



TOWN of HOLLAND



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REPORT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 26, 2009

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Stan Kaufman

Preface

Once again we take great pleasure in thanking Mr. Stan Kaufman for the cover image he designed for this year's Annual Town Report. This is the second year that Mr. Kaufman has donated his talent to make our report more visually appealing and lend to it some of the flavor associated with living in Holland.

This year, we are trying something a bit different with the Annual Town Report. As in past years, several hundred hard copies of the report have been printed and made available at the Town Hall for those desiring a copy; while supplies last. Additionally, we have typeset all the pages of the town report and converted it to Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) which allows us to make it available online at the Holland website, and retain a permanent digital copy for future reference. This will also make the report searchable using key words on line. Please enjoy the hard copies while they last and take advantage of the electronic version whenever you need to.

Finally, this year we have included a full color page showing some pictures of local interest. We hope that you enjoy them – and please feel free to provide some interesting pictures of your own for use in future issues of the Annual Town Report!

Dave Kowalski
Sturbridge Direct, LLC



TOWN of HOLLAND

Holland Massachusetts

A Recreational

Lake Community



Holland, Massachusetts is a small and eclectic, close-knit community located in midwestern Massachusetts, and graced with the natural beauty of Hamilton Reservoir at its center. All four seasons are enjoyable here in Holland.



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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Ambulance	911
Ambulance (non emergency)	245-7334
Fire Department	911
Fire Department Dispatch	245-7214
Fire Department Station	245-9733
Fire Department (Inspections)	245-9733
Police Department	911
Police Department (non emergency)	245-0117
State Police - Sturbridge	347-3352
Poison Control Center	1-800-682-9211
Dog Officers	245-3878 or 245-9221

SCHOOLS

Holland Elementary	245-9644
Holland Elementary (Principal's Office)	245-9551
Superintendent of Schools	1-508-347-3077
	1-508-347-5977
Tantasqua Regional High School	1-508-347-9301
Tantasqua Regional Junior High School	1-508-347-7381
Tantasqua Regional-Vocational Education	1-508-347-3045
Tantasqua Regional-Guidance Office	1-508-347-7161

TOWN OFFICES

Accountant – Tim Harrison	245-7108 ext. 103
Assessor – Desk	245-7108 ext. 105
Assessor – JoAnne Higgins	245-7108 ext. 106
Board of Health – Desk	245-7108 ext. 112
Building/Zoning – Jack Keough	245-7108 ext. 113
Cable Commission	245-7108 ext. 116
Conservation	245-7108 ext. 114
Council on Aging	245-3163
Executive Secretary – Kristin LaPlante	245-7108 ext. 101
Highway Department	245-3276
Library	245-3607
Outreach Worker – Deb Tierney	245-7108 ext. 115
Planning Board	245-7108 ext. 117
Police	245-7108 ext. 120
Receptionist	245-7108 ext. 100
Selectmen	245-7108 ext. 111
Tax Collector – Nancy Talbot	245-7108 ext. 107
Tax Collector – Clerk Pam Facteau	245-7108 ext. 110
Town Clerk – Kristin LaPlante	245-7108 ext. 102
Treasurer – Linda Blodgett	245-7108 ext. 104

INSPECTORS

Building Inspector - Jack Keough	245-9060
Electrical Inspector - Bob Garon	1(508) 347-3999
Plumbing Inspector - George Wolstencroft	1(508) 248-6006

PUBLIC HOURS

Accountant	Monday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Assessor	Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon & 1-4PM 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday Evenings 7:00 PM
Executive Secretary	Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon Wednesday 1-4PM
Tax Collector	Monday & Wednesday 9:00AM-Noon 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday 7-8 PM
Town Clerk	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday Evening 7-8 PM
Treasurer	Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 - 12:00 Noon & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Tuesday 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon 2 nd and 4 th Tuesday Evenings 7-8 PM

LIBRARY

Monday & Wednesday	3:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

NOTICE

School Cancellations	WESO 970 AM WARE 1040 AM WTIC 1050 AM WSRS 96.1 FM
Town Events	The News - Southbridge Palmer Journal - Palmer Union News - Springfield Worcester Telegram & Gazette http://town.holland.ma.us

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Board of Assessors	Second and Fourth Tuesday 7:00 PM
Building Commissioner	Tuesday Evenings 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Cable Committee	Third Tuesday at 6:15 PM
Cemetery Commission	Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM by appointment only
Conservation Commission	Second and Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Council on Aging	First Wednesday at 10: 15 AM Held at the Senior Center
Finance Board	Second & Fourth Thursdays at 7:00 PM (School)
Health, Board of	Second & Fourth Tuesdays 7:00 PM
Holland School Committee	Second Thursday at 7:30 PM Sept to June Held at Holland Elementary School
Library Trustees	First Thursday at 6:30 PM February - May First Saturday at 9:00 AM June - January Held at Holland Library
Planning Board	Second and Fourth Tuesday 7:00 PM
Private Roads Committee	None Scheduled
Recreation Committee	Second Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. (School)
School Council	Second Wednesday at 3:15 PM-Sept to June Held at the Holland Elementary School
Selectmen, Board of	First and Third Tuesdays 7:00 PM
Tantasqua School Committee	Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM Held at Tantasqua Junior High School
Zoning Board of Appeals	Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 PM
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Tuesday Evenings 7:30 - 9:00 PM

ALL DATES, TIMES AND PLACES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, STURBRIDGE ROAD, HOLLAND, MA.

GOVERNMENTAL INFORMATION

Holland is included in the:

Second Congressional District
Seventh Councilor District
Worcester-Franklin-Hampden & Hampshire Senatorial District
First Hampden Representative District

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward T. Kennedy Boston (D)
2400 JFK Federal Building (617) 565-3170
Boston, MA 02203

John F. Kerry Boston (D)
One Bowdoin Square, 10th floor (413) 785-4610
Boston, MA 02114

CONGRESSMAN, 2ND DISTRICT

Richard Neal (413) 785-0325
1550 Main Street
Springfield, MA 01103

STATE SENATOR

Stephen Brewer Barre (D)
Commonwealth of Massachusetts (617) 722-1540
State House, Room 109B
Boston, MA 02133-1053

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT

Todd Smola (413) 283-2564
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Rep.ToddSmola@hou.state.ma.us
House of Representatives
State House, Room 156
Boston, MA 02133

ANNUAL TOWN EVENTS

Annual Town Caucus Sixth Tuesday preceding the Annual Town Meeting at 8:00 PM
Annual Town Meeting Last Tuesday in May
Annual Town Election First Monday after the first Tuesday in June

ELECTED OFFICERS

ASSESSORS

Christian Petersen Sr.	2011
Earl Johnson	2009
J. Bradford Noble	2010

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Brian Johnson	2011
Patricia Caron	2009
Sarto Caron	2010

CONSTABLES

Donald Bopp	2010
Raymond Korny	2011
Richard Polverari	2009

HEALTH, BOARD OF

David Kowalski	2009
Raymond Korny (appointed until the next annual election)	2009
Jeff Wojtowicz (appointed until the next annual election)	2009

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Brian Johnson	2010
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Denise Cote	2010
Holly Gillen	2011
Janet Mullins	2009

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

MODERATOR

William Hardy	2011
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PARK COMMISSION

All 5 positions vacant

PLANNING BOARD

Debra Benveniste	2011
Richard Polverari (appointed until the next Annual Town Election)	2009
Joanne May	2012
Lynn Arnold	2009

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Christine Croke	2011
Erik Iller	2011
Steven Bums	2009
Susan Kennedy	2009
Steven Anderstrom	2010

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Michael Kennedy	2009
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SELECTMEN

James Wettlaufer	2011
Christian Petersen Sr.	2009
Earl Johnson	2010

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Michael Kennedy	2009
Howard Fife	2010

