterling
Herbert R. Wiltshire, Jr.

PERMANENT INTERMITTENT OFFICERS

Robert Gaynor
Thomas Hall

POLICE MATRONS

Joy Firth	2011
Susan Lawless	2011
Antoinette Ross	2011
Martha Smith	2011
Jeanne Steele	2011

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

David X. Acevich	2011
Patrick Donnelly	2011
Panashe J. Flint	2011
Jennifer Keegan - appointed 06-22-10	2011

PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Charles Seelig	Open
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RECREATIONAL GIFT COMMITTEE

Troy E. Garron	Selectman	Open
Bruce Pulliam	Youth & Recreation	Open
Edward Whitney	Planning Board	Open

**REPRESENTATIVE TO CENTRAL PLYMOUTH COUNTY
WATER DISTRICT**

Richard Clark	Open
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**REPRESENTATIVE TO CENTRAL PLYMOUTH COUNTY
WATER DISTRICT – ALTERNATE MEMBER**

Vacant	Open
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RIGHT TO KNOW MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR

Vacant	2011
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Herbert A. Wolfer	2011
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**SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT & PEST CONTROL
AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

Vacant	2011
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TAUNTON RIVER STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL (est.01/26/10)

(replaced Taunton River Wild & Scenic River Study Committee)

Tim Watts		10/01/12
John A. Traynor III	Citizen-at-Large	Open
Cheryl Wall	Citizen-at-Large	Open

THE GOVERNMENTAL STUDY COMMITTEE – (AD HOC)

(abolished 06/08/10; replaced with Town Government Study Committee)

Tamara Dwyer	Wage & Personnel Board	Open
Troy Garron	Board of Selectmen	Open
Kim Roy	Finance Committee	Open
Jeffrey S. Bolger	Citizen at Large	

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Sandra Nolan	2012
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT ASSISTANT

Jean Pitts	2012
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TOWN COUNSEL

Lawrence P. Mayo	2011
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John T. Spinale - retired 06/30/10

TOWN DIRECTOR OF COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Kozhaya Nessleralla	2011
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TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

(established 06/08/10; replaced The Governmental Study Committee)

Robert Hughes - appointed 06/08/10	Chairman	2011
Ron Allen - appointed 11/09/10		2011
John Pesa - appointed 11/09/10		2011
Vacancy		2011
Vacancy		2011

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE *(established 01/26/10)*

Robert Badore	Highway Surveyor	Open
William Carrico	Fire Chief	Open
Michael Manoogian	Police Chief	Open
Claudia Motta	Elementary Principal	Open
Michael Schleiff	Board of Selectmen	Open
Susan Basile	Citizen at Large	Open
Vacancy	Citizen at Large	Open

TREE WARDEN

Robert Badore	2012
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275th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Dissolved at Annual Town Meeting May 2010

**VETERANS AGENT, VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER,
VETERANS BURIAL AGENT**

Gary LeBouef	2011
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VETERANS AGENT - ASSISTANT

Vacant	2011
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WAGE & PERSONNEL BOARD

John Grace – appointed 04/27/10	2011
Maureen Rogers	2012
Tamara Dwyer	2013

Diane Ruxton - resigned 03/09/10

WEB SITE COMMITTEE

(established 06/08/10)

Debra Dejonker-Berry - appointed 08/10/10	2011
Debora Kane - appointed 08/10/10	2011
Keith McElman - appointed 08/10/10	2011
Nicole Walden - appointed 10/26/10	2011

WIRING INSPECTOR

Stephen Peterson	2011
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WIRING INSPECTOR ASSISTANT

Dennis McManus	2011
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YOUTH & RECREATION COMMISSION

Director: Richard Steele	
Eileen Comeau	2012
Bruce Pulliam	2012
Gail Thibeault	2013
Vacancy	2011
Vacancy	

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Robert Gaynor	2011
Kozhaya Nessralla	2012
Richard Gilcoine	2013
Jean Reilly	2014
Debra Tinkham	2015

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATES

Jerry Scully	2014
Vacancy	2015

DEMOCRATIC ELECTION WORKERS

Joan Burke	07/27/11
Andrea D. Delaney	07/27/11
Paul Delaney - appointed 07/27/10	07/27/11
Thomas Fitzgerald	07/27/11
Carol Keene	07/27/11
Lee Mulready	07/27/11
Gerald Schwartz - appointed 07/27/10	07/27/11
Judith Wall	07/27/11

REPUBLICAN ELECTION WORKERS

Nathan Campbell	07/27/11
Heika Canaday	07/27/11
Marion Heath	07/27/11
Barbara Merrick	07/27/11
Gail Peck	07/27/11
Richard Roche	07/27/11
Amy Troup	07/27/11
Kenneth Vinton	07/27/11

UNENROLLED ELECTION WORKERS

Kathryn Roche	07/27/11
Diane Ruxton	07/27/11

TOWN OF HALIFAX

Annual Town Meeting
Quorum 100

May 10, 2010

As Voted
Present 157
Guests 11

Moderator John Bruno called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Town Clerk Barbara J. Gaynor read the Call to the Meeting which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator John Bruno recognized State Representatives Daniel Webster and Thomas Calter. Mr. Bruno was presented with a citation from the House of Representatives honoring his service to the Town of Halifax. Moderator John Bruno recognized Attorney John Spinale for his thirty years of service as Town Counsel and wished him well in his retirement. Chairman of the Finance Committee Kim Roy read a statement from the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Motioned by Selectmen Troy E. Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 2 Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer-Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2011, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer-Collector - Kathleen Shrivone

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 3 Voted to amend the Wage and Personnel By-Law as recommended by the Wage and Personnel Board:

Except for the following proposed amendment to the Wage and Personnel By-Law, the Wage and Personnel Board recommends that all positions and provisions in the By-Law remain unchanged:

- (1) Authorize the Wage and Personnel Board to grant the new Principal Assessor Appraiser hired on March 15, 2010, two (2) weeks paid vacation upon the date of hire, subject to availability of funds.

Proposed by the Wage and Personnel Board - Maureen Rogers

Passed

ARTICLE 4 Voted to determine the salaries of several elective Town Officers, July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011:

	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
Moderator	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Clerk	\$31,350	\$32,291	\$35,487	\$35,487
Selectmen (ea)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Treasurer	\$31,350	\$32,291	----	----
Town Collector	\$54,412	\$56,045	----	----
Treasurer-Collector	----	----	\$60,798	\$60,798
Assessors (ea)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Highway Surveyor	\$61,394	\$63,236	\$64,501	\$64,501

Proposed by the Finance Committee - Peter Beals

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 5 Voted to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses to the Town, including debts and interest.

Item #	Account Description	Expended FY08	Expended FY09	Budgeted FY10	Recommended FY11
General Government					
1	Moderator – Salary	200	200	200	200
2	Selectmen – Salary	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
3	Town Administrator – Salary	78,772	81,131	82,751	82,751
4	Selectmen – Clerical	70,318	72,428	74,142	63,471
5	Selectmen – Expense	4,165	3,880	3,825	3,990
6	Law	26,986	61,770	36,200	33,500
7	Payment of Claims	590	4,118	1	0
8	Town Hall – Electricity	14,368	13,967	15,375	15,375
9	Town Reports	4,762	4,801	6,944	5,500
10	Audit	17,500	17,500	18,000	18,000 (A)
(A)	From Solid Waste Fund/ Revenue	5,667	5,833	6,000	6,000
(A)	From Water Fund/Revenue	5,667	5,833	6,000	6,000
11	Finance Committee – Clerical	2,536	1,563	4,074	4,267
12	Finance Committee – Expense	407	368	370	359
13	Accountant – Salary	56,345	64,351	62,194	59,528
14	Accountant – Clerical	40,651	38,541	43,721	40,722
15	Accountant – Expense	2,987	2,140	3,000	1,500
16	Data Processing	34,790	35,724	41,930	50,300
17	Assessors – Salary	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500

Item #	Account Description	Expended FY08	Expended FY09	Budgeted FY10	Recommended FY11
18	Assessor/Appraiser, Principal – Salary	63,450	65,331	66,623	64,528
19	Assessors – Clerical	86,738	89,892	92,388	91,056
20	Assessors – Expense	4,846	4,889	4,970	10,053
21	Assessors - Annual Revaluation	1,500	0	5,000	0
22	Office Machines – Expense	3,900	3,704	4,200	7,818
23	Treasurer – Salary	32,350	29,209	0	0
24	Treasurer – Clerical	36,429	40,213	48,995	50,227
25	Treasurer – Expense	6,533	8,681	6,810	6,035
26	Treasurer - Tax Title	2,746	5,686	1,380	2,500
27	Treasurer-Collector Salary	0	7,308	60,798	60,798
28	Collector – Salary	49,892	48,810	0	0
29	Collector – Clerical	59,131	47,865	51,309	53,513
30	Collector – Expense	12,373	12,514	13,760	10,924
31	Clerk – Salary	31,350	32,291	35,487	35,487
32	Clerk – Clerical	36,418	38,183	36,267	27,218
33	Clerk – Expense	4,760	4,582	4,860	3,765
34	Elections and Registration	10,413	15,742	9,085	17,396
35	Wage and Personnel – Clerical	3,241	3,153	4,161	3,897
36	Wage and Personnel - Expense	165	200	240	240
37	Recruitment and Employment Costs	3,636	14,544	5,000	4,500
38	Conservation Commission - Expense	2,268	2,469	2,547	1,700
39	Conservation Commission - Agent	24,449	25,183	25,690	23,355 (B)
40	Planning Board – Expense	1,804	1,858	2,175	2,109
41	Board of Appeals – Expense	785	659	850	825
42	Regulatory – Clerical	57,674	62,443	69,527	65,470
43	Building Committee – Clerical	7,745	8,086	10,049	10,049
44	Building Committee – Expense	494	496	500	450
45	Town Buildings – Custodial	113,467	118,348	139,854	139,582
46	Town Buildings – Expense	39,589	48,953	45,000	45,000
	Total General Government	1,062,523	1,152,774	1,149,252	1,126,958
(B)	From Wetlands Fees	13,648	13,648	13,648	10,000
	Public Safety – Police				
47	Police - Chief Salary	81,916	87,162	91,861	91,861
48	Police – Wages	733,510	758,256	853,210	820,503
49	Police – Training	3,379	5,397	5,700	5,700
50	Police – Clerical	41,173	53,067	37,687	38,672
51	Police – Expense	59,479	53,167	66,018	66,018
52	Police - Station Electricity	23,358	24,921	21,803	21,803
53	Police - Cruiser Maintenance	12,289	14,808	11,420	16,420
	Total Public Safety – Police	955,104	996,778	1,087,699	1,060,977

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Public Safety – Fire					
54	Fire - Chief Salary	77,880	91,798	85,949	85,000
55	Fire – Clerical	33,426	35,457	36,325	36,325
56	Fire – Wages	493,276	473,731	521,632	519,149
57	Fire - Retainers (All)	21,099	22,885	26,903	7,735
58	Fire – Training	15,758	17,982	18,006	17,992
59	Fire – Expense	21,627	25,057	26,428	27,600
60	Fire - Station Maintenance	11,722	12,243	12,659	12,783
61	Fire - Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	25,682	26,950	25,750	29,922
62	Ambulance Billing	11,820	5,640	14,000	7,500
	Total Public Safety – Fire	712,290	711,743	767,652	744,006
Public Safety - Other Public Safety					
63	Emergency Management - Expenses	1,545	1,545	1,545	1,545
64	Building Inspector – Wages	56,744	58,442	59,608	59,608
65	Building Inspector, Assistant - Wages	1,792	1,846	1,883	1,883
66	Building Inspector – Expense	4,698	5,255	5,300	4,750
67	Sealer of Weights & Measures - Salary	1,859	1,915	1,954	1,954
68	Sealer of Weights & Measures - Expense	336	384	412	389
69	Dog Officer – Salary	11,749	17,718	18,105	18,107 (C)
70	Dog Officer – Expense	2,022	2,246	4,850	4,161 (C)
71	Dog Pound Maintenance	0	225	0	0
72	Communications Center - Wages	195,383	210,431	213,765	221,225
73	Communications Center - Expense	1,707	1,465	1,900	1,900
74	Communications Center - Telephone	20,866	21,247	33,000	25,540
	Total Public Safety - Other Public Safety	298,701	322,719	342,322	341,062
(C)	From Dog Fund	20,141	18,292	21,456	22,268
	Total Public Safety	1,966,095	2,031,240	2,197,673	2,146,045
Schools					
75	Elementary School	4,442,728	4,545,971	4,757,264	4,614,546
76	Vocational Education	133,201	49,584	117,500	27,000
77	Special Needs – Tuition	1,100,990	608,648	880,833	1,165,672
78	Special Needs – Transportation	281,907	213,486	207,841	239,913
79	Silver Lake Assessment - Operating	4,185,129	3,610,603	3,491,754	3,529,517
80	Silver Lake Assessment – Debt		519,106	531,313	531,313 (D)
	Total Schools	10,143,955	9,547,398	9,986,505	10,107,961