TAX COLLECTOR

Nancy Talbot	2010
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TOWN CLERK

Kristin LaPlante	2010
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TREASURER

Linda Blodgett	2009
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TREE WARDEN

Brian Johnson	2009
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WATER COMMISSIONERS

Thomas LaPlante	2009
Heather Wettlaufer	2010
Vacant	

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Timothy Harrison 2010

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Michael Rutkowski 2009
Raymond Korny 2009

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR

JoAnne Higgins 2009

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Jack Keough 2009

CABLE COMMITTEE

Jake Antonovitch 2009
Lucy Antonovitch 2009
Marc Casavant 2009
Angie Casavant 2009
Melissa Castonguay 2009
Jennifer Livernois 2009
Andrew Livernois 2009
Judy Livernois 2009
Nick Merriman 2009

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Patricia Caron 2009
Howard Fife 2010
James Wettlaufer 2010
Mary vandenBerg 2010
Marcia Beal 2009
Nathan Gumlaw 2009

COUNCIL ON AGING

Bruce Plumley 2010
Lowell Nixon 2009
Olive Nixon 2009
Harold Hewinson 2010
Susan Sanders 2010
Tom Baltazar 2010
Jack Reed 2009
(cont.)

Earl Johnson, Alternate	2009
Margaret Crock, Senior Coordinator	2009
Debbie Tierney, Outreach Worker	2009
Linda Artruc, Activities Director	2009

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

All 3 positions vacant

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Bob Garon	2011
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Kristin LaPlante	2009
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FINANCE BOARD

Thomas Dubrey	2009
Donald Sanders	2009
Anthony Roman	2009
Scott Paster	2009
Andrew Harhay	2009

FIRE CHIEF

Paul Foster	2009
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HOLLAND CULTURAL COUNCIL

Beth Parys	2009
Cheryl Shackett	2009
Charlotte Lundgren	2009
Marshall Munnis	2009

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS & SLAUGHTER

Karen Tavernier	2010
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MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Dawn Cass-Evans	2009
Valerie Ebersold	2009

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

George Wolstencroft 2011

POLICE CHIEF

Position vacant 2009

RECREATION COMMITTEE

April Bums 2009
Arthur Evans 2009
Erik Iller 2009
Carl Johnson 2009
Bettina Schmidt 2009

REGISTRARS

Patricia Bopp 2009
Renee O'Connell 2009
Janice Swenson 2009

VETERAN'S AGENT

Robert Mathison 2009

VETERAN'S GRAVES OFFICER

Ken Basdekis 2009

VOLUNTEER BOAT PATROL

Joe Testa 2009
Lou Aube 2009

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Ronald Seaburg 2009
Sarto Caron 2010
Donald Beal 2009
Todd Mayo 2010
Fred Beaulieu 2009

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Jack Keough 2009



Office of the Town Accountant
Holland Town Hall
Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA 01521

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

This is my ninth report as the Town Accountant for the Town of Holland. It has been a pleasure to serve the Board of Selectmen and the residents of Holland.

The Town Accountant has a principal role in determining the Town's financial stability. The Town Accountant is responsible for the monitoring of all Town accounts and the issuance of reports having to do with the receipt and expenditure of Town funds. Department Heads look to the Town Accountant's office for the data they must have for their use in developing financial forecasts, planning budgets, and, in general, for the efficient management of their department.

As Town Accountant, I strive to keep abreast of the work of the departments and other developments in Town in order that I may be in the best position to analyze data gathered and produce the reports that have the most meaning. The information deriving from the Town Accountant must be accurate, verifiable, and in keeping with established standards promulgated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TJH", is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy J. Harrison, CPA
10-20-08

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>TRUST AND AGENCY</u>	<u>LONG TERM DEBT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$ 602,657	\$ 523,033	\$ -	\$ 583,495	\$ -	\$ 1,709,185
Receivables:						
Property taxes	1,033,276	-	-	-	-	1,033,276
Excise and other taxes	75,169	-	-	-	-	75,169
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be provided for LTD	-	-	-	-	756,861	756,861
Total Assets	\$ 1,711,102	\$ 523,033	\$ -	\$ 583,495	\$ 756,861	\$ 3,574,491
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	\$ 442,154	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 442,154
Accrued liabilities	19,392	-	-	-	-	19,392
Deferred revenues	1,102,585	-	-	-	-	1,102,585
Overlay reserve	5,860	-	-	-	-	5,860
Performance bonds payable	-	-	-	17,000	-	17,000
Short-term borrowing	-	68,200	-	-	-	68,200
Long-term debt	-	-	-	-	756,861	756,861
Total Liabilities	1,569,991	68,200	-	17,000	756,861	2,412,052
Fund Balances:						
Reserved for encumbrances	151,882	-	-	-	-	151,882
Reserved for deficits	(120,181)	-	-	-	-	(120,181)
Reserved for capital expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for grants	-	155,558	-	-	-	155,558
Reserved for revolving accounts	-	299,276	-	-	-	299,276
Reserved for trust funds	-	-	-	566,495	-	566,495
Unreserved:						
Designated for subsequent year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undesignated	109,410	-	-	-	-	109,410
Total Fund Balances	141,111	454,833	-	566,495	-	1,162,439
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,711,102	\$ 523,033	\$ -	\$ 583,495	\$ 756,861	\$ 3,574,491

TOWN OF HOLLAND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>TRUST AND AGENCY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Revenues:					
Property taxes	\$ 4,529,220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,529,220
Excise and other taxes	274,779	-	-	-	274,779
Intergovernmental	1,092,716	418,561	-	-	1,511,277
Charges of services	-	59,440	-	-	59,440
Licenses, permits and fines	11,113	-	-	-	11,113
Fees and other departmental revenues	23,995	154,160	-	1,275	179,430
Investment income	61,105	-	-	21,508	82,613
Other	29,429	51,933	-	-	81,362
Total Revenues	6,022,357	684,094	-	22,783	6,729,234
Expenditures:					
General government	318,892	53,762	-	-	372,655
Public safety	320,961	45,089	-	-	366,050
Education	3,678,455	301,172	-	-	3,979,627
Public works	489,287	148,932	-	-	638,219
Health and human services	39,327	14,734	-	8,800	62,861
Culture and recreation	38,712	14,885	-	-	53,597
Employee benefits	461,785	-	-	-	461,785
Insurance	76,771	-	-	-	76,771
Debt principal	140,208	-	-	-	140,208
Debt interest	74,619	-	-	-	74,619
State and county charges	16,241	-	-	-	16,241
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	5,655,259	578,574	-	8,800	6,242,633
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	367,098	105,520	-	13,983	486,601
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Proceeds from long-term borrowing	-	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	69,125	-	-	-	69,125
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	(69,125)	(69,125)
	69,125	-	-	(69,125)	-
Change in Fund Balance	436,223	105,520	-	(55,142)	486,601
Fund balance, beginning of year	(295,112)	349,313	-	621,637	675,838
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 141,111	\$ 454,833	\$ -	\$ 566,495	\$ 1,162,439

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
GENERAL FUND REVENUES
JUNE 30, 2008**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Revenue:		
Property taxes	4,065,839	4,529,220
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	284,400	274,779
State aid	1,071,770	1,092,716
Licenses, permits and fines	10,925	11,113
Fees	19,050	23,995
Interest and penalties	60,625	61,105
Other	18,000	29,429
	5,530,609	6,022,357
 Other financing sources:		
Overlay Surplus	18,000	18,000
Long-term borrowing	-	-
Stabilization	69,125	69,125
Free cash	70,981	70,981
Carryover appropriations	134,706	134,706
Revolving/Gift accounts	10,000	
	302,812	292,812
 Total revenues and other financing sources	\$ 5,833,421	\$ 6,315,169