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(D)	Under Debt Exclusion	729,170	519,107	531,313	531,313
Public Works – Highway					
81	Highway - Surveyor Salary	61,394	63,236	64,501	64,501
82	Highway – Wages	268,219	241,769	268,495	258,728
83	Highway – Clerical	24,544	25,286	25,945	31,120
84	Highway – Expense	4,526	4,488	4,671	4,671
85	Highway - Barn Maintenance	7,985	9,841	10,100	10,100
86	Highway – Equipment	32,442	40,451	34,500	34,500
87	Highway - Town Roads	42,723	55,782	70,490	67,215
88	Highway - Snow and Ice	0	206,963	177,509	177,509
89	Street Lights	19,949	21,164	21,945	21,945
90	Traffic Lights	4,872	4,314	5,500	5,500
91	Tree Warden Salary	0	0	1	1
92	Tree Maintenance	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000
93	Insect and Pest Control	0	0	1	1
	Total Public Works – Highway	468,454	675,294	685,658	677,791
Public Works – Cemetery					
94	Cemetery - Superintendent Salary	9,193	9,469	9,659	9,659
95	Cemetery – Wages	54,543	61,835	65,313	62,902
96	Cemetery - Supplies and Equipment	5,470	4,436	4,870	4,870
	Total Public Works - Cemetery	69,206	75,740	79,842	77,431
Public Works – Water					
97	Water - Superintendent Salary	63,827	65,727	70,359	70,359
98	Water – Wages	155,681	157,578	175,435	177,102
99	Water – Clerical	38,252	39,401	40,884	40,888
100	Water – Supply	117,696	112,315	146,970	136,970
101	Water – Distribution	28,370	29,087	30,462	30,462
102	Water – Insurance	36,939	38,994	45,000	45,000
103	Water – Retirement	34,130	41,758	45,000	45,000
104	Water - Legal Fees	0	0	1,500	1,500
105	Water – Meters	18,292	9,158	20,000	20,000
106	Water - Gas & Oil	11,469	7,972	12,500	12,500
107	Water – Vehicles	5,181	2,761	7,500	7,500
108	Water - Tower & Wells Maintenance	13,748	1,275	25,000	25,000
	Total Public Works – Water	523,585	506,026	620,610	612,281 (E)
(E)	From Water Fund/Water Revenue	523,585	556,728	659,826	612,281
Public Works - Solid Waste					
109	Recycling Office – Clerical	23,175	23,974	24,843	24,841

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110	Recycling Office – Expense	2,416	2,181	2,920	2,520	
111	Recycling Center – Wages	50,498	54,970	65,366	65,906	
112	Recycling Center – Expense	12,613	20,137	21,841	20,410	
113	Hazardous Waste Collection	5,796	3,479	11,800	9,800	
114	Trash Collection/Disposal	188,943	195,633	210,807	211,407	
	Total Public Works - Solid Waste	283,441	300,374	337,577	334,884	(F)
(F)	From Solid Water Fund/Revenue	325,154	331,133	337,577	334,884	
	Total Public Works	1,344,686	1,557,434	1,723,687	1,702,387	
	Health and Human Services					
115	Board of Health – Clerical	27,769	30,816	33,693	34,449	
116	Board of Health – Expense	3,217	4,081	5,285	4,335	
117	Board of Health – Inspections	53,121	56,188	59,004	60,593	
118	Board of Health - Nursing Service	6,450	6,900	7,000	7,000	
119	Board of Health - Landfill - Engineering	26,480	19,300	25,300	11,616	
120	Council on Aging – Wages	125,706	127,070	138,469	134,850	
121	Council on Aging – Expense	8,253	8,497	9,095	8,580	
122	Pope's Tavern – Electricity	2,463	2,282	2,600	2,600	
123	Veterans Agent – Salary	8,592	8,036	9,027	9,027	
124	Veterans Agent – Expense	110	139	150	1,269	
125	Veterans Service Officer	993	929	1,044	1,044	
126	Veterans Benefits	37,623	49,947	60,000	54,000	
127	Housing Authority	0	0	1	1	
128	ADA Expense	0	0	1	1	
	Total Health and Human Svcs	300,777	314,185	350,669	329,365	
	Culture and Recreation					
129	Library - Director Salary	54,545	64,587	59,608	54,596	
130	Library – Wages	129,605	133,893	143,368	139,630	
131	Library – Expense	79,667	83,006	84,910	90,897	
132	Youth and Recreation – Wages	12,355	12,729	12,986	12,597	
133	Youth and Recreation - Expense	9,926	9,834	10,000	9,700	
134	Youth and Recreation - Director	14,922	15,362	15,679	15,209	
135	Parks – Wages	0	0	563	450	
136	Parks – Expense	499	809	500	100	
137	Cable Television	0	0	1	1	
138	Patriotic Celebrations	427	500	500	500	
139	Historical Commission	3,189	2,238	2,576	2,499	
140	Historic District Commission	0	0	460	446	
141	Holidays in Halifax	3,070	2,444	3,500	3,395	

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142	Beautification Committee - Expense	0	0	1	1
	Total Culture and Recreation	308,205	325,402	334,652	330,021
	Debt Service				
143	Debt - Water Extension Project	114,975	111,975	108,900	105,750 (G)
144	Debt - School/Library Project	410,181	391,350	370,075	348,275 (H)
145	Debt - Police Station	187,718	182,183	176,580	170,978 (I)
146	Debt - Water Pollution Abatement Trust	0	10,401	10,401	10,401 (J)
147	Debt - Water Pollution Abatement Trust II	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000 (K)
148	Debt - Landfill Capping	57,800	149,906	145,869	141,950 (L)
149	Interest on Temporary Loans	0	0	5,000	5,000
	Total Debt Service	780,674	855,815	826,825	792,354
(G)	From Water Retained Earnings	114,975	111,975	108,900	105,750
(H)	Under Debt Exclusion	129,585	110,754	89,479	67,679
(I)	Under Debt Exclusion	187,718	182,183	176,580	170,978
(J)	From Abatement Trust Revenue	0	10,401	10,401	10,401
(K)	From Abatement Trust Revenue	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
(L)	Under Debt Exclusion	57,800	149,906	145,869	141,950
	Fixed Costs				
150	Plymouth County Retirement	516,355	632,695	653,339	720,586
151	Group Insurance - Town Share	675,353	715,349	830,015	893,685
152	Medicare - Town Share	82,679	87,101	105,000	105,000
153	Insurance	185,889	183,066	190,000	184,300
154	Gas & Oil - All Departments	106,327	118,639	120,000	115,000
155	Heating - All Buildings	58,361	43,651	70,000	65,000
	Total Fixed Costs	1,624,964	1,780,501	1,968,354	2,083,571
	Total Operating Costs	17,531,879	17,564,749	18,537,617	18,618,662

Proposed by the Finance Committee – Kim Roy

All items **Passed**.

ARTICLE 6 Voted to continue the following Revolving Funds for certain Town departments under the Massachusetts General Laws or regulations cited for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2011 Spending Limit
Conservation Commission	Conservation Commission	Fees for review of permits, postage and advertising	Consulting Services, postage and ads	\$20,000
Board of Health Consulting	Board of Health	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$30,000
Recycling bins	Highway Surveyor	Fees for purchase of bins	Purchase of bins	\$5,000
Earth Removal Review	Board of Selectmen	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$15,000
Planning Board Consulting	Planning Board	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$50,000
Building Inspector Consulting	Building Inspector	Fees for review of permits	Consulting services	\$15,000
Youth & Recreation Programs	Youth and Recreation	Fees for Programs	Youth and Recreation Programs	\$80,000
CPR Classes	Fire Chief	Fees for Classes	CPR instructors and materials	\$5,000
ZBA Consulting	Zoning Board of Appeals	Fees for review of permits, postage and advertising	Consulting services, postage, legal ads	\$15,000
Library Computer and printers	Library Trustees	Computer/printer fees	Computer/printer supplies	\$5,000
Selectmen Legal Advertising	Board of Selectmen	Payments for Legal ads	Legal ads	\$1,500
COA Elderbus	Council on Aging	Transportation fees & donations	Elderbus operation Including wages	\$8,000
Inspector Wages	Building Inspector	Fees for permits	80% for plumbing, gas and wiring inspectors wages; remainder to general fund	\$40,000

In all cases, all the revolving funds are authorized under MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2.

Proposed by the Finance Committee - Kim Roy

Passed Unanimously

Troy Garron moved to suspend the Annual Town Meeting and take up the Special Town Meeting. Passed Unanimously. We adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

We reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

ARTICLE 7 Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$85,000 to the Reserve Fund and to transfer from Water Department Retained Earning the sum of \$25,000 to the Water Department Reserve Fund, in each case to cover extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures during Fiscal Year 2011 in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Proposed by the Finance Committee - Kim Roy

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 8 Voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$0 to meet the Town's share and to appropriate the sum of \$201,986 from available funds under Chapter 303 of the Acts of 2008 as the State's share of the cost of work under Chapter 90, Section 34(2)(a) of the General Laws, for the purposes as set forth in the memorandum of agreement with the Massachusetts Highway Department including maintaining, repairing, improving, and constructing town and county ways and bridges, sidewalks adjacent to said ways and bridges, bike ways and other projects eligible for funding as a "transportation enhancement project" as described in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, P.L. 102-240, salt storage sheds, public use off-street parking facilities related to mass transportation, for engineering services and expenses related to highway transportation enhancement and mass transportation purposes, for care, repair, storage, purchase, and long term leasing of road building machinery, equipment and tools, and for the erection and maintenance of direction signs and warning signs.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor - Robert Badore

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 9 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$150,000 for the maintenance of Town roads.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor - Robert Badore

Passed Unanimously

Robert Badore moved to PASS OVER the following article - Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$142,000 to purchase and equip a new heavy duty dump truck or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor - Robert Badore

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 11 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$15,000 for computer hardware and software and accompanying materials and equipment.

Proposed by the Halifax Elementary School Committee - Cassandra Hanson

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 12 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$50,000 to replace HVAC Unit(s) at the Holmes Public Library.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee - John Campbell

Passed

John Campbell moved to Pass Over the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,000 to replace the Fire Station roof or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee - John Campbell

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 14 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the production of architectural and engineering plans and specifications and construction bid documents, and any associated costs for the creation of said plans and specifications and bid documents, for a new Senior Center and infrastructure and landscaping on the Senior Center property, said appropriation to be contingent on the passage of a capital exclusion, Proposition 2 ½ referendum on May 15, 2010.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee
- John Campbell

Passed

ARTICLE 15 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$3,000 to install energy savings occupancy sensors in the Halifax Police Station.

Proposed by the Municipal and School Building Committee
- John Campbell

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 16 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$5,000 to purchase portable radios and pagers for use by the Fire Department.

Proposed by the Fire Chief - William Carrico

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 17 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$15,000 to purchase new turn-out gear for Fire Department personnel.

Proposed by the Fire Chief - William Carrico

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 18 Voted to transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$8,524 and transfer \$1,476 from Overlay Surplus for a total of \$10,000 to purchase a new thermal imaging camera for the Fire Department.

Proposed by the Fire Chief – William Carrico

Passed Unanimously

Chief William Carrico moved to PASS OVER the following article - Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 19 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,000 to purchase new equipment, 2 - large diameter intake, 2 - Mercury fire attack nozzles, 2 - 2-1/2" attack nozzles, and a chain saw for the Fire Department or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Fire Chief - William Carrico

Passed Over Unanimously

Chief William Carrico moved to PASS OVER the following article - Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,500 to upgrade the Fire Station radio and speaker system or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Fire Chief - William Carrico

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 21 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$30,000 to purchase, implement and support Municipal Utility Billing Software for the Town Treasurer-Collector's office.

Proposed by the Town Treasurer-Collector - Kathleen Shiavone

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 22 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$3,500 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents.