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
JUNE 30, 2008**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	YEAR END CARRYOVER
General Government:			
Moderator	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
Selectmen	12,087	10,631	-
Executive secretary	19,780	19,322	-
Finance committee	500	334	-
Reserve fund	-	-	-
Town accountant	25,457	24,817	-
Assessors	39,301	37,990	285
Collector	49,348	46,293	934
Treasurer	34,817	34,312	-
Town counsel	22,818	25,518	-
Town clerk	21,028	21,028	-
Elections and registrations	5,923	5,758	-
Conservation commission	2,100	1,746	-
Planning board	3,000	2,000	-
Zoning board	2,924	2,624	-
Audit	20,751	10,000	10,751
Public buildings	73,093	62,819	10,028
Union taxes	553	553	-
Tax title expenses	11,460	6,860	1,814
Town report	1,000	998	-
Revaluation	21,000	5,290	-
Total general government	367,040	318,893	23,812
Public Works:			
Highway department	374,413	374,120	1,026
Snow removal	40,000	93,938	-
Street lighting	7,732	8,329	-
Cemetery	4,900	4,900	-
Dam maintenance	-	-	-
Lake maintenance	8,000	8,000	-
Total public works	435,045	489,287	1,026

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
JUNE 30, 2008**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	YEAR END CARRYOVER
Public Safety:			
Police department	\$ 190,899	\$ 181,759	\$ 10,111
Fire department	81,404	81,337	145
Dispatch	2,000	1,998	-
Animal inspector	200	200	-
Sealer of weights and measures	14	-	-
Animal control officer	5,000	4,670	-
Tree warden	100	-	-
Zoning officer	2,437	2,137	-
Slaughter inspector	14	14	-
Ambulance	48,846	48,846	-
Dutch elm disease	50	-	-
Civil Defense	5,000	-	5,000
Gypsy moth control	50	-	-
Total public safety	336,014	320,961	15,256
Education:			
Holland schools	2,297,676	2,232,495	65,185
School choice assessment	7,950	5,000	-
SPED assessment	-	-	-
School building committee	8,689	-	-
Regional schools	1,441,060	1,440,960	-
Total education	3,755,375	3,678,455	65,185
Health and Human Services:			
Board of health	10,085	6,416	368
Council on aging	13,208	13,136	-
Senior Center	11,500	11,487	-
Landfill	22,827	3,386	19,441
Brush dump	3,869	1,067	80
Demolition	16,570	-	16,570
Lake water testing	4,452	3,375	-
Visiting nurse	1,200	460	-
Veterans memorial	10,000	-	10,000
Veterans benefits	-	-	-
Total health and human services	93,711	39,327	46,459

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
JUNE 30, 2008**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	YEAR END CARRYOVER
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	\$ 32,053	\$ 31,675	\$ -
Recreation	7,623	6,688	144
Memorial Day	400	349	-
Parks	-	-	-
Total culture and recreation	40,076	38,712	144
Debt Service:			
Long-term debt principal	140,208	140,208	-
Long-term debt interest	36,017	35,694	-
Short-term debt interest	30,000	38,925	-
Total debt service	206,225	214,827	-
Employee Benefits and Insurances:			
County retirement	123,131	123,131	-
Unemployment	2,300	2,180	-
Health insurance	245,000	299,022	-
Medicare tax	37,500	37,452	-
General insurance	76,771	76,771	-
Total employee benefits & insurance	484,702	538,556	-
Other Expenditures and Financing Uses:			
Air pollution assessment	679	679	-
Pioneer valley planning commission	363	361	-
WRTA assessment	757	683	-
Veteran's assessment	10,758	10,578	-
Other state assessments	3,300	3,940	-
Transfers to other funds	-	-	-
Deficits raised on tax recap	99,376	-	-
Total other expenditures & financing uses	115,233	16,241	-
Total expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 5,833,421	\$ 5,655,259	\$ 151,882

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
DEBT SUMMARY
JUNE 30, 2008**

	BALANCE 7/1/2007	ISSUED 2008	RETIRED 2008	BALANCE 6/30/2008
Highway Barn - Bond	\$ 360,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ 315,000
Senior Center	26,325	-	6,585	19,740
Fire Truck	210,000	-	33,740	176,260
Highway Truck	84,000	-	28,000	56,000
Revaluation	91,250	-	18,250	73,000
MWPAT	125,494	-	8,633	116,861
	\$ 897,069	\$ -	\$ 140,208	\$ 756,861

**HOLLAND BOARD OF ASSESSORS
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2008**

The current office members are: Christian Petersen, Chairperson, Brad Noble, assessor, Earl Johnson, assessor and Ms. JoAnne Higgins, Assistant Assessor / clerk.

In addition to the normal phone calls and people seeking assistance, Ms. Higgins has done a fantastic job in correcting many errors or omissions made in prior years. Her experience and knowledge of assessing rules and laws has brought considerable additional dollars to the town.

Most all of the information and some forms that normally require a visit to the assessor's office are available on the town Website 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This has saved many phone calls and trips to the town hall by tax payers, Appraisers, Real Estate Companies, Banks and others requiring information that is public knowledge.

At the special town meeting held in February 2009, it was approved to begin quarterly Real Estate Tax billing in July 2010 for Fiscal Year 2011.

For those who do not have access to the internet, our office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Assessors meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Petersen, Chairperson
Earl Johnson
Brad Noble



Brimfield Ambulance Service, Inc

34 Wales Road
Brimfield, MA 01010
Emergency 911 or 413.245-7222 Business 413.245-6677

Having 27 years of service to the towns of Brimfield, Holland and Wales we proudly continue in the tradition that formed the Brimfield Ambulance Service. Our goal has always been to bring the best emergency medical treatment to the people we serve. The service is a non-profit organization currently holding a paramedic license to provide advanced life support to the residents of Brimfield, Holland, Wales and guests within these towns. We also have an agreement with the surrounding towns of Warren, Palmer, Monson and Sturbridge to provide and/or receive mutual aid should the need arise.

The expenses of our service are met in three ways, first through fundraising and donations including our annual plant sale in May on the Brimfield Common. This past year a grant from Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Wales secured by Jayson Findlay, one of our EMT's, for three defibrillators which have been placed in the Brimfield, Holland and Wales elementary schools. The grant also provided the training necessary to operate the equipment.

When the ambulance is called into service by a 911 call it responds, there is no discrimination as to the type of call that was made or the ability of the patient to pay. Some calls are what we label nonbillable runs meaning for one reason or another the call did not result in a trip to an emergency room. When a call does end at the emergency room it is billed through our billing service to the patient's insurance company.

Each of the three service area towns is asked to support the Brimfield Ambulance Service based on the population of their town. In return we provide ambulance service to the residents as well as their guests, family and friends.

We have provided ambulance coverage 24 hours a day 7 days a week - including weekends and holidays- for the past 27 years. The service has been available for town based functions, and has done many programs at the elementary school level. Currently there are EMT's living in all three towns that we serve, often they are able to respond directly to a call reducing the response time. Additionally, sites suitable for landing a helicopter have been established in each town in the event one is needed to enhance patient care.

Our devoted staff and volunteers are the heart of our service. Without their time, energy and dedication to the people of Brimfield, Holland and Wales we would not be the service we are today. We acknowledge these people with our most sincere thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Koprowski, President

Jenny Stellato, Vice President; Thomas Clay, Medical Director; Sheila Noyes Miller, Treasurer; Alice Hunt, Clerk; Directors: Paula Braun, Karen Connors, Joe Difabio, Lorraine Story

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER CALENDAR YEAR 2008

A total of 88 building permits were issued this year. New Home permits totaled 6, lowest total in 10 years. The total estimated *construction cost* for new homes was \$952,377.00, down \$800,000 and the estimated *construction cost* for all permits issued totaled \$2,612,343.00. Inspections completed totaled 208.