Proposed by Michael Manoogian, et al

Passed Unanimously

Selectman Troy Garron moved to PASS OVER the following article - Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,500 to contract with South Shore Women's Resource Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services for its residents, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by Anne Demariano, et al

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 24 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars to contract with South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. for services to low-income families and elderly residents in the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by Joyce Curran, et al

Failed

Selectman Troy Garron moved to PASS OVER the following article - Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,500 to contract with South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc.'s continued free legal services in civil matters to low-income families and their children, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by Joan Hindmarsh, et al

Passed Over Unanimously

Selectman Troy Garron moved to PASS OVER the following article - Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Troy Garron

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 27 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$1,000 for Line 84 (Highway - Expenses) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2010 to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between AFSCME AFL-CIO Union Council 93, Local 1700 (Highway/Cemetery) and the Town of Halifax.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Troy E. Garron

Passed Unanimously

Selectman Troy Garron moved to PASS OVER the following article - Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between IBPO, Local 309 (Sergeants) and the Town of Halifax, or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Troy E. Garron

Passed Over Unanimously

Selectman Troy Garron moved to PASS OVER the following article - Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between IAFF, Local 3159 (Firefighters) and the Town of Halifax, or take action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Troy E. Garron

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 30 Voted to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$150 for the use of the Trustees for County Cooperative Extension Service and authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Director within fifteen days as provided in revised Chapter 128, Section 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Troy E. Garron

Passed Unanimously

Finance Chairman Kim Roy moved to PASS OVER the following article -
Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 31 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B of Massachusetts General Laws of take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Finance Committee - Kim Roy

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 32 Voted to amend Chapter 88-2A of the Code of the Town of Halifax as follows:

Ambulance Rates, Fees and Charges

The charges for ambulance service provided by the Town of Halifax shall be as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Basic Life Support	450.00	505.78
Basic Life Support-Mileage	15.00/mile	22.00/mile
Advanced Life Support	550.00	Deleted
Advanced Life Support-Mileage	16.00/mile	Deleted
Advanced Life Support 1	-----	600.61
Advanced Life Support 1-Mileage	-----	22.00/mile
Advanced Life Support 2	750.00	869.31
Advanced Life Support 2-Mileage	16.00/mile	22.00/mile
Airways	130.00	173.33
Mast Trousers	75.00	101.95
IV Drug Administration	125.00	152.91
Cardiac Monitoring	175.00	214.11
Defibrillation	130.00	152.91
Oxygen Administration	70.00	71.37
Extra Attendant	150.00	150.00
Extrication	150.00	200.00

and to add a Section 88-2C as follows:

The Halifax Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to abate charges for ambulance services.

Proposed by the Fire Chief - William Carrico

Passed Unanimously

On a motion by Mr. Garron, seconded by Mr. Schleiff it was voted to waive the reading of Article 33 and to make the following change: delete the second section of Section 3.6 as it is duplicated.

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 33 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax by adding the following:

Demolition Delay Bylaw for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings

Section 1. Intent and Purpose

Intent and purpose: The Demolition Delay bylaw is enacted for the purpose of preserving and protecting significant buildings within the Town of Halifax which are outside Local Historic Districts. Such buildings reflect distinctive features of the architectural, cultural, economic, political or social history of the Town, and their preservation promotes the public welfare by making the Town a more attractive and desirable place to live and work. The intent of the bylaw is to provide an opportunity to develop preservation solutions for significant, preferably preserved properties threatened with demolition. The bylaw is intended to encourage owners and townspeople to seek out persons who might be willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate or restore such buildings rather than demolish them, and to limit the detrimental effect of demolition on the historical architectural resources of the Town. To achieve these purposes, the Halifax Historical District Commission ("the Commission") is empowered to advise the Building Inspector with respect to the issuance of permits for demolition of significant buildings, and, where appropriate and consistent with the intent and purpose of this bylaw, to allow demolition under conditions designed to minimize the loss of distinctive features of significant buildings.

Section 2. Definitions

- 2.1 Building - A structure enclosed within exterior walls or firewalls, built, erected and framed of a combination of any materials to form a structure for the shelter of persons, animals or property.
- 2.2 Demolition - Any act of pulling down, destroying, removing, razing or moving a building or commencing the work of moving or of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same.
- 2.3 Building Inspector - The administrative chief of the building department who is charged with the administration and enforcement of the State Building Code, 780 CMR, and is authorized to issue demolition permits.

- 2.4 Commission - The Halifax Historic District Commission.
- 2.5 Demolition Permit - The permit issued by the Building Inspector as required by the State Building Code for a demolition, substantial demolition or removal of a building.
- 2.6 Historically or Architecturally Significant Building - Any building, in whole or in part, which was built before 1900 and:
 - (a) which is listed on, or is a contributing building within an area listed on the National Register of Historic places, or which is the subject of a pending application for such listing, or is eligible for such listing; or
 - (b) is included in the Cultural Resources Inventory prepared by the Commission; or
 - (c) has been determined by vote of the Commission to be a significant building after a finding by the Commission that the building meets one or more of the following three criteria:
 - i. Historical Importance. The building meets the criteria of historical importance if it:
 - a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the Town of Halifax, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the nation; or
 - b. Is the site of an historic event; or
 - c. Is identified with a person or group of persons who has some influence on society; or
 - d. Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.
 - ii. Architectural Importance. The structure meets the criteria of architectural importance if it:
 - a. Portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style; or
 - b. Embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type, or;
 - c. Is the work of an architect, master builder or craftsman whose individual work has influenced the development of the Town; or
 - d. Contains elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship, which represents a significant innovation.

- iii. Geographic Importance. The structure meets the criteria of geographic importance if:
 - a. The site is part of, or related to, a square, park, or other distinctive area; or
 - b. The structure, as to its unique location or its physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, village center, or the community as a whole.

Section 3. Procedure

- 3.1 No permit for the demolition of a significant structure or part thereof shall be issued except as provided in this bylaw, as well as in conformity with the provisions of other laws and ordinances applicable to the demolition of buildings and the issuance of permits generally.
- 3.2 Application contents: Every application for a demolition shall be filed with the Building Inspector and shall contain the following information: (i) the address of the building to be demolished, (ii) the owner's name, address and telephone number, (iii) a brief description of the type of building and the condition requiring issuance of the permit, (iv) date of building as established by the Board of Assessors, deed or documentation verifying year of construction, and (v) a brief description of the proposed reuse, reconstruction or replacement on the premises upon which the building is located.
- 3.3 Within seven (7) working days from receipt of any application for a demolition permit, the Building Inspector shall forward a copy to the Commission. No demolition permit shall be issued during this time.
- 3.4 Within ten (10) working days after receipt of the application for demolition permit by the Commission, the Commission or its designee shall make a Determination of Architectural and/or Historical Significance. Upon determination by the Commission that the building is not architecturally and/or historically significant, the Commission shall so notify the Building Inspector in writing. Upon receipt of such notification, or after the expiration of fifteen (15) working days from the date of submission to the Commission, if the Building Inspector has not received notification from the Commission, the Building Inspector may issue the demolition permit.
- 3.5 Upon determination by the Commission that the building is historically and/or architecturally significant, the Building Inspector and applicant shall be so notified in writing and a demolition permit shall not be

issued. The Commission shall hold a public hearing within thirty (30) days of the Determination of Significance to determine whether the building should be preferably preserved. Public notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing shall be published by the Building Department at the expense of the applicant in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town not less than seven (7) days before the day of said hearing and shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the Town Hall for a period of not less than seven (7) days before the day of said hearing.

- 3.6 If after a public hearing the Commission determines that the significant building should not be preferably preserved, the Commission shall notify the Building Inspector, in writing within five (5) working days of the hearing and the Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit upon receipt of the written decision.
- 3.7 If after a public hearing the Commission determines that the significant building should be preferably preserved, the Commission shall so notify the Building Inspector in writing within five (5) working days of the hearing, and no demolition permit may be issued until six (6) months after the date of the determination by the Commission.
- 3.8 Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 3.7, the Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit for a preferably preserved building at any time after receipt of written advice from the Commission to the effect that either:
 - (i) the Commission is satisfied that there is no reasonable likelihood that either the owner or some other person or group is willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate or restore such building, or
 - (ii) the Commission is satisfied that for at least six (6) months the owner has made continuing, bona fide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser to preserve, rehabilitate or restore the subject building, and that such efforts have been unsuccessful.
- 3.9 Any building or buildings which are located outside the Historical District which were built before the year 1900 are subject to Section 2.6 of this By-Law. The owner of a building or buildings built before the year 1900 which are located outside the Historical District is required to obtain a determination from the Historical District Commission as to whether or not the building or buildings meet the criteria of Section 2.6 of the Demolition By-Law before obtaining a demolition permit. The owner may seek this determination at any time by meeting with the

Historic District Commission or submitting a request for determination in writing to the Historic District Commission. If the Historic District Commission determines that the building or buildings do not meet the criteria of Section 2.6, the owner may then register such determination for the building or buildings with the Building Inspector. In so registering, the Building Inspector may then issue a demolition permit at any time upon request by the owner for the building or buildings.

Section 4. Responsibility of Owners

Once a Significant Building is determined to be a preferably preserved building, the owner shall be responsible for properly securing the building, if vacant, to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector. Should the owner fail to so secure the building, a subsequent destruction of the building at any time during the six month demolition delay period, which destruction could have been prevented by the required security measures, shall be considered a demolition in violation of this bylaw.

Section 5. Emergency Demolition

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit at any time in the event of imminent and substantial danger to the health or safety of the public due to deteriorating conditions. Prior to doing so, the Building Inspector shall inspect the building and document, in writing, the findings and reasons requiring an emergency demolition, a copy of which shall be forwarded immediately to the Commission. Before allowing emergency demolition, the Building Inspector shall make every effort to inform the Chairperson of the Commission of his intention to allow demolition before he issues a permit for emergency demolition. No provision of this bylaw is intended to conflict with or abridge any obligations or rights conferred by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 143 regarding removal or demolition of dangerous or abandoned structures. In the event of a conflict, the applicable provisions of Chapter 143 shall control.

Section 6. Enforcement and Remedies

- 6.1 The Commission is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to carry out its duties and functions under this bylaw.
- 6.2 The Commission and/or the Building Inspector are each specifically authorized to institute any and all actions and proceedings, in law or equity, as they may deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this bylaw or to prevent a threatened violation thereof.

- 6.3 No building permit shall be issued with respect to any premises upon which a significant building has been voluntarily demolished in violation of this bylaw for a period of two (2) years after the date of the completion of such demolition. As used herein, "premises" refers to the parcel of land upon which the demolished significant building was located and all adjoining parcels of land under common ownership or control.
- 6.4 Anyone who demolishes a structure in whole or in part, as defined within the definition section of this bylaw without notifying, or receiving prior consent from the Commission or Building Inspector shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$1,000 and no more than \$25,000.
- 6.5 Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever the Commission shall, on its own initiative, or on application of the landowner, determine that earlier reconstruction, restoration or other remediation of any demolition in violation of this bylaw better serves the intent and purpose of this bylaw, it may, prior to the expiration of said period of two years, authorize issuance of a building permit, upon such conditions as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw, and may so notify the Building Inspector pursuant to Section 3.8 of this bylaw.

Section 7. Historic District Act

Nothing in this bylaw shall be deemed to conflict with the provisions of the Historic District Act, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40C. If any of the provisions of this bylaw do so conflict, that Act shall prevail.

Section 8. Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this bylaw be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph and part shall continue in full force and effect.

Proposed by the Historic District Commission - John Shea

Passed

ARTICLE 34 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax Chapter 144-2 C (2) (a) (1) Soil Removal - Application Information as follows by:

Replacing:

(2) Application information.

(a) The application shall include the following:

[1] A fee, as determined by the Board to cover advertising costs and expenses, shall be paid by the applicant upon demand for payment.

With

(2) Application information.

(a) The application shall include the following:

[1] A fee, as determined by the Board to cover advertising costs and expenses, shall be paid by the applicant upon demand for payment and a fee, as determined by the Board to cover engineering review costs associated with the application, shall be paid by the applicant upon demand for payment.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Troy E. Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 35 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Halifax Chapter 144-2 D (13) Soil Removal - Conditions as follows by:

Replacing:

This permit is subject to a fee of \$0.10 per cubic yard or more, as determined by the Board, payable to the Town of Halifax. Any inspections by an engineer of the Town's choice to ensure that the work being done follows the approved plans and this section shall be paid by the applicant.

With:

This permit is subject to a fee of \$0.25 per cubic yard or more, as determined by the Board, payable to the Town of Halifax. Any inspections by an engineer of the Town's choice to ensure that the work being done follows the approved plans and this section shall be paid by the applicant.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Troy E. Garron

Passed

ARTICLE 36 Voted to amend Chapter 167-19 (Zoning – Building or Use Permit) of the Code of the Town of Halifax by deleting Section B (Limitations) which limited the number of residential building permits that could be issued in a twelve-month period or take any other action thereon.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen - Troy E. Garron

Passed

ARTICLE 37 Voted to rezone from Residential/Agriculture to Commercial/Business, Map 63, Lot 4, 346 Plymouth Street, measuring 2 acres or take any action thereon.

Proposed by William Alger, et al.

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 38 Voted to dissolve the 275th Anniversary Committee.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen - Troy E. Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 39 Voted to transfer \$2,978.12 from the 275th Anniversary Account to the Halifax in Lights Account and transfer \$26.86 from the 275th Anniversary Trust Fund, to the Halifax in Lights Account and close the 275th Anniversary Account and the 275th Anniversary Trust Fund, and authorize that all further receipts for the 275th Anniversary Celebration and related activities be designated for Halifax in Lights.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen - Troy E. Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 40 Voted to approve the following Fee Schedule for the Department of Weights and Measures:

<u>Scales and Balances</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Over 10,000 pounds	100.00	100.00
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	70.00	75.00
1,000 to 5,000 pounds	50.00	60.00
100 to 1,000 pounds	25.00	30.00
10 to 100 pounds	15.00	18.00
Under 10 pounds	10.00	12.00
 <u>Individual Weights</u>		
Avoirdupois	2.00	2.00
Metric	2.00	2.00
Apothecary	2.00	2.00
Troy	2.00	2.00
Weight Sets	10.00	10.00
 <u>Capacity Measures</u>		
<u>Vehicle Tanks</u>		
Each indicator	10.00	10.00
Each 100 gallons or fraction thereof	5.00	5.00
 <u>Liquid</u>		
1 gallon or less	2.00	2.00
More than 1 gallon	3.00	3.00
 <u>Liquid Measuring Meters</u>		
Inlet ½ inch or less		
Oil, Grease	8.00	10.00
Inlet more than ½ to 1 inch		
Gasoline or diesel fuel	18.00	20.00
Inlet more than 1 inch		
Vehicle tank pump	35.00	35.00
Vehicle tank gravity	35.00	35.00
Bulk storage	60.00	60.00
Company supplies prover	30.00	30.00
 <u>Pumps</u>		
Each stop on pump	2.50	2.50
 <u>Other devices</u>		
Taxi meter	20.00	20.00
Odometer – Hubodometer	20.00	20.00
Leather measuring (semi-annual)	10.00	10.00

Fabric measuring	10.00	10.00
Wire-rope-cordage	10.00	10.00
Container redemption machines	10.00	10.00
<u>Linear measures</u>		
Yard sticks	2.00	2.00
Metal rules	2.00	2.00
Tapes	3.00	3.00
<u>Scanner systems</u> (Chapter 295 of the Acts of 1998)		
1 to 3 scanners	75.00	75.00
4 to 11 scanners	150.00	150.00
12 or more scanners	250.00	250.00
<u>Additional fees</u>		
Re-inspection fee	20.00	20.00
Adjustment or repair fee	10.00	10.00

Proposed by the Sealer of Weights and Measures - Troy E. Garron

Passed Unanimously

Troy Garron moved to adjourn to a time certain being Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to take up Article 41: Passed Unanimously - We adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Saturday, May 15, 2010 the polls were opened at 10:00 a.m.

ARTICLE 41 Voted to elect one Assessor for two years, one Assessor for three years, two Constables for three years, one Board of Health member for three years, two Holmes Public Library Trustees for three years, one Housing Authority member for five years, one Housing Authority member for four years, one Park Commissioner for three years, one Planning Board member for five years, one Halifax School Committee member for three years, one Halifax School Committee member for two years, one Silver Lake School Committee member for three years, one Board of Selectmen member for three years, and one Water Commissioner for three years.

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town vote to have its elected Treasurer-Collector become an appointed Treasurer-Collector?

Yes ___

No ___

QUESTION 2: Shall the Town of Halifax be allowed to assess an additional \$250,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the production of architectural and engineering plans and specifications and construction bid documents, and any associated costs for the creation of said plans and specifications and bid documents, for a new Senior Center and infrastructure and landscaping on the Senior Center property for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and ten?

Yes ___

No ___

Warden Gayle Peck closed the polls at 6:00 p.m. The election results are on the next page.

Barbara J. Gaynor, Town Clerk

TOWN OF HALIFAX

Special Town Meeting
Quorum 100

May 10, 2010

As Voted
Present 157
Guests 11

Moderator John Bruno called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Town Clerk Barbara J. Gaynor read the Call to the Meeting.

ARTICLE 1 Voted to transfer from Line 24 (Revaluation) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 the sum of \$3,500, transfer from Article 34 (Triennial Revaluation) of the Annual Town Meeting of May 12, 2008 the sum of \$1,725.28 and transfer from Line 89 (Snow and Ice) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 the sum of \$591.49 for a total of \$5,816.77 to Line 21 (Principal/Assessor/Appraiser Salary) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors – Thomas Millias

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 2 Voted to transfer from Line 89 (Snow and Ice) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Assessors' Triennial Revaluation account for assistance in the revaluations.

Proposed by the Board of Assessors – Thomas Millias

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 3 Voted to transfer from Line 89 (Snow and Ice) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 the sum of \$150 for the use of the Trustees for County Cooperative Extension Service and Authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Director within fifteen days as provided in revised Chapter 128, Section 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 4 Voted to transfer from MTBE Receipts the sum of \$35,497.74 and transfer from the MTBE/Monponsett Pond/Water System Preservation Stabilization Fund the sum of \$24,502.26 for a total of \$60,000 to be added to the \$90,000 appropriated in Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting of May 10, 2009 for the study and implementation of algae remediation in the Monponsett Ponds.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 5 Voted to transfer from Line 89 (Snow and Ice) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 the sum of \$600 to purchase metal grave markers.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Michael Schleiff

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 6 Voted to transfer from Line 89 (Snow and Ice) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 the sum of \$3,796.30 to be transferred to the Water Department Enterprise.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 7 Voted to transfer from Line 89 (Snow and Ice) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 the sum of \$250 to pay for a Holidays in Halifax bill from Fiscal Year 2009.

Proposed by the Holidays in Halifax Committee – Fire Chief William Carrico

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 8 Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$17,149.37 from Line 126 (Veterans' Benefits) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 for accrued sick leave and vacation leave for Captain Henry M. Bosworth, Jr. due to him upon his retirement.

Proposed by the Fire Chief – William Carrico

Passed

ARTICLE 9 Voted to transfer from Line 126 (Veterans' Benefits) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2010 the sum of \$153 to pay an unpaid bill to Jordan Hospital from Fiscal Year 2008.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

Bonnie Woods moved to PASS OVER the following article – Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to Line 149 (Plymouth County Requirement) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners - Bonnie Woods

Passed Over Unanimously

ARTICLE 11 Voted to transfer the sum of \$89,000 from Line 77 (Vocational Education) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 to Line 78 (Special Needs – Tuition) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 or take any action thereon.

Proposed by the Elementary School Committee – John Stanbrook

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 12 Voted to transfer from Line 89 (Snow and Ice) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 the sum of \$4,500 and transfer from Line 126 (Veteran's Benefits) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 the sum of \$7,500 for a total of \$12,000 to Line 73 (Communications Center – Wages) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009.

Proposed by the Communications Center Committee – Fire Chief William Carrico

Passed by Majority Vote

ARTICLE 13 Voted to transfer from Line 126 (Veterans' Benefits) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2009 the sum of \$41.45 to pay an unpaid bill from Fiscal Year 2009 to National Grid/Summit Realty Trust/Keith McLaughlin.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen – Troy Garron

Passed Unanimously

A motion to adjourn the Special Town Meeting **Passed Unanimously. We adjourned at 8:35 p.m. to return to the Annual Town Meeting.**

Barbara J. Gaynor
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 15, 2010**

Voters: 5,565
Ballots Cast: 860
Percent: 15%

<u>OFFICE/CANDIDATE</u>	<u>P1</u>	<u>P2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Assessors</u>			
Thomas Millias	350	292	642
Holly Merry (2 yr. term)	344	279	623
<u>Constable</u>			
Thomas Fitzgerald	281	231	512
Thomas Hammond	285	224	509
William Murphy	190	123	313
<u>Board of Health</u>			
John Weber	345	283	628
<u>Holmes Public Library</u>			
Lisa Arcuri	326	274	600
Diane Wilmarth	303	236	539
<u>Housing Authority</u>			
Richard Phillips (5 yr.)	337	271	608
Joan Burke (4 yr. term)	282	221	503
Marguerite Pujalte (4 yr.)	105	83	188
<u>Park Commissioner</u>			
Thomas Schindler	360	294	654

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 15, 2010**

OFFICE/CANDIDATE	P1	P2	TOTAL
<u>Planning Board</u>			
V. Richard Greeley	334	259	593
<u>Halifax School Committee</u>			
Lisa Gilbert (3 yr. term)	338	279	617
Derek Bennett (2 yr. term)	262	208	470
(Write In)	92	89	181
<u>SL School Committee</u>			
Jean Levesque	339	289	628
<u>Board of Selectmen</u>			
Dean Jafferian	88	70	158
Kim Roy	358	280	638
<u>Water Commissioner</u>			
Donald Bosworth	355	275	630
<u>Question 1: (Appoint Treasurer/Collector)</u>			
Yes	146	124	270
No	299	228	527
<u>Question 2 (Senior Ctr. Plans)</u>			
Yes	228	169	397
No	242	206	448

**SPECIAL STATE ELECTION
JANUARY 19, 2010**

Voters: 5,578
Ballots Cast: 3,184
Percent: 57%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	P1	P2	TOTAL
Blanks	1	0	1
Scott P. Brown	1,172	975	2,147
Martha Coakley	537	455	992
Joseph L. Kennedy	17	25	42
Write-In's	2	0	2

**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

Voters: 5,565
Ballots Cast: 847
Percent: 15%

<u>DEMOCRAT BALLOT</u>	<u>P1</u>	<u>P2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>GOVERNOR</u>			
Blanks	69	52	121
Deval L. Patrick	114	130	244
Write Ins	14	11	25
<u>LT. GOVERNOR</u>			
Blanks	57	44	101
Timothy P. Murray	134	144	278
Keith H. Davis	0	0	0
Write Ins	6	5	11
<u>ATTORNEY GENERAL</u>			
Blanks	51	43	94
Martha Coakley	139	146	285
Write Ins	7	4	11
<u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u>			
Blanks	53	38	91
William Francis Galvin	140	153	293
Write Ins	4	2	6
<u>TREASURER</u>			
Blanks	23	23	46
Steven Grossman	110	93	203
Stephen J. Murphy	64	76	140
Write Ins	0	1	1
<u>AUDITOR</u>			
Blanks	25	25	50
Suzanne M. Bump	79	62	141
Guy William Glodis	55	69	124
Mike Lake	37	36	73
Write Ins	1	1	2

	<u>P1</u>	<u>P2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – FOURTH DISTRICT</u>			
Blanks	9	7	16
Barney Frank	122	128	250
Rachel E. Brown	64	57	121
Write Ins	2	1	3

COUNCILLOR- FOURTH DISTRICT

Blanks	36	28	64
Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	57	69	126
Stephen F. Flynn	103	96	199
Write Ins	1	0	1

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - SECOND PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL

Blanks	50	46	96
Thomas P. Kennedy	140	145	285
Write Ins	7	2	9

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT–SIXTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

Blanks		28	28
Josh S. Cutler		163	163
Write Ins		2	2

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT - TWELFTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

Blanks	38		38
Thomas J. Calter III	152		152
Write Ins	7		7

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – PLYMOUTH DISTRICT

Blanks	59	47	106
John F. Shea	133	142	275
Write Ins	5	4	9

SHERIFF

Blanks	61	48	109
Richard A. Pond	128	141	269
Write Ins	8	4	12

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Blanks	50	54	104
Timothy J. McMullen	141	137	278
Write Ins	6	2	8

**STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2010**

Voters: 5,638
Ballots Cast: 3,165
Percent: 56%

<u>OFFICE/CANDIDATES</u>	<u>P1</u>	<u>P2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR</u>			
Blanks	9	11	20
Patrick & Murray	524	460	984
Baker & Tisei	993	733	1726
Cahill & Loscocco	171	202	373
Stein & Purcell	26	22	48
Write Ins	2	3	5
<u>ATTORNEY GENERAL</u>			
Blanks	29	26	55
Martha Coakley	848	772	1620
James P. McKenna	847	631	1478
Write Ins	1	2	3
<u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u>			
Blanks	75	55	130
William F. Galvin	862	766	1628
William C. Campbell	738	561	1299
James D. Henderson	49	48	97
Write Ins	1	1	2
<u>TREASURER</u>			
Blanks	83	56	139
Steven Grossman	672	606	1278
Karyn E. Polito	970	766	1736
Write Ins	0	3	3
<u>AUDITOR</u>			
Blanks	121	116	237
Suzanne M. Bump	597	500	1097
Mary Z. Connaughton	928	737	1665
Nathanael A. Fortune	78	76	154