The following is a detail of permits issued in 2008.

New Homes	6	Repairs/Roofing/Siding	31
Res. Add/Alter	9	Woodstoves/Chimneys	15
Sheds/Barns	4	Commercial Add/Alter	0
Residential Garages	3	Demolition Residential	2
Decks	4	Demo/Rebuild	7
Swimming Pools	4	Miscellaneous/ Other	3

The following is the Building Commissioners financial report for Fiscal 2008 and the first six months of Fiscal 2009.

Account Activities Fiscal '08'		Account Activities 1st Six Months Fiscal '09'	
Beginning Balance	1,000.00	Beginning Balance	1,000.00
Permit Fees collected July'07'- June'08'	9,672.00	Permit Fees collected July 08 - Dec 08	7,565.00
Building Department		Building Department	
Inspectors Salary	7,737.60	Inspectors Salary	6,148.00
Clerk Wages	1,077.00	Clerk's Wages	582.00
Withdrawals Expenses	<u>777.82</u>	Withdrawals Expenses	<u>425.00</u>
Balance	1,079.58	Balance	<u>1,410.00</u>

Building Commissioner hours: Tuesday evenings 7:30 to 9 PM & Monday mornings 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Inspections will be made Monday - Friday. Building Permit applications with attached required documents can be submitted to the Town Hall Monday through Thursday. Permit applications and other required forms are available during regularly scheduled business hours.

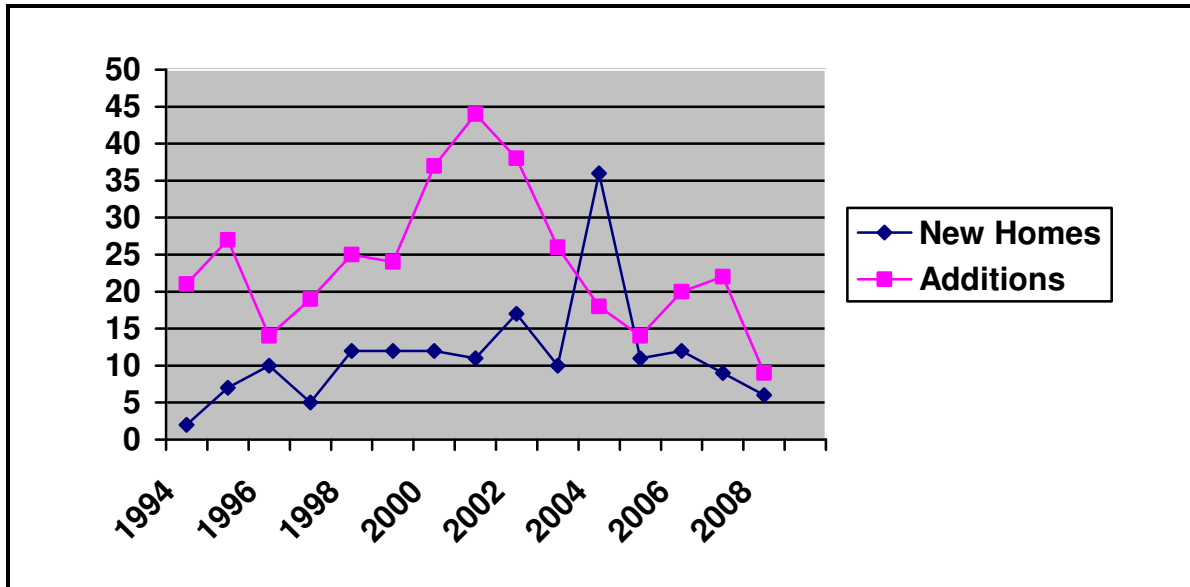
For information: <http://town.holland.state.ma> or **Call:** 413-245-7108 ext. 113
For Inspections call: 413-245-7108 ext. 113 **To send a Fax:** 413-245-7037

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

(Continued)

BUILDING PERMIT HISTORY



BUILDING INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

How and when are inspections made?

780 CMR (Ma. State Building Code, Seventh Edition) Section 5115 Inspections;
".....The building official shall inform the applicant of the required points of inspection at the time of application. ..."

Minimum inspections needed

Foundations: when foundation completed, perimeter drains installed and damp-proofed. Ready for backfill.

Frame: frame and sheathing completed, rough plumbing and electrical completed and inspected. Ready for insulation.

Insulation: insulation completed and vapor barrier in place as per Energy Compliance form. (blown in ceilings and basement ceiling may be inspected at final).

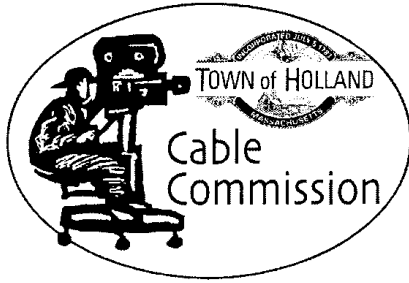
Final: Job completed, all required signatures obtained on permit card. Ready to move in.

Certificate of Use/Occupancy: Return signed permit card to the Building Commissioner for issuance of certificate. ***All building permits issued require a Certificate of Use/Occupancy BEFORE the structure may be used or occupied.***

Note: The building inspector must be notified 24 hours prior to the time the inspection is needed. All requests for inspections must be made to the inspection number (413-245-7108 ext.113). All requests for inspections received on Saturday, Sunday, Holidays or after 4PM Monday - Friday will be considered received at 8AM the following business day. Most inspections will be completed within 3 to 5 business days from when inspection is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Keough
Building Commissioner



Holland Cable Commission
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA 01521
(413) 245-7101

Report of the Cable Commission for 2008-2009

This has been a year of opportunity and challenges for the Cable Commission. Problems with the live broadcast have been addressed and corrected.

We are looking into the purchase of a new studio kit that will consolidate the various pieces of equipment now used and upgrade all peripherals to digital technology. These new pieces of equipment will also enable us to improve the appearance of the community calendar to a more aesthetically pleasing layout. With this year's cable payment we hope to be able to purchase new digital master mixing board and software to upgrade the community calendar.

We are pleased to have our college student interns still with us on a part-time voluntary basis. We would like to thank them for their dedication and hard work. We are still looking for new interns/members.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Antonovitch and Angie Casavant, Co-Chairwomen

Judy Livernois, Secretary

Andy Livernois, Systems Administrator

Jake Antonovitch, Jennifer Livernois, Marc Casavant, Melissa Castonguay, Nick Merriman, Student Interns

TOWN OF HOLLAND
CEMETERY COMMISSION
Annual Report 2009

The Cemetery Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month by appointment only at the Town Hall at 7:00 PM in the Conservation room unless otherwise posted. Purchase of grave sites, comments, and questions are welcome at that time

The fees are:

Plots -

\$100.00 per plot for Holland resident
\$300.00 for non-resident

Perpetual Care (one-time cost) -

1 Plot - \$50.00 2 Plots - \$100.00 3-4 Plots - \$150.00
5-6 Plots - \$200.00 7-10 Plots - \$250.00

Corner (Bound) Markers - **Mandatory**

\$155.00 (set of four) with initial of last name on all markers +
Plot No./Lot No. on upper left marker.

Standard grave opening and closing:

Summer \$350.00 Winter \$700.00

Cremation grave opening and closing:

Summer \$50.00 Winter \$150.00

Plot Location:

\$10.00

Per Plot (maximum allowed): 1 Casket and 1 Urn **OR** 3 Urns

Winter Burials are from December 1st to April 1st

Under no circumstances will a burial be allowed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

We would also ask that you keep your Cemetery Deeds with your other valuable papers. It is the owner's responsibility to safeguard their deeds. The Commission has **some** duplicate copies.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Commission
Sarto Caron, Chairperson
Patricia Caron, Secretary
Brian Johnson, Sexton

Holland Conservation Commission

One of Holland's greatest resources is Hamilton Reservoir and our wetlands. We enjoy boating, cross country and water skiing, swimming, fishing, skating, snow mobileing and wonder at all that is around us. This Commission is charged with overseeing projects, which come under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Holland Conservation Bylaws. As a reminder to all property owners, Massachusetts General Law states "that any work proposed within 100' of any wetlands (rivers, streams, lakes, marches, bog or seasonally wet areas) or within 200' of permanent streams requires the filing of a Request for Determination of Applicability". If any one has any questions, please feel free to stop by on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

On June 30, 2008, Steven Anderstrom's term expired and was not renewed due to school commitments.

On October 21, 2008, Rolf Hilbig resigned from the Commission effective 11-30-2008 due to extended work hours.

Howard Fife has continued in the position of Conservation Agent. He does site visits after the project is completed to assure that the Order of Conditions has been met and erosion controls are effective. The HCC is fortunate to have such an experienced and knowledgeable person.

The HCC is appreciative for the cooperation it has received from property owners in their willingness to work on their projects in the best conservation management practices.

The HCC has been working closely with the Lake Oversight Committee where the main emphasis has been on weed control in the lake, storm water runoff and sedimentation.

On January 6, 2009, Marsha Beal and Nathan Gumlaw were appointed by the Select Board to the Conservation Commission.

We welcome any help and are available to answer whatever questions you may have.

Holland Conservation Commission

Mary B. vandenBerg, Chairperson
Howard A. Fife, Jr., Agent
Patricia J. Caron, Secretary
Marsha E. Beal
Nathan K. Gumlaw
James E. Wettlaufer

Holland Council On Aging

Annual Report

The mission of the Holland Council On Aging is to promote the physical, emotional and economic well being of older adults and to promote their participation in all aspects of community life.

The Holland Senior Center has been open to serve our seniors citizens and the community of Holland since March 2007. Currently the Holland Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday from 10am to 3pm except on holidays.

During 2008, the Holland Senior Center has been the host of many senior activities and community events. The citizens of Holland and surrounding communities have used the center for various multigenerational activities which include card games, cribbage, scrabble, exercise classes, MAH JONGG, knitting, various arts and crafts, just to name a few. The Senior Center hosts three computers with internet access and a printer for all to use in the activity room. There are many personal needs presentations regularly scheduled for the seniors and community to take advantage of, such as hearing and blood pressure clinics. Lunch is served every Monday and on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. There is always hot coffee, tea and cocoa available for all when you stop by for a visit. The Holland Senior Center has been host to blood drives by the Red Cross and annually provides IRS trained income tax preparers to assist seniors with filing of their tax returns. In just a short couple of years the Holland Senior Center has taken its rightful place in the Holland as a resource and facility that well serves the needs of our growing community.

In 2009, the COA will continue to provide programs, enhance the facilities and grounds, provide much needed assistance and encourage the seniors and community with this fine facility. With budget restraints before the COA and the financial climate demanding fiscal responsibility the COA will continue to make every effort to be fiscally responsible and explore all ways and means to enhance and expand the services of this fine center.

We would like to thank the Board of Selectman and the community for their continued support. We also would like to acknowledge and give thanks to our Center Director Margaret Crock, our Outreach Director Deb Tierney, our Maintenance Manager Paul Gillis, our Kitchen Manager Don Sanders, and all the member of the Friends of the Holland Seniors for their service and dedication to the senior citizens of the Holland community.

Respectfully submitted H.C.O.A.

Bruce Plumley Chairman, Harold Hewinson Vice Chairman, Susan Sanders Secretary / Treasurer, Lowell Nixon, Olive Nixon, John Reed, Tom Baltazar, Earl Johnson – Alt



Town of Holland, MA- Finance Committee

'Committee's Mission'

- Holland's Finance Committee serves as an independent advisory board and works on behalf of all residents. The Committee makes recommendations based on what it believes to be in the best financial interests of the Town. Its members are appointed, serve without pay and can hold no other official position in the Town.

'Happenings'

- FY 2009 has proven to be another difficult financial year for the Town and its residents. Hardships felt by families who have suffered a job loss or decline in retirement savings have trickled down to town government in the form of less tax revenue, lower local receipts from automobile excise taxes, and a decline in new growth. Cuts to our state aid in FY 2009 and anticipated cuts for FY 2010 have illustrated the need for sound, forward-looking financial planning as we look into our immediate future.
- During the year, our Committee along with the Board of Selectmen invited the Municipal Services Division of the MA Department of Revenue to perform a complete financial management review. This review consisted of interviews with key personnel across all financial functions in the town. The review resulted in 22 recommendations for enhancing the Town's overall fiscal strategy; we are aggressively pursuing the implementation of these recommendations.
- For the FY 2010 budget, our Committee created a standard budget template to be used by department heads for future budget submissions. The templates requested historical information as well as more detailed explanations of items being requested. Additionally, we asked departments to provide information about their anticipated future needs. This revision to our budget process has provided our Committee and the Board of Selectmen additional tools to reach sound recommendations that balance our current needs with those of the future.
- During the current year, we have conducted informal salary surveys for numerous positions in town government. The purpose of these surveys is to identify irregularities and inequities in the salaries of town employees. We feel that this information will enable us to reach fair conclusions related to salary decisions in the future.
- As we look ahead to FY 2010, the Finance Committee is formulating a plan to implement all of the Department of Revenue recommendations brought forth in the financial management review. In addition, we are committed to continuing our service to the community by recommending sound financial practices that balance current needs with future stability.

Thomas Dubrey - Chairman
Donald Sanders
Anthony Roman
Scott Paster
Andrew Harhay



Paul H. Foster
Chief of the Fire
Department

Jason Findlay
Deputy Chief

Greetings,

With continued shortfalls in the Fire Department budget, we were very limited on spending in 2008. Overdue firefighting equipment safety inspections needed to be put off due to no funding for testing and repairing of these items (ladders, self-contained breathing apparatus, etc.). Due to our continued efforts in our fire prevention program, thanks to Timothy Houle and Paul Mimeault, we have received grants to assist us in our current fire prevention program and expanded this year to distribute bicycle safety helmets during our first annual Public Safety Day. We were also fortunate to receive a state grant to replace some of our home alerting pagers as we continue to work on improving radio communications within the department and to the dispatch center.

The status of equipment goes as follows. Engines 1, 2 and 3 (also serves as the rescue) are in service and continue to function well. Tanker I is in service and continues to be loaned out to the Highway Department periodically. The Brush Truck pickup is in service and is functional. The service pickup (which carries additional forestry firefighting equipment) is also in service and functioning well. Car1 is in service and continues to receive periodic maintenance and repair due to the age and high mileage of the vehicle. We have occupied the new fire building and continue to work on finishing the inside as funding becomes available.