Write Ins	1	2	3
<u>OFFICE/CANDIDATES</u>	<u>P1</u>	<u>P2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Blanks	34	35	69
Barney Frank	596	547	1143
Sean DM Bielat	1027	776	1803
Susan F. Allen	33	31	64
Donald M. Jordan	34	40	74
Write Ins	1	2	3

COUNCILLOR

Blanks	234	188	422
C. A. Iannella, Jr.	719	667	1386
J. Payne-Thompson	769	572	1341
Write Ins	3	4	7

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	616	470	1086
Thomas P. Kennedy	1071	931	2002
Write Ins	38	30	68

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

SIXTH DISTRICT

Blanks	0	51	51
Daniel K. Webster	0	724	724
Josh S. Cutler	0	654	654
Write Ins	0	2	2

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

TWELFTH DISTRICT

Blanks	144	0	144
Thomas J. Calter, III	788	0	788
Joseph M. Truschelli	793	0	793
Write Ins	0	0	0

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Blanks	83	72	155
Timothy J. Cruz	1137	920	2057
John F. Shea	505	437	942

Write Ins	0	2	2
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<u>OFFICE/CANDIDATES</u>	<u>P1</u>	<u>P2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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<u>SHERIFF</u>			
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Blanks	398	316	714
Joseph McDonald, Jr.	1305	1091	2396
Write Ins	22	24	46

<u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</u>			
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Blanks	164	147	311
Timothy J. McMullen	645	611	1256
Sandra M. Wright	907	671	1578
Write Ins	8	2	10

<u>CHARTER COMMISSION –THIRD DISTRICT</u>			
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Blanks	1479	0	1479
Write Ins	246	0	246

<u>CHARTER COMMISSION – SIXTH DISTRICT</u>			
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Blanks	0	369	369
David D. Fitzgerald	0	845	845
William M. Harris	0	191	191
Write Ins	0	26	26

<u>QUESTION 1 (Sales Tax on Alcohol)</u>			
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Blanks	83	58	141
Yes	1074	868	1942
No	568	505	1073

<u>QUESTION 2 (Comprehensive Housing)</u>			
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Blanks	113	59	172
Yes	881	725	1606
No	731	647	1378

<u>QUESTION 3 (Reduce State Sales Tax to 3%)</u>			
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Blanks	68	28	96
Yes	942	769	1711
No	715	634	1349

QUESTION 4 (Plymouth County Charter Commission)

Blanks	232	121	353
Yes	702	648	1350
No	791	662	1453

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors' Department saw many changes during 2010. Long time Board member, Ed Uburtis passed away on March 4th. After 19 years on the Board, his knowledge and sense of humor will be sorely missed. Janyce Whitney, Principal Assessor/Appraiser, retired after 26 years of devoted service to the Town. The department thanks her and wishes her a long and healthy retirement.

The Assessors entered into a contract with PK Valuation Group to convert our existing appraisal software – a process which took four months to complete. A field review by the Assessors' staff was conducted and included taking pictures of every improved parcel for downloading into the new system. The office now has a counter terminal for use by the public and the data will also be available on the web some time in 2011.

Calendar year 2009 sales were the basis for adjusting values in FY 2011. Those 43 sales indicated a continuing drop in values by an average of 7%. All residential assessments were therefore adjusted to bring the overall assessment to sale price ratio to 96%. Commercial & Industrial assessments were adjusted as indicated by rents, vacancies and expenses. A tax rate of \$15.77 per thousand for Fiscal 2011 was approved by the Department of Revenue and tax bills were mailed on October 17, 2010.

Although the Board of Assessors and staff reported a decrease in building permits for new houses, additions, land subdivisions, etc., the value of new growth for this year was \$12,401,493 - a 67% increase over Fiscal 2010. This was due to a one time \$5,000,000 increase in Wal-Mart Personal Property as a result of their extensive renovations during calendar year 2009.

The Board wishes to welcome the new Principal Assessor/Appraiser Suzan Duggan, and new Board member Holly Merry.

John Shiavone, Chairman
Holly Merry, Clerk
Thomas Millias, Member

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

What a busy year! There were four elections held in 2010.

On January 19th, a Special State Election was held to fill the U. S. Senate seat due to the death of Senator Edward M. Kennedy. The candidates were democrat Martha Coakley and republican Scott P. Brown. Of the 5,578 registered voters, 3,184 or 56% of the voters came to the polls to make their choice. Halifax's choice was Scott P. Brown. The state of Massachusetts also chose Scott P. Brown to be the next U. S. Senator from Massachusetts.

On May 15th, the Annual Town election was held. Of the 5,565 registered voters, 860 or 15% of the voters came to the polls to make their choices.

The next election was for the State Primary held on September 14th. All the races were contested but the primary did not seem to spark a lot of interest. Of the 5,565 registered voters, 847 or 15% of the voters came to the polls to make their choices.

On November 2nd the State Election was held. This election sparked a lot of interest as the Governor's race had four candidates and all of the races were contested! Of the 5,638 registered voters, 3165 or 56% of the voters came to the polls to make their choices. The campaign season seemed endless and statewide there were many new faces elected. Governor Patrick and Lt. Governor Murray, Martha Coakley, William Galvin and Barney Frank won their re-election bids. New faces include Steven Grossman, Treasurer and Suzanne Bump, Auditor.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Board of Registrars and the Election Workers for all of their help and professionalism.

Barbara J. Gaynor, Town Clerk
Joann Andrews
Larry Robinson
Michael Mason

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

New residential development showed signs of life in 2010. New home construction totaled eleven new single family homes for the year. The majority of activity for 2010 was in additions and renovations showing significant growth totaling 169 projects.

Commercial activity was mixed but positive with businesses such as Grill 58 expanding, Subway opening under new management, Santoro's Pizza moving into the Cumberland Plaza and the expansion at Bella's II Pizzeria. Continuing with the trend and rounding out the occupancy at Shelby Plaza, we had a new women's fitness "Class Action" move in, and the relocation of Robert Verzone Physical Therapy. A significant development also occurred with the addition of the Compass Medical Group moving in at Halifax Plaza next to Jordan Fitness.

We look forward to seeing these businesses prosper along with our Town in 2011. As always the Building Department and the Regulatory Board Staff are committed to providing knowledgeable, capable personnel for the best service possible to the residents of Halifax.

In 2010 a total of 594 permits were issued by the Building Inspector's Office with a total \$63,523.00 in fees collected as follows:

New Dwellings	11	Wiring	133
Additions, Renovations, Misc.	169	Plumbing	106
Pools	16	Gas	74
Decks (new & repairs)	25	<u>Fees:</u>	<u>\$20,001.00</u>
Sheds & Acc. Buildings	28		
Signs	15		
Commercial/Industrial	17		
<u>Fees:</u>	<u>\$43,522.00</u>		

Thomas Millias
Inspector of Buildings / Building Commissioner

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The Cemetery Department is responsible for maintaining the five cemeteries within the Town. In addition, we are also responsible for maintaining all of the building grounds, multiple athletic fields, and parks.

During the 2010 calendar year the Cemetery Department managed twenty full burials and fifteen cremations. We also constructed six foundations for monuments and placed thirteen markers. At the present time the Cemetery Department has double deep lots available for purchase.

We look forward to serving and assisting the Town of Halifax residents in the future.

Robert J. Badore, Cemetery Superintendent
Melissa Traynor, Administrative Assistant
Donald Crowell, Full-time Laborer
Thomas Ghilardi, Part-time Laborer

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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The personnel in the Communications Center received and dispatched 9,740 calls during 2010. 8,372 of these calls were for the police department and 1,368 calls were for the fire department.

Public Safety Dispatchers and the Communications Committee meet monthly to improve their skills and to keep up on ever changing procedures and technology.

Richard Clark, Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The goal of the Conservation Commission continues to be the preservation of our wetlands, as well as the protection of our community's natural resources. The current economic climate has affected the amount of construction and alterations of property in town resulting in a slowdown of applications to this office. In addition, the anticipated filing of several permits under the comprehensive permit act failed to materialize. Changes in property assessments brought a deluge of landowners seeking to reduce their tax liability, as well as others looking to develop their usable land. This past year major flooding occurred throughout the state which served to highlight the importance of storm water management and its far reaching impacts. Several streams and rivers in town swelled beyond capacity and roadways were closed.

The Conservation Commission continues to stay abreast of the changes in environmental regulation and permitting as well as regional projects which may impact town resources. A proposal by White Dog Cranberry to convert a corn field to cranberry bogs resulted in a myriad of environmental applications and review. Additionally, a proposal by the Town of Halifax to control the growth of weeds and algae in the Monponsett Ponds is an ongoing project under review by the Conservation Commissions in the towns of Halifax and Hanson as well as the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. The Conservation Commission is anxiously awaiting a positive determination so that this project can proceed.

Over the past year the Commission saw several changes to the board. Associate members Joe Danubio and Shelly Hart left to pursue other interests. In addition, Michelle Hill tendered her resignation and Michelle Kenney was hired to serve as secretary to the board. The Conservation Commission would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Danubio, Ms. Hart and Ms. Hill for their contributions and years of service. A warm welcome is extended to Ms. Kenney.

The Conservation Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public. Anyone interested in becoming an Associate Member or Member of the Conservation Commission may obtain a volunteer application at the Board of Selectmen's office.

John Peck, Chair
Tina Tonello, Vice-chair
Gerry Fitzgerald, Clerk

Kathy Evans
April Powers Letourneau

COUNCIL ON AGING

Thanks and best wishes to Maryellen Stevens on her retirement. My name is Barbara Brenton and it is my pleasure to continue her good works at the Council on Aging, and we are proud to serve the seniors of Halifax. The senior center is opened five days a week (Monday- Friday), from 8am to 3pm, with staff to assist you with any needs until 4pm. There are a multitude of activities offered throughout the week, such as, arts & crafters; men's coffee & discussion; knitters group; women's coffee & socialization hour; exercise class; basic computer; bingo; art class; game afternoon; cards; red hat ladybugs; quilting and massage therapy. The seniors enjoy the socialization, intermingled with all the activities at their center.

Outreach at the Council on Aging and into the community with Joyce and Elaine is well in demand on a daily and weekly basis. Outreach workers make safety check and companion calls and home visits to those in need. They work hard to process and assess situations for either services, referrals, or a friendly visit to those who live alone. The Council on Aging is the only Social Service agency in town which helps individuals of all ages with fuel assistance questions and applications. Seniors visit the senior center to ask questions, gather information, sign-up for lunch, a class, a program, and are helped with forms, food stamp applications, tax prep, counseling and referrals for information and home services.

Transportation is a vital service to many residents in town. Many seniors have made the choice to give up their licenses, which is a major decision in their life and in the life of their family members. The demand for transportation service continues to increase for many reasons. We provide van service, five days per week from 8am – 4pm for medical related issues, including hospitals in the south shore area and Boston. Seniors can call for the shopping & lunch program, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays the van travels to church, assists with the library, and bringing books to the homebound. Thursday's the van goes to Stop & Shop, the post office, pharmacy and Wal-Mart and banks on Friday's. This service helps our seniors to remain independent for as long as possible. The fees remain the same, even in this bleak economy - \$2.00 roundtrip in Halifax; \$6.00 roundtrip throughout the south shore area; \$10.00 roundtrip over the Cape Cod bridges; \$30.00 roundtrip to Boston hospitals. We are very fortunate to have faithful, kind and friendly drivers ---- John, Paul, Frank, Carol, Chris and Carmine. A grant was sent to the Department of Transportation in Boston for a new 14 passenger van, which is very much needed.

Meals on Wheels are provided through Old Colony Elder Services of Brockton, Monday – Friday to the homebound. Seniors receive meals prepared according to their nutritional needs. The Meal Site Manager is Maria, who works for Old Colony at our facility and is responsible to oversee this meal program for our seniors. We are very thankful for our “gang” of great volunteers who come in each day to drive and run meals to the shut-ins and to the kitchen volunteers who pack meals and help with set-up, serving and clean-up of all the meals, including the on-site congregate meal program at noon every day.

We are very fortunate and honored in Halifax to have a strong and diligent working TRIAD Program and committee to benefit the needs, reduce crime and victimization of seniors. TRIAD partners with the Sheriff’s Department, D.A.’s Office, Halifax Fire & Police Departments and the Council on Aging. Much work has been accomplished this past year by the many members that meet monthly. TRIAD sponsors an annual Health fair every October, which supplies the citizens of Halifax with much valuable information for their future. They continue to organize beneficial programs, special speaking engagements and research technology for the betterment of our seniors and their families.