I would like to thank all the firefighters, their families, citizens and all the other town departments who have helped us this year. As always, it is you, the town resident, that we stay vigilant in our mission of the protection of life and property.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul H. Foster
Chief of the Fire Department

FIRE REPORT*

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SITUATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
100	Fire, other	2
111	Building fire	2
114	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	4
116	Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire	1
131	Passenger Vehicle Fire	1
140	Natural vegetation fire	1
141	Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
142	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	6
150	Outside rubbish fire, other	2
151	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	3
160	Special outside fire, other	3
311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4
321	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident w/ injury	83
322	Vehicle accident with injuries	4
323	Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1
324	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	7
331	Lock-in	1
424	Carbon monoxide incident	2
444	Power line down	4
510	Person in distress, other	1
522	Water or steam leak	1
611	Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
700	False alarm or false call, other	5
733	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2
911	Citizen complaint	1

Total Incident Count: 143

*All types of calls categorized by the National Incident Fire Reporting System (NFIRS version 5) and the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS). This system is standardized throughout the United States.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

Camp Fire Permits – 3	Blasting Permits – 0
Blasting Complaints – 0	Smoke Detector/CO Inspections – 48
Underground Storage Tank Removal – 4	Furnace (only) Inspections – 2
Furnace and Permit to Store – 7	Permit to Store Flammable Liquids – 5
Propane Tank Installations – 27	Open Burning Permits – 170
Agricultural Burning Permit – 2	Black Powder Storage Permits – 0
Request for Fire Reports – 3	Fire Works Permit – 0

Annual Town Report
Holland Board of Health
(413) 245-7108 ext. #112

The Board of Health has the responsibility of protecting the public health of all residents of the Town of Holland, Massachusetts. The board enforces all applicable portions of Massachusetts General Law and the applicable portions of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations.

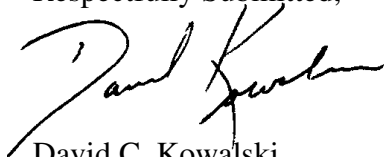
The Holland Board of Health meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the board office located on the second floor of the Holland Town Hall. There is a sign-in sheet in the pocket on the office door for individuals to sign-in prior to each meeting. Individuals will meet with the board in the order specified by the sign-in sheet. Additionally, later this year, individuals will be able to register to meet with the board and get other information at the Board of Health website <http://www.hboh.org>.

Responsibilities

- Enforcement of Massachusetts Health Laws and Promulgated Regulations.
- Working with the Department of Homeland Security and other area towns on public health issues.
- Oversee sanitary inspections at local retail establishments, bed and breakfasts and camps.
- Lake water testing during the summer months.
- Review, approval and inspection of septic system plans.
- Issuance of well permits.
- Issuance of Septic Hauler and Septic Installer Licenses.
- Operation and maintenance of the Dug Hill Road, Brush and Wood Recycling Center.
Please be aware use of the brush recycling center requires a \$20.00 permit, which may be purchased in the Town Manager's office or directly at the recycling center during posted hours of operation.
- Maintenance and monitoring of the closed landfill.

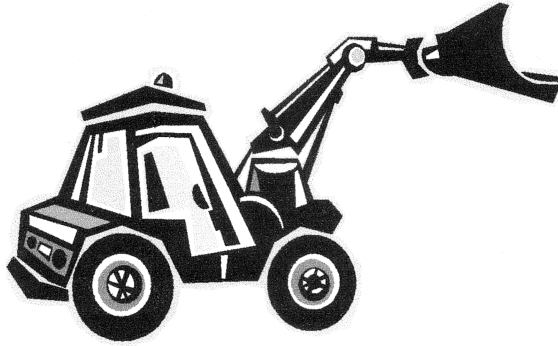
The Board of Health is here to serve the residents and property owners of Holland. Your suggestions on improving our services are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,



David C. Kowalski
Chairperson, Holland Board of Health

**HOLLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
5 STURBRIDGE ROAD
HOLLAND, MA 01521
413-245-3276**



2008 was a very busy year for the Holland Highway Department. The snow and ice season was particularly tough this year. We always make it our first priority to keep the streets safe during storms. We appreciate your patience.

Completed projects include:

- Overlay of East Brimfield and the intersection of Dug Hill Road
- Surveying and Engineering of Sturbridge Road drainage issue

The surveying and engineering process for the drainage issue of Sturbridge Road is complete as of this writing. We are currently holding informal meetings with abutting landowners, to show the proposed design. As we stated in the 2007 Town Report, we are banking all current and future Chapter 90 awards to complete this project. Therefore, the project will be completed in phases, with phase one being the design and engineering portion. Please keep in mind that since we are using all current and future Chapter 90 monies to eventually complete the Sturbridge Road project, coupled with Fiscal Year 2009 budget cuts, all other major road repairs will have to be delayed.

As always we welcome your input, comments, and questions. Please call the number above if we can help you.

Thank You,

Brian Johnson
Highway Surveyor

HOLLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT, SPRING 2009

We want to begin by thanking the voters of Holland for once again supporting the Library in what was a difficult budget year for the Town. It is anticipated that this year and the year after will prove to be even more difficult. Once again, we ask for your support of our budget. As the economy worsens libraries become even more important to the communities which they serve.

We made the decision to close Saturdays in March 2009. This enabled us to turn the heat down from Wednesday evening to Monday afternoon. We hope that this had some impact on energy savings for the Town. This was not a decision which was made lightly and we know it was inconvenient for many of our patrons. We thank you for your understanding.

The Board of Selectmen initiated an energy audit for Town buildings including the Library. Following that they received a grant to cover the costs of making the changes suggested by the audit. Primary issue for the Library was the loss of cooled and/or heated air through our windows and ill-fitting doors. As a part of this grant, changes will be made to the building which will help conserve energy.

We participated in the Statewide Summer Reading program entitled "Wild Reads @ Your Library". Holly Gillen volunteered to run the program. Thank you Holly. The theme for this summer is "Starship Adventure @ your Library". We will be working on getting the program set up and getting announcements out to the public. We look forward to the participation of our younger patrons. Materials will also be available to support summer reading for Tantasqua Junior and Senior High School students.

We have gone through our first full year of Mininet status with C/W Mars. We hope you have obtained your new library card. If not, please stop in and register for one. It only takes a few minutes and gives you access to many more services than just checking out a book or DVD.

We have qualified for a two year grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It is our intention to have an additional computer installed by Fall 2009. The grant will also enable us to evaluate our system with the aim of maximizing its effectiveness for our patrons.

My thanks go out to the Trustees, our staff and all those who continue to support us with their volunteer efforts.

Check out our blog to keep up to date on what is happening at the Library. That address is:
<http://hollandpubliclibrary.blogspot.com>

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Markert, Director

**The Holland Planning Board
Annual Report
2008**

Lynn Arnold, Chair
Joanne May

Rich Polverari
Deb Benveniste

The Holland Planning Board is pleased to report a successful year.

The most significant of our activities this year was our continued work updating Holland's zoning bylaws.

The mission of the Holland Planning Board is to assist in the creation and maintenance of a functional and attractive community through attention to municipal planning and project review.

The responsibilities of the Planning Board are established by Mass. General Law and include:

- Adopting a Master Plan and Official map of the town;
- Adopting subdivision rules and participating in definitive plan reviews;
- Drafting and submitting zoning amendments to town voters for consideration;
- Holding public hearings and reporting on such zoning amendments;
- Serving as a special permit granting authority;
- Recommending roads for municipal consideration; and
- Serving as Site Plan review authority.

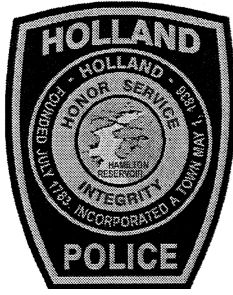
Complex matters continue to be handled collaboratively with the Building Inspector, Conservation Commission, and the other Town Boards.

The Planning Board meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn F. Arnold

Lynn Arnold, Chair



HOLLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE (413) 245-0117
DISPATCHER (413) 245-7222
FAX (413) 245-4482

Holland Police Department Annual Town Report

With the economy in its worst recession in many years, the police department, like most other town entities had to find a way to do more with less. Because of budget cuts, sacrifices had to be made.

Fortunately, it is not all bad news. The resignation of our full time officer last year to another department was quickly replaced internally by Sgt. Bryan Haughey. Sgt. Haughey has been a member of this department since March 2001. Sgt. Haughey is well respected by both his peers and the citizens of Holland and has done a tremendous job with the department web page. In other department news, Officer Herb Duggan was able through research on his personal time, acquire the necessary equipment that allows us to obtain valuable motor vehicle and license information while on patrol. This equipment was purchased at significantly less cost than was previously quoted to the Holland Police Department due to Officer Duggan's research. Also, Officer Forcier was able to apprehend a suspected drug dealer in town using his training, knowledge, and experience. These are just a few examples of the professional officers that we are fortunate to have in the Holland Police Department.

Thank you to the people of Holland.
Please bear with us during these difficult times.

The Officers of the Holland Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

School Committee

Steven Anderstrom, Chairman	Term expires 2010
Susan Kennedy, Vice Chairman	Term expires 2009
Christine Croke, Secretary	Term expires 2008
Erik Iller	Term expires 2011
Steve Bums	Term expires 2009

Superintendent of Schools

Daniel G. Durgin 320A Brookfield Road, Fiskdale 347-5977

Associate Superintendent for School Support

Theodore Friend 320A Brookfield Road, Fiskdale 347-3077

Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Teaching

Elizabeth Schaper 320A Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale 347-9704

Business Manager

Deborah J. Boyd 320A Brookfield Road, Fiskdale 347-3077

Special Education/Pupil Services Director

Michael Masny 320A Brookfield Road, Fiskdale 347-3560

Principal

Mary Lou DiBella 245-9644

Secretary

Charlotte Lundgren 245-9644

School Nurse

Ruth Andrews-Bys 245-9644

School Membership as of October 1, 2008

<u>Grade</u>	Pre-S	<u>Pre-K</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Elementary	50	16	31	27	30	39	34	31		258	
<u>Grade</u>				<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>PG</u>	
Tantasqua Jr. High				24	24						48
Tantasqua Sr. High						32	28	28	28		116
Tantasqua Technical						8	9	8	14		39
Total Enrollment Tantasqua											<u>203</u>

Directory of School Staff

Administration

Superintendent	Daniel G. Durgin	M.Ed., Worcester State B.S., Norwich University
Associate Supt.	Theodore Friend	M.Ed., Cambridge College B.S., Worcester State
Assistant Supt.	Elizabeth Schaper	Ed.D., UMASS Ed.M., Harvard University B.S., Fitchburg State
Business Manager	Deborah J. Boyd	M.B.A., Anna Maria B.S., Worcester State

TEACHING STAFF AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008

Principal	Andy Samuelson	M.Ed. B.S.	Anna Maria College Virginia Tech
Kindergarten	Susan Porter	B.A.	Spring Arbor College
Grade 1	Carole Mimeault	M.Ed. B.A.	Westfield State Univ. of Mass.
Grade 1	Susan Orcutt	M.A. B.A.	Univ. of Mass. Univ. of Mass.
Grade 2	Kathleen Kenyon	B.S.	Worcester State
Grade 2	Marissa Guerraz	B.S.	Salem State
Grade 3	Patricia Proulx	B.S.	Worcester State
Grade 3	Sarah Kakish	M.Ed. B.A.	Lesley College Clark University
Grade 4	Nancy Peloquin	B.S.	Framingham State
Grade 5	Nancy Alakoski	M.A. B.S.	Cambridge College Worcester State
Grade 6	Dianne Bessette	M.A.T. B.A.	Assumption College Worcester State
Grade 6	Meghan Thompson	B.S.	Whelock College
Media/Tech.	Karen Augustus	M.Ed.	Westfield State

Media Specialist		B.A.	Univ. of Mass.
Reading Supv.	Amy Sweet	B.S. M.Ed.	Westfield State Framingham State
Inter. Sped	Kerri Boulmetis	M.Ed / B.S.	Wheelock College
Vocal Music	Rene Coro (Long Term Sub)	B.S.	Molloy College
Speech Therapist	Kathleen Casaubon	M.A., B.A.	Worcester State
School Psychologist	Louis Albano	M.A. B.S.	State Univ. of N.Y. Hobart College
Remedial Reading Title 1	Beverly Spreemann	M.Ed. B.S.	Lesley College Bowling Green
Title 1	Jeffrey Crisafulli	M.Ed B.S.	Lesley College Bridgewater State
PreSchool	Doreen Avallone	B.S.	Boston State
Pre-School Sped.	Cynthia Shanley-Dykstra	B.S. M.Ed.	Keene State College University of Mass.
Art (50%)	Holly Roe-Garceau	B.A. M.Ed.	Westfield State Worcester State
Physical Education	Peter Casine	B.S.	Springfield College
Instrumental Music	Amy Grossi	B.A.	Westfield State
Nurse	Ruth Andrew-Bys	B.S.N.	Worcester State

Town of Holland
Financial Sheet for July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

General School Appropriations

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION

2007-2008

School Comm - Salaries & Expenses	\$	2,785.52
Superintendent's Office	\$	67,566.73

INSTRUCTION

Principal's Salary	\$	80,340.00
Clerical Salaries	\$	54,319.90
Principal's Office Expenses	\$	5,526.47
Teachers Salaries	\$	873,803.61
Teacher Aides Salaries	\$	39,053.15
Teacher Substitutes	\$	23,045.23
Teaching Supplies & Materials	\$	17,953.44
Personnel Training & Travel	\$	12,543.39
Moderate Needs Coordinator, Tutors, Speech Therapists	\$	187,524.34
Special Ed Aide/Tutor	\$	53,771.33
Special Ed Supplies & Materials	\$	189.25
Textbooks	\$	7,252.08
Library Services	\$	35,542.83
Audio Visual - Supplies & Materials	\$	298.99
Technology Salary	\$	34,775.25
Technology Supplies & Hardware	\$	14,162.02

GUIDANCE SERVICES

Guidance Counselor - Salary	\$	55,160.23
Supplies & Travel	\$	-
Psychological Services	\$	54,108.67
Health Services - Salaries	\$	37,044.11
Health Services - Supplies	\$	1,620.61
Pupil Transportation	\$	124,724.11
Late Bus Transportation	\$	-
Special Education Transportation	\$	87,491.35
Food Services	\$	348.00
Field Trips	\$	-

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

2007-2008

Custodial Services	\$	62,877.93
Supplies & Materials	\$	8,165.95
Fuel Oil	\$	46,820.14
Utility Services - Admin Office	\$	191.91
Utility Services - School	\$	26,695.49
Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds	\$	7,481.91
Maintenance of Equipment - Admin Office	\$	1,403.26
Maintenance of Equipment - School	\$	5,050.00
Building Rent	\$	-
Building Projects	\$	500.00

<i>Subtotal</i>	\$	2,030,137.20
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ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

New Equipment - School	\$	-
Equipment - Share - Admin Office	\$	-
Replacement of Equipment - School	\$	2,224.62
Equipment - School Library	\$	-
Replacement of Equipment - Admin Office	\$	945.52

PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

Special Education - Tuition	\$	206,572.06
Vocation Tuition	\$	19,478.60

column total \$ 229,220.80

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDITURES **2,259,358.00**

ESTIMATED STATE REIMBURSEMENTS

Chapter 70	\$	-
Chapter 71	\$	-
State Wards	\$	-
Total Estimated Reimbursements	\$	-

**2008-2009
BUDGET**

Administration	\$	154,391.00
Instruction	\$	1,446,867.00
Other School Services	\$	231,641.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	\$	170,067.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	\$	2,463.00
Programs with Other Districts, Regional & Private Schools	\$	301,925.00

Total Appropriations **\$ 2,307,354.00**

(Special Needs Programs Included in Budget)

2000 Instruction	\$	296,042.00
3000,4000 Series	\$	70,000.00
9000 Programs with Other Districts	\$	258,925.00
	\$	624,967.00

Town of Holland
2007-2008 BUDGET

Administration	\$	152,877.00
Instruction	\$	1,464,947.00
Other School Services	\$	217,014.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	\$	168,091.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	\$	2,463.00
Programs with Other Districts, Regional & Private Schools	\$	253,966.00
Total Appropriations	\$	2,259,358.00
 (Special Needs Programs Included in Budget)		
2000 Instruction	\$	308,164.00
3000,4000 Series	\$	60,000.00
9000 Programs with Other Districts	\$	200,182.00
	\$	568,346.00



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Annual Report of the Principal

It is a pleasure to present this annual report to the Town of Holland. Holland Elementary School is the learning center for the children of the town and fully accepts the responsibility of providing the best education possible for its students. The following report describes the plan for increased student achievement and summarizes the yearly activities for groups who work within the school.