The Council on Aging works with the local food pantries, and churches to help seniors and the disabled with emergency food situations. Referrals are made to the churches, the Salvation Army and Old Colony Elder Services when issues arise. The Brown Bag Food program, sponsored by the Boston Food Bank has been very advantageous to our seniors. The Senior Center also helps younger disabled residents with programs and services as well.

Volunteers are the absolute “heart” and core of our Council on Aging! Presently there are over 70 active volunteers who help regularly and without these dedicated individuals our senior center would not flourish. Volunteers help in many, creative capacities, from driving meals on wheels, to running those meals to the homebound, kitchen set-up, serving meals & clean-up after meals, transport to medical appointments, brown bag program drivers & help, podiatrist clerk, phone receptionist, snow removal, TRIAD members, Board members, bingo caller/help, data entry, and computer help.

It is our dedicated and loyal volunteers that allow us to serve and stretch out our meager budget.

Barbara Brenton, Director

Alice Dolan, Chairman
Debra Bunszel, Vice Chairman
Lee Mulready, Clerk
Frank Ciavarra

Elaine Dolan
Jo Schofield
Joan Towne
Ken Vinton, Associate Member

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The past year has been extremely busy for the fire department. This FY we have experienced the largest call volume in our history. Between the heavy rain storms at the beginning of the year and the blizzards and heavy snow at the end of the year, the department has been challenged and was successful in continuing to deliver quality service to the community. The Fire Department continued to maintain two firefighters on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. We have experienced many multiple call responses, or double hits, requiring off duty EMT's and firefighters to respond. In some instances the department was unable to staff our second ambulance requiring the use of an ambulance from a mutual aid fire department. As our call volume increases we must consider additional staffing options to continue to deliver the Advanced Life Support service the Town deserves on all calls not just the first.

We have some changing faces at the department. Firefighter/EMT's Ron Orso and Mathew Edwards left the Call department. Firefighter Gil Elliot-Smith retired from the Call Department and Captain Marty Bosworth retired from the Full-time Department with over 35 years of dedicated service. FF/EMT-P Justin Silva was promoted from the Call Department to the Full-time staff. Several Call firefighters have joined the Call force, FF/EMT-P Sean Kukauskus, FF/EMT Tyler Bryant, FF Rob Butler, FF Corey Cloudman, FF/EMT Mike Schleiff, and FF/EMT Tom Luckman.

The Department has been very fortunate over the last several year winning grants to supplement town funding. We received the Safe Grant (Student Awareness of Fire Education), which provided \$4,627 to help fire prevention education programs to our school age children. However, as everyone is aware, State and Federal funding of programs has become less and less, and more departments are applying for less money. I can assure you, the Fire Department will continue to apply and seek as many outside sources as possible, to continue to deliver quality and timely services to the community.

We are continuing to maintain the fire station in operational condition. However, the apparatus floor of the station is starting to spall under the Engines and the roof has begun to leak in several areas of the second floor. These items will need to be addressed in the upcoming years.

Our existing fleet of apparatus has continued experienced a rash of mechanical breakdowns. Fire Department members and the Town mechanic have been diligent in keeping the operation seamlessly running.

Our largest problems have been with the older of the two ambulances; A-1 which is a 2004 Horton Ambulance. This vehicle has seen multiple trips to the town's mechanic and has broken down on several transports causing major delays in transporting patients.

I am appreciative of the assistance and support received from the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Town Departments, as well as each Department Head.

I wish to thank all of our Firefighters for their continued commitment, our Dispatchers on whom we depend on to initiate calls and stay with us throughout the operation, and the Halifax Police Department, our team members in the street. I would especially like to thank Administrative Assistant Patricia Forsstrom for her continued commitment and support.

As always, I encourage any Citizen to come by with any questions or concerns regarding your Fire Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY FOR 2010

Fire	49
Rescue Calls	834
Hazardous Conditions	89
Service Calls	216
Good Intent Call	56
False Calls	120
<u>Severe Weather</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Runs	1368
Inspections	234
Permits Issued	673
Revenue Generated	\$252,805.00

William C. Carrico II
Chief of Department

HALIFAX EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

This year the Directors position was transferred from the Police Chief back to the Fire Chief. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chief Michael Manoogian for all of his years of work and dedication as the Emergency Management Director (EMD) of Halifax.

The position of Emergency Management Director has become more and more critical each year. The lessons learned from the Katrina disaster emphasize the need for proactive approach to Emergency Management. Planning for disasters, ensuring a quick and proper response, as well as assisting in the recovery and rebuilding of the community is paramount to those of us who hold this position. The Emergency Management position is just like homeowners and car insurance, you have to have it but wish you didn't ever need it.

The Halifax CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) has been instrumental in ensuring that we have enough manpower to staff the Emergency Operations Center and incidents throughout the town. The Halifax CERT has assisted the Fire Department in setting up "rehab" to provide food and cold drinks to firefighters at incidents, as well as staffing the shelter during the blizzard of 2011. The dedication of these volunteers cannot go unrecognized.

William C. Carrico, II
Fire Chief

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I want to thank the Town residents for their continued support. The Highway Department continues to work hard on its daily task to ensure that the residents of Halifax have safe public ways.

This past year the Highway Department worked to repair and pave several locations throughout Town. With the severity of the spring floods we spent several months working with MEMA and FEMA to identify and locate areas damaged from the storms. Due to the current state of the economy, disbursement funds were not released until the end of the year. This coming year we hope to be able to repair the remainder of the areas affected by the storm and move on to other projects.

The Highway Department continues to be busy removing dead trees throughout Town that put both residents and businesses at risk. We have an on-going list of trees to remove and will continue working to keep our Town safe. Also as a reminder, the Highway Department no longer has a composting operation on Hemlock Lane. Halifax residents may drop their grass clippings and leaves at 280 South Street on Saturdays from 7 am to 4 pm.

With the New England weather being less generous this past year than with years past, the Highway Department crew worked hard to maintain the roadways in safe drivable conditions. With above average snow fall and cold, icy temperatures we were out sanding and plowing on numerous occasions clearing the roads of the snow and ice.

We were fortunate enough to be able to purchase a new storage tank and spray systems for the trucks for the 2010-2011 winter season. The system allows us to spray the salt as we treat the roads enabling us to keep the roads clearer and lessen spring clean up. As always, the challenges of the wintry weather will continue to keep the Highway Department in business.

I, once again, wish to extend my thanks to the Townspeople and Board of Selectmen for their support, cooperation and understanding. To all Departments, Boards, and Committees thank you for your assistance. And finally, I would like to offer a sincere thanks to the Highway Department personnel for their dedication, hard work, and cooperation throughout the year.

Robert J. Badore, Highway Surveyor

Melissa Traynor, Admin. Assistant
David Swanson, Lead-man
Steve Hayward, Equip. Operator

David Neault, Town Mechanic
George Ruxton, Laborer
Steve Waterman, Laborer

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

This year was a busy year with a few major issues to deal with. Most of these came in the first half of the year. We first prepared for the annual town meeting to once again present the demolition delay by-law. It failed from the year earlier but with a few adjustments we thought were necessary, it passed in the May town meeting.

In the spring we also dealt with the Congregational Church presenting us with the church changing the five large windows, sashes only, with more efficient ones. However, there was a misunderstanding and they were replaced with 30 light instead of the 45 light. The problem was brought to the attention of the contractor and the right ones were installed.

There was a presentation to replace three portable signs in the town that informed the town people on up-coming events, to be replaced with L.E.D. lighting. We as a board did not view that idea with enthusiasm, but instead suggested neon signs, if approved, to be put at the intersection of 58 and 106 and not in the historical district. The fire chief would like a portable L.E.D. sign at the fire station only to be used for emergencies. Both suggestions are being ironed out.

The building committee approved shingling the roof of the library and is replacing the clap board of the old section of the town hall with new HardiPlank Board. We sat in with their committee and both committees approved the projects.

We take pride in serving our town and enjoy looking forward to the coming year.

John Shea, Chairman
David Mason, Co-chairman
Steve Corkren
John Werrer
Nicholas Bessette

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Although we have had a quiet year during 2010 our responsibility for a community-wide historic preservation plan continues as we work with the Historical Society to protect the town's history, be it past or present.

Local artifacts and memorabilia continue to be maintained and collected by the Historical Society and Commission and can be viewed at the Museum of Halifax at 516 Plymouth Street.

The Commission meets the First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Museum. Commission members are appointed to serve three-year terms.

Anyone interested in volunteering by working on a project, offering ideas or support in any way may stop in or call any member.

Susan Basile, Chairman
John Shea, Vice Chairman
Leslie Hawkins, Member
Mason Cook, Member
Shirley Schindler, Member
Nicholas Bessette

HOLMES PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Staff of the Holmes Public Library look forward to greeting and helping every patron who visits the Library. This year, the Library loaned 49,693 items; 3,203 attended 285 children's programs and 561 attended 61 adult programs. The community room was used by 488 community members. Adult Services Librarian Jean Gallant made certain that everyone who borrowed a book or used the community room was greeted with a smile and left with their questions answered by way of her "Corner Office."

Library Staff worked hard to offer new programs and services for Library patrons including Children's Librarian Marie Coady's puppet theater, Company H. Begun as a labor of love, Miss Marie and the Company H workshop handcrafted puppets, wrote the script and performed before an enthralled audience. Company H was made possible by the Sandra LaCivita Children's Art Fund.

An exciting new twist to Jean Gallant's and Reference Librarian Susan Scott's two very popular adult book discussion groups was the introduction of a semi-annual potluck supper in which the two book groups met together over a sumptuous supper of home-made entrees and unbelievable desserts.

The Library was one of four libraries in the state awarded a \$6,600 LSTA Next Chapter technology grant targeted at community members 55+. As with the Summer Reading program, the entire staff is working together to plan programming, prepare publicity and purchase books. With the help of members of our advisory board, Jo Schofield, Betsy Randall and Rev. Joe Wadsworth, the grant was renamed "Golden Opportunities: Dream, Inspire, Create" and offers community members three program series on creative writing, technology and traditional crafts, with a Technology Café following many of the programs.

This is the first year that I have seen the complete Summer Reading program from planning to creation, and I am sincerely impressed with the way the entire staff participates: Marie and Jean plan the program; Technology Coordinator Amy Tull prepares the publicity; Technical Services Librarian Rose Ruel catalogs the Community Reading material (supplied by the PTA); and Library Assistant Paula Walker

shelves them. Marie runs the programs, and Susan and Jean organize the participants. This year, Miss Marie chose a “green” theme of recycled fairy tales: Once Upon a Summer at the Library...

Highlights of Children’s programming included the Parent/Child Book Discussion group, the Lightning Thief Party (in anticipation of the movie), Big Ryan’s Tall Tales, a weekly Holmes Homework Help club and the Lego Master Builders club. On average, the Children’s Room offered six children’s programs per week for various age groups including weekly infant lapsit, age-specific programming for toddlers, pre-schoolers, pre-kindergarteners, and regular Saturday story hour. Halifax children are very fortunate to have the creative talents and energy of Miss Marie.

Library Staff are re-organizing the collection to make room for new titles and displays, create comfortable space for our patrons, and restore the vista to the beautiful windows fronting Pymouth Street. This re-organization is about half-way completed. Coming in 2011, the Children’s Room, Adult Fiction and Large Print Collections will become more readily accessible for our patrons. The Children’s Play Room will also be updated using the funds raised in memory of former Librarian Inez Gasset. Mrs. Gasset passed away in October.

The Friends of the Library have been very productive. Early this year, the Friends expanded their on-going book sale with the installation of a beautiful new book shelf built by the Carpentry Class from Silver Lakes Regional High School. In March, the Friends hosted a Staff and Volunteer Appreciation event, a rare opportunity for everyone to share stories and talk about the library. June’s Annual Book Sale was held on a beautiful spring day, and the entire Library community came out to support the Friends. In December, the Friends introduced their new fall fundraiser, a Silent Auction. Friends donated beautiful baskets of goodies ranging from handmade jewelry to scrap booking materials to Miss Marie’s hand-crafted puppets. The Friends fund so many of the Library programs, including the Summer Reading Program, and we are all appreciative of all their hard work.

Because of the advances in technology, Library Staff are able to attend many workshops and conferences without leaving Halifax! Technology Coordinator Amy Tull and Reference Librarian Susan Scott want to offer the same for library patrons and attended the

Handheld Technology program on the mobile library and another called Become a Mobile Library. Thus, Library staff helps teach patrons who want to listen to eBooks on the iPhones or learn a foreign language using Byki online.

Library patrons now browse and request not only new acquisitions online but books that the library has placed on order because of Technical Services Librarian Rose Ruel's hard work and continued attention to detail. Rose is on top of making sure that patrons waiting for new books and videos get them as quickly as possible cataloging and processing more than 5,000 new books, videos, audio books and magazines.

The Library's internet computers, printer and broadband wireless access are continually being used by library patrons to write resumes, apply for jobs online and to improve general computer skills. This year, staff recorded 3,006 individual uses (not counting WiFi users who bring in their personal laptops), a 37% increase over last year. This increase in use has partly been accomplished through the installation of PC Reservation software which helps the staff manage usage more fairly and efficiently. Amy maintains the Library's twelve public computers, the Library's highly interactive Internet 2.0 website, and the beautiful signs, posters, calendars, displays, bookmarks and other graphics available at the Library. The Library now offers a color copier and printer for the public through Xerox's Free Color Printer program, as well as more reliable internet service with the move and grounding of the Comcast lines and network equipment.

The Library Trustees have revised their bylaws and completed a new Five-Year plan which has been approved by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The Staff and Trustees have been energized by both the planning process and the goals and objectives they will work on over the next few years. A plan as relevant to the needs of the Halifax community could not have been created without the dedicated contribution from the library's community planning committee: Jeffrey Boltz, John Bruno, Maria Burke, Mary Coletti, Richard Conley, Jeffrey Cuzzo, Bob Fuller, Robin Hall, Betsy Hodge, Robert Hodge, Eleanor Lyons, Michael Manoogian, Will Moretti, Bill Perkins, Maureen Rogers, Linda Redding, Howard Richardson, Jo Schofield, Ellen Snoeyenbos and Reverend Joseph Wadsworth.

The committee's work could not have been accomplished so easily or efficiently without the facilitation skills and sense of community provided to us by our facilitator, Luanne Teller.

The Trustees introduced an Adult Literacy program this year through the federal Citizens to Citizens program. Elaine Wissell coordinates the program. To date, seven residents, who volunteered for a free six-week tutor-training course at the Plymouth Public Library, are working with eight adult residents who are improving their English Language speaking, reading and writing skills. Student/tutor pairs meet weekly on a one-to-one basis, and it is a joy to watch the teams learning together.

Above and beyond the call of duty, Mercury Mechanical and Falcone Roofers braved the inclement December weather to replace the library roof and HVAC system in the nick of time! Tom Schindler and Gerry Elliott from Buildings and Grounds oversaw the work, and though there remains one spot on the flat roof that defies the physics of a tight seal, the library is now warm and toasty for patrons and staff, and the roof is as tight as it has been in a very long time. It is our pleasure to serve the citizens of Halifax.

Debra DeJonker-Berry, Director

For the Library Trustees:

Lisa Arcuri, Chair

Lisa Gilbert, Secretary

Kathleen Carbonara

Kim Cicone

Carol Julian

Diane Wilmarth

For the Library Staff:

Marie Coady

Jean Gallant

Rose Ruel

Susan Scott

Amy Tull

Paula Walker

Elaine Wissell

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Halifax Housing Authority meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the community room at 1 Parsons Lane. The Authority's annual meeting is held on the first Thursday of June at the same location.

The Housing Authority currently manages several programs under the Department of Housing and Community Development, as follows: twenty (20) units of elderly/handicapped (one unit is wheelchair accessible) under the 667-1 program, four units of scattered site housing under the 705-1 program and four units of family housing under the 705-2 program (one unit is wheelchair accessible). The income limits for the State program are: one person - \$42,550 up to \$80,250 for a household of eight. Elderly persons must be at least 60 years of age, handicapped or disabled in order to qualify.

The Halifax Housing Authority has completed a number of modernization programs under the State modernizations program to insure units are up to all codes and will continue to do so.

The Housing Authority contracts with Dedham Housing Authority to administer fourteen units of housing under the Federal Housing and Urban Development Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. Applicants must contact the Dedham Housing Authority for any information regarding this program. This program is now administered through a centralized waiting list.

The Halifax Housing Authority continues to maintain the highest management rating possible under the policies of the Department of Housing and Community Development. The Housing Authority continues to explore different funding mechanisms to provide alternative housing options for the residents of Halifax during these difficult economic times.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Lee Mulready, Chairman
John Mather, Vice Chairman
Martha Smith, Member
Richard Phillips, Treasurer
Joan Burke, Member
Elaine S. Dolan, Director
Richard Clark, Director of Maintenance
Sandra Boermeester, Assistant Director

MUNICIPAL & SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

This past year, our Committee has been involved in many projects as well as ensuring the necessary repairs and alterations of all the town buildings.

Projects this year included the repair of the Library Roof, replaced the air conditioning at Pope's Tavern and the Town Hall in addition to completing our scheduled summer projects we have routinely maintained the upkeep of all town buildings.

The Committee lost a valuable member recently when John Mulready passed away. Robert Hodge joined the Committee this year. Once again we helped host the Council on Aging annual cookout this summer on the Town Green which was a big success due to the efforts of Council on Aging Director Maryellen Stevens. We also welcomed the current Council on Aging Director Barbara Benton and look forward to working with her.

Both the custodial and secretarial staff continues to do an excellent job of servicing the needs and meeting the demands of our committee and other departments. We are grateful for their hard work.

In conclusion, we would like to extend a special thanks to those town departments involved in our projects for their continued cooperation and support.

John D. Campbell, Chairman
Robert Hodge, Committee Member
Frank Ciavarra, Committee Member
Kenneth Vinton, Committee Member

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2010.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed work on the Old Colony Long Range Regional Transportation Plan Update; Established the Old Colony Regional Economic Target Area for the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plympton, and Whitman; Developed 2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2010-2014 Area Plan. The Council also completed the FFY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); Climate Changes in Transportation Impact Study; the Route 58 Corridor Study in Abington, Whitman, Hanson, and Halifax; numerous Intersection/Technical Studies; the Annual Regional Traffic Volume Report; the BAT FY 2010 Ridership Report, and numerous Road Safety Audits and technical assistance to Avon, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanson, Plymouth, Plympton, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, and Whitman. This past year, the Council also provided technical assistance to member communities on numerous programs such as: regionalization of local services; zoning bylaw revisions; inclusionary zoning bylaws; expedited permitting; assisted Avon, Bridgewater and Hanson in the development of their Wind Energy Zoning Bylaws; conducted approximately 165 turning movement counts (TMCs) and 135 Average Daily Traffic (ADTs) counts throughout the region; and continued participation in the New Bedford/Fall River South Coast Rail Taskforce and providing technical assistance to Bridgewater, Easton and Stoughton relevant to rail service.

OCPC is also participating in completing work on the Upper Taunton Basin Regional Wastewater Evaluation Study and the Regional Strategic Planning Framework. The Area Agency on Aging also provided grant funding to fourteen distinct supportive service programs, which provided more than 300,000 units of service and assistance to over 2,750 elders throughout the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program conducted over 1,750 visits to nursing and rest-homes, investigating over 790 issues of concern from residents or families. OCPC also continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the towns of Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke and Stoughton.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2010, the Council elected Robert G. Moran, Jr., of Brockton as Council President; Lee Hartmann of Plymouth as Council Treasurer; and, Fred Gilmetti of Whitman as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Rita Howes for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the past year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

John G. Mather, Delegate
Troy E. Garron, Alternate

PARK COMMISSION

The Park Commission had a safe and busy year at the Town Beach. A number of residents enjoyed the beach and grounds.

The Park Commission has also been doing yearly maintenance, lawn raking, clearing brush, etc., all done by the Building Committee and the Highway Department.

The Park Commission would like to remind the residents of Halifax, that a Town Recycling Sticker is required to have use of the beach and parking lot.

We would like to thank the Building Committee and Highway Department for all their assistance.

John D. Campbell, Chairman
Thomas F. Schindler

Sara Sloat

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PLANNING BOARD

The Board began the year reviewing and revising Zoning By-Laws that were approved at the Annual Town Meeting. The Board will continue to work with the Building Department, Town Administrator, Zoning Board of Appeals and other Town boards/departments to update the Zoning By-laws to best serve the Town's people.

The Board continued to work on amendments to the sign bylaw 167-13 for proposal at the 2011 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board reviewed and approved minor modifications to the following Site Plans: Grille 58 and 566 Monponsett Street. Two Form "A" Plans were approved, establishing 2 new house lots.

The Planning Board addressed issues and residential concerns at Autumn Lane, Highland Woods and Lamppost Drive. The Board will continue to address these issues until they are resolved.

Gordon Andrews, Chairman
Edward Whitney, Vice Chairman
Dean Jafferian, Clerk

Robert Piccirilli
V. Richard Greeley

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work on behalf of Plymouth County residents, in concert with UMass Amherst faculty and Extension staff, and the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in the program areas of 'Agriculture and Landscape' and '4-H Youth and Family Development.'

The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: annual sustainable gardening lectures, annual fruit pruning demonstrations; ornamental tree pruning lecture, research, information and educational programs on pests like the winter moth caterpillar; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; landscape and horticultural training and resources for municipal employees and green industry professionals; 4-H Science and Technology workshops in the areas of embryology and plant science; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day-workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training, 4-H Community Service Projects, 4-H Public Speaking Training, 4-H Babysitting Program and 4-H partnerships with local farms and agricultural enterprises.

New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, lectures, conferences, office visits, phone calls, field demonstrations, radio, television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles.

Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through UMass-Amherst Extension web access www.umassextension.org.

Members of the Plymouth County Extension Staff:

Deborah C. Swanson
Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Program/Manager

Molly Vollmer
4-H Youth and Family Development Program

Vacancy (4-H Extension Educator)
4-H Youth and Family Development Program

Debra L. Corrow
Executive Assistant

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John J. Burnett, Jr., Chairman - Whitman

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PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2010.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2010 season began with a high water table and above average spring rain fall. Plymouth County was declared a federal disaster area because of the spring flooding in March and April. As we expected the initial requests for spraying were numerous but we were prepared for a busy season, not knowing it was going to be the worst Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) threat in 100 years. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding were accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Over 11,000 acres were aerial laticided using the Project plane. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 3, 2010 and ended on September 18, 2010. The Project responded to 16,641 spray requests for service from residents.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Lakeville on July 12, 2010. Of the season's total of 54 EEE isolates, were trapped in Plymouth County as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Agent</u>
<i>Culiseta melanura</i> (2)	7/12/2010	Lakeville	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/14/2010	Halifax	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/20/2010	Mattapoisett	EEE
<i>Culiseta melaanua</i>	7/20/2010	Middleboro	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/20/2010	Rochester	EEE
<i>Ochlerotatus Canadensis</i>	7/25/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	7/25/2010	Plympton	EEE

<u>Species</u>	<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Agent</u>
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/25/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/25/2010	Duxbury	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	7/25/2010	Duxbury	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/25/2010	Duxbury	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/27/2010	Middleboro	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	7/27/2010	Middleboro	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/28/2010	Hanson	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	7/28/2010	Hanson	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i> (3)	7/28/2010	Middleboro	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/28/2010	Middleboro	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i> (2)	7/29/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/29/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	7/29/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/29/2010	Carver	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	7/29/2010	Carver	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	7/30/2010	Middleboro	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	7/30/2010	Middleboro	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/04/2010	Kingston	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/04/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	8/05/2010	Carver	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	8/04/2010	Hanson	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/03/2010	Middleboro	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	8/06/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/06/2010	Carver	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/06/2010	Halifax	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/06/2010	Kingston	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	8/09/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/09/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/09/2010	Halifax	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/18/2010	Carver	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/18/2010	Middleboro	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/25/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	8/31/2010	Middleboro	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	9/01/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/01/2010	Plympton	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/01/2010	Halifax	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i> (2)	9/01/2010	Carver	EEE
<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>	9/01/2010	Carver	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/08/2010	Halifax	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/08/210	Bridgewater	EEE
<i>Culiseta melanura</i>	9/08/2010	W. Bridgewater	EEE

Based on guidelines defined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health “Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE” in Massachusetts, ten Plymouth County towns were elevated from “Low Level ” or “Moderate

Level' for EEE Risk" category to "High Level" EEE risk category. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project remained in the "Low Level Risk" category. An aerial intervention was needed to effectively reduce human biting bridge vector mosquitoes as well as enzootic transmission of EEE. Governor Patrick announced aerial spraying would take place on August 4, 5, & 6, 2010 in southeastern MA. Communities sprayed within the district included Lakeville, Bridgewater, Carver, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson, Pembroke, Duxbury, Kingston, Plympton, Middleboro, Rochester and Mattapoisett to help prevent further spread of EEE infected mosquitoes. In 2010 there were two human cases, one lived within the county, and the other traveled within the county. Two horses died as a result of contracting EEEV in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus was also found within the district. A total of four isolations of WNV mosquitoes were found. *Culex pipiens* bird biters were trapped in Halifax on 6/30, and Brockton on 8/11, and *Culiseta melanura* in Plympton on 9/1 and Lakeville on 9/20. We are also pleased to report that in 2010 there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 59,251 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent West Nile Virus (WNV).

The public health problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm.

The figures specific to the Town of Halifax are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Halifax residents.

Insecticide Application. 6,838 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

During the summer 1,132 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water

areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. Last year a total of 77 inspections were made to catalogued breeding sites.

Water Management. During 2010 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 825 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In Halifax this year we aerially larvicided 520 acres.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Halifax was less than three days with more than 424 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district was generally *Culiseta melanura* and *Coquillettidia perturbans*. In the Town of Halifax the three most common mosquitoes were *Cs.melanura*, *Cq. perturbans* and *An.punctipennis*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.com or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Anthony Texeira
Superintendent

Commissioners:
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman
Leighton F. Peck, Vice-Chairman/Secretary
Kimberly King
Michael F. Valenti
John Kenney

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Department had another officer transfer in March, we wish Officer Barbour well in Raynham. Officer McDonnell graduated from the Police Academy in September and will fill the slot vacated by Officer Barbour.

Reduced town funding continues to hamper the departments return to providing the services that we provided just a few years ago, such as officers in the school, ATV patrol, directed patrols, lake patrol, bicycle patrol, traffic law enforcement and investigations. The Town must find funding for at least an investigator to handle the growing number of felony crimes that require in-depth investigation to bring the criminals to justice.

The Officer Phil safety program continued at the elementary school. The Officer Phil program is sponsored by local merchants. This program educates the students in being safe in their daily lives.

The Officers continue to stay updated in current procedures and laws by attending in-service training at the Plymouth Police Academy.

I want to thank all the Town Officials and Employees and the Merchants that helped the Department provide quality public safety service to the citizens of Halifax.

Michael R. Manoogian
Chief of Police

OFFENSES FOR THE YEAR 2010

KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	1	EMBEZZLEMENT	3
FORCIBLE RAPE	2	STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	5
ROBBERY	1	DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDAL	63
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	8	DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	12
SIMPLE ASSAULT	43	STATUTORY RAPE	1
INTIMIDATION	14	PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MAT.	4
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTER.	33	WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	1
POCKET-PICKING	1	BAD CHECKS	7
PURSE-SNATCHING	2	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	8
SHOPLIFTING	21	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	26
THEFT FROM BUILDING	5	PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	30
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	13	LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	11
ALL OTHER LARCENY	30	RUNAWAY	1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	6	TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	4
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	1	ALL OTHER OFFENSES	74
FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CO	9	TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENS.	200
IMPERSONATION	4	MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	1248
TOTAL - 1892			

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

It is the responsibility of every Board of Health to protect the public, promote sanitary living conditions and protect the environment and, to what extent we can, prevent health and safety problems. The Halifax Board of Health takes that responsibility seriously. We strive to serve the needs of a rapidly growing community by honoring existing mandates while developing new insights and innovative solutions to health problems. In an attempt to assess the needs of the community and to address the educational responsibilities of a board of health, the Health Agent has been writing weekly columns on public health for the local newspapers.

The Board of Health, their Agent and Administrative Assistant take courses and attend workshops offered by the Massachusetts Health Officer's Association (MHOA), Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB), DEP and DPH, among others, each year.

Last year saw the Halifax Board of Health involved in the following activities, among others:

Title V: Perc tests: **43** were performed at **30** addresses in 2010, compared to 18 addresses in 2009, 45 in 2008 and 135 in 2007. Disposal Works (aka septic systems): Permit approvals were similar to last year's, with **32** in 2010, compared to **39** in 2009. Title V inspection reports are received and reviewed by the Board of Health when homes are sold. Innovative/Alternative (I/A) septic systems offer more treatment than conventional systems, allowing them to be installed close to the ponds and to high groundwater. The Board of Health sees more and more of these systems, requiring more careful reviews and inspections. These systems are monitored for the life of the system. The Board of Health is responsible for overseeing and enforcing the monitoring reports for I/A systems. In 2010, **7** I/A systems were installed. They were all of the type called "bioremediation", which, under the appropriate conditions, holds great promise for reviving failed leaching areas.

Food Establishments: The Health Agent inspected food establishments, issued reports and oversaw corrections, both to facilities and behavioral changes. The health agent was not able to provide the second round of inspections due to the level of involvement required for reviewing engineering proposals and reviewing landfill documents for the new engineer, once hired, and also because of extensive and prolonged responses to Eastern Equine Encephalitis in August and September, and a prolonged housing issue involving lead abatement and also a prolonged nuisance/safety issue. It has been ten years now since the State of Massachusetts adopted the National Food Code. The Board of Health reminded the local eating establishments of the need for proper understanding of the correct use of gloves in the food industry. There has been a recent influx of new food establishments, including major renovations and additional food sales at Walmart, two new restaurants and renovation/expansion of another.

New and renovated food establishments necessitates that the Agent use a plan review process to ensure the proper construction of food facilities. This requires time but it is well worth it to prevent problems.

Recalls: The Board of Health received hundreds of food recall notifications from the Food and Drug Association and MA DPH in 2010. The recalls are investigated as to whether or not they apply to the food establishments in Halifax. Foods are recalled for a variety of reasons including Listeria, Salmonella and undeclared allergens.

Nuisance complaints/Housing Inspections and Complaints: The Agent responds to complaints of a wide variety of concerns on the part of residents such as noise, dust, dumpsters, animals, grey water, trash, abandoned houses, hoarding, mold and odor. These complaints are investigated and reports written. Requests for housing inspections require an investigation and correspondence with the homeowner regarding compliance with the State Sanitary Code. At times these inspections involve working with other departments such as Building, Fire and Police, Animal Rescue League and Social Services and extended family members, to name a few. The Agent is thankful for the assistance and cooperation she receives for this team effort. There were two additional housing inspections complicated enough in 2010 that they required court involvement. They are still ongoing.

Emergency Preparedness & Response: The Agent participated in meetings organized and funded by DPH. Emergency preparedness funds were overseen and utilized in the response to the H1N1 pandemic influenza. In addition to drills with CERT and Police, the Emergency Dispensing Site plans were put to the test with the reality of H1N1. The Agent is thankful for the assistance of CERT, volunteer nurses and other helping hands at the clinics.

Floods: Spring of the year 2010 brought flooding downpours to Halifax causing extensive damage to businesses and residents, and time consuming responses to the floods from many departments. The Board of Health wishes to express their praise for and gratitude to the Highway, Police, Fire and Building departments and others for their efforts. The floods created some housing inspections and the need for the health agent to answer people's questions and concerns for their residences, their health, and their septic systems.

Emergencies- general: Several emergencies arose, mostly with housing situations and potentially rabid animals.

Public Health Nursing: To assure access to health care services, public health nursing services were provided by contract with Partnership Home Care, Inc. Adult Health Screenings were held at the Mobile Home Park and the Town Hall. Individual visits for hypertension, nutrition and other aspects of well-being were provided, in particular for the frail and homebound. Administration of vaccines, child health home visits, home therapy, health aide services, and patient or home evaluations are all part of the nursing services available.

Reportable Disease: A critical role of the public health nurses is the follow-up and investigation of reportable and communicable diseases. The Board of Health receives the reports and forwards them to Partners Home Care. In 2010 we received **29** reportable cases (compared to 50 in 2009). They included **8** cases of Chronic Hepatitis C (9 in 2009), **14** cases of Lyme disease (31 in 2009), and **2** cases of Salmonella, among other reportable diseases.

Rabies: Rabies is a fatal disease if contracted, but can be prevented. All cases of animal bites need to be investigated. Judith Anderson, the Halifax Animal Inspector, visits homeowners to determine vaccination history, whether or not quarantine is required, and works with the Board of Health in determining whether or not an animal needs to be tested for rabies. The year 2010 had **7** animals quarantined and several incidents requiring counseling for residents' behaviors (Please leave wild animals alone; was there any exposure?). 2009 received 20 cases of animal related wounds/incidents of possible rabies cases requiring investigation (18 in 2008).

Landfill Monitoring: The health agent was busy the first quarter of the year with engineering proposals and then reviewing landfill documents to prepare the newly-hired engineering firm, Tighe & Bond, Inc. They are monitoring gas, water and ambient air at the Hemlock Lane Landfill. That monitoring will continue for another 28 years.

Beaches: All beaches were checked weekly during the summer months. For the third season, beaches on the West Monponsett Pond were found to be unsuitable for swimming for most of the summer because of the emerging health risk of algae. This is still a relatively new and time-consuming issue and the health agent is thankful to DPH for their assistance. It is being studied by DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) and by DPH (Department of Public Health) with funds from CDC (Center for Disease Control). The agent thanks Joseph Garuti for building the information kiosks, as an Eagle Scout project, at the two town beaches to keep the public informed.

Appreciation: The Board wishes to thank Partners Home Care, Inc. for the excellent health care they provide to those who need it. We are thankful for CERT's (Community Emergency Response Team) continued help to the Town of Halifax (and Plympton). Members of CERT assisted with many occasions throughout the year. The Board also thanks Review Engineers, Grady Consulting and Phil Spath who reviewed the proposed septic system plans brought before the Board, as well as Arthur Bloomquist and Eric Mueller who have assisted in soil and septic inspections for the Town.

The Halifax Board of Health is committed to their responsibility to promote the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Halifax for 2011. Please share your concerns and/or ideas with us so that we can respond to them.

John DeLano, Chairman
John Weber, Vice Chairman
Jeffrey Anderson, Clerk

RECYCLING AND TRASH DISPOSAL

The Recycling Center, located at 917 Plymouth Street, is open to Halifax residents. The hours of operation are Monday from 5 pm to 8 pm, Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm, and Saturday from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Items allowed for drop off are all curbside recycling, cardboard, tires, appliances, foam rubber, metals, used motor oil, clothing, paint, useable goods, mattresses, rugs, construction debris, computer monitors, televisions, and furniture. Some of these items are free to drop off and others have a fee to dispose of. Effective January 1, 2009 the Recycling Center will only be accepting checks for payments of fees, bags, etc. For information on drop off prices, recycling stickers, or general questions about the Recycling Center you may call the recycling office Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 9 am to 2 pm.

This past year we lowered the mandatory recycling sticker fee to \$40 per household. This fee helps assist with the recycling center operations and is required to be paid by all residents in order to have curbside pickup and use of the recycling center.

Recyclables are collected every other week and residents are required to have a Town of Halifax recycling bin. When the collection day falls on a holiday, the day's collection and the remaining collections for the week will be delayed one day. The recycling schedule can be found on the Town's website or you may call the Recycling Center for more information. The Town currently collects plastics #1-7, cans, bottles and jars. We also take all paper products; magazines, junk mail, phonebooks, food boxes and corrugated cardboard (cardboard can not be larger than 20x20 inches). Bag or tie paper products and place them on top of the bin or next to the bin. Do not place loose paper products in the bin.

Howland Disposal currently performs the Town's curbside pick up. Pick up is performed on a weekly basis and all trash must be stored within the Town authorized trash bags. Town trash bags, recycling bins, and composting bins are available for purchase at the recycling center. Town trash bags may also be purchased at Cumberland Farms, Harmony Liquors, Lindy's General Store, Mobile Gas Station, Stop & Shop, Tedeschi's, and the 106 Mini Mart. The trash pick up schedule can be found on the Town's website or you may call the Recycling Center for more information. Trash should be placed by the curb no later than 7 am. If your trash is not picked up, please call Howland Disposal at 1-877-667-9600.

Robert J. Badore, Highway Superintendent

HALIFAX SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Including a Report of the Silver Lake Regional School District

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ms. Paula Hatch, Chairman	Term Expires 2011
Ms. Cassandra Hanson, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2011
Mr. John Stanbrook, Secretary	Term Expires 2012
Mr. Derek Bennett	Term Expires 2012
Ms. Lisa Gilbert	Term Expires 2013

The Halifax School Committee meets at 7:00 p.m., on the first Monday of each month.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Mr. John J. Tuffy	Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Joy Blackwood	Assistant Superintendent
Mr. David Kenney	Administrator of Special Education
Ms. Jennifer Adams	Asst. Administrator of Special Education
Ms. Christine Healy	Director of Business Services

In addition to all legal holidays, schools will be closed on the Friday following Thanksgiving and on Good Friday.

NO SCHOOL announcements will be broadcasted on radio stations WATD (95.9 FM) and WBZ (1030 AM) and on television stations WBZ (Channel 4), WCVB (Channel 5), WHDH (Channel 7), WFXT (Fox 25) and WLVI (Channel 56) between 5:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.