School Improvement Plan

The mission of the Holland Elementary School is to create an environment where all children can achieve at a high level. We have also identified four outcomes that we want our children to achieve by the time they leave us in sixth grade. Our children should be able to communicate effectively in written, oral and symbolic forms, think critically, reflectively, and be able to solve problems, take responsibility for their own actions, and demonstrate respect for themselves and other through caring, kindness and cooperation.

The main vehicle for ensuring that the school's mission is carried out is our school improvement plan. The 2008-2009 Holland Elementary School Improvement Plan was created using multiple sources of data during the 2007-2008 school year. After reviewing student achievement data, as well as staff and parent input, the Holland Elementary School Council has set the following goals with activities and work products to advance the school's mission.

1. Promote increased student achievement

Time line: 2008-2009 school year and ongoing

Objective 1 (from DIP 1.a)

To provide targeted instruction to increase student achievement so that an additional 10% of the students reach proficiency in all curriculum areas.

Proposed activities for accomplishment

1. Provide training to support implementation of new mathematics program in grades three and four.
2. Involve primary teachers in Early Literacy Action Committee
3. Involve teachers in grade level meetings at least 2 times per month to address specific grade level curriculum needs and increase opportunities for creating interdisciplinary instruction
4. Continue vertical team meetings to complete staff-wide study of Six Plus One Traits of Writing and creation of Mathematics Curriculum Map.

Work Products

- a. Ensure 100% participation of students scoring in Needs Improvement and Warning in remedial classes
- b. Document participation in training sessions on new mathematics program
- c. Document participation in Early Literacy Action Committee meetings
- d. Document grade level meetings that reflect curriculum, instruction, and assessment planning between classroom teachers, specialists, and special education staff
- e. Document vertical team meetings where staff complete activities to enhance teaching and learning based on topics generated by administration and staff

Objective 2

To revise the current student report card to incorporate the use of curriculum standards as a basis for measurement of student achievement.

Proposed activities for accomplishment

1. Create a teacher-led team to address a standards-based reporting system.
2. Research standards-based reporting.

Work Products

1. Provide a teacher-led proposal for a standards-based reporting system.
2. Continue to build student, parent and community relationships
Time line: 2008-2009 school year and ongoing

Objective 1

Maintain learning activities that connect the school with the local community

Proposed activities for accomplishment

1. Maintain the number of Community Service Learning projects completed
2. Maintain the number of Holland Arts Council projects completed

Work Product

1. Document number of projects funded by Community Service Learning
2. Document number of projects funded by Holland Arts Council

Objective 2

Enhance current communication system to increase parent and community understanding of curriculum, instruction, and assessment

Proposed Activities for accomplishment

- a. Improve school website
- b. Continue MCAS information sessions prior to spring assessments and after release of student scores
- c. Utilize CONNECT-Ed for data collection to assist in decision making

Work Product

1. Document notices informing readers of website
2. Document information sessions as part of school-related activities
3. Document use of CONNECT-Ed as data collection tool

Objective 3

1. Continue to utilize programs which help students with their social well-being

Proposed Activities for accomplishment

1. Continue Lesson One: ABC's of Life strategies to support the Assertive Discipline philosophy
2. Incorporate activities that focus on building cooperation, self confidence, and problem solving strategies for students.

Work Product

1. Document training for teachers in second round of Lesson One strategies
2. Document cooperation, self-confidence, and problem solving activities throughout the school year.
3. Maintain and enhance the school's program of support services
Time line: 2008-2009 school year and ongoing

Objective 1

1. Increase intervention services for students demonstrating below grade level performance in reading and mathematics.

Proposed Activities for accomplishment

1. Early Intervening Team to review and modify current service model
2. Provide intervention instruction during the school day in reading and mathematics for students in grades 1- 4.

Work Product

1. Create intervention model using Response to Intervention philosophy
2. Document students' participation in intervention programs

Objective 2

1. To continue and expand the use of assistive technology as a tool for differentiating instruction.

Proposed Activities for accomplishment

1. Provide training for staff on the use of technology in order to access curriculum.
2. Provide training for staff on differentiating instruction.

Work Product

3. Document staff training in assistive technology
4. Expand staff use of assistive technology.

School Groups

Committees

This year we have had three faculty committees devoted to addressing writing, mathematics and reading. In writing, the committee has drafted a scope and sequence for teaching different genres at all the grades. In reading, the committee is addressing each component of reading and working with the school staff on implementing interventions to improve performance in phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. The mathematics committee has developed a school-wide approach to addressing problem solving skills and number sense.

This year the Literacy Challenge was launched on Community Reading Day and we are expecting full school participation. Recently we completed two events to extend literacy: Walking for Reading and Bingo for Books.

Also, the Holland Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization provides extra support for our school in the areas of school spirit, culture, and just plain fun. This year the PTO provided support for two fieldtrips per class and several assemblies including a story teller and a science night. The PTO also is responsible for Santa's Workshop, Games' Night, Spring Fling and Field Day.

The Preschool Parent Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly. The group plans special activities for the preschool students such as fieldtrips and the annual graduation.

The Holland and Wales Regionalization Feasibility Study Committee continues to meet to discuss the benefits of the two towns regionalizing their elementary schools. We have had some public forums and are studying restructuring the grades in the current buildings, as we do not expect Massachusetts School Building Bureau money to be secured for a new building in the near future.

New Personnel

In 2008-2009, we welcomed three new staff members. Sheila Iandoli and Tim Dodd were hired as third and fourth grade teachers respectively. Our new vocal music and band teacher is Peter Pasierb. Finally, Karen Connors retired in January 2009.

It is with great pride that this report is submitted to the Town of Holland. It is an honor to serve this school as the principal and I am thankful for the opportunity to do so. With a heart of gratitude, I thank all of those who walk through the school's doors to be a part of helping "our students develop effective communication and critical thinking skills while becoming responsible and effective citizens."

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou DiBella, Principal
Holland Elementary School

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - 2008
Union 61 and Tantasqua Regional School Districts
Brimfield Brookfield Holland Sturbridge Wales**

The credo of the Tantasqua/Union 61 School Districts, *Student Learning is the Core of Everything We do*, is demonstrated by the cyclical curriculum process we utilize to ensure that teaching and learning are informed by current trends in education and are responsive to state curriculum guidelines. The cyclical process involves review of current curriculum, study and production of new curriculum, implementation, and support. This work is conducted by teams of teachers and administrators representing every grade level in the districts. Several curriculum teams worked during the fall on various aspects of their curriculum documents. The following is a synopsis of the work they accomplished.

The *K-6 English Language Arts Curriculum Committee* met once this fall to review the Word Study component of the curriculum document. The Word Study components were revised during the 2007-08 school year. Teachers on the curriculum team reported their progress in ensuring that all teachers are fully aware of how to implement the word study aspects of the curriculum. All elementary schools are implementing Word Study as part of their English/Language Arts curriculum.

The *K-6 Literacy Leaders* continue to meet monthly to address various aspects of English Language Arts and Reading curriculum in their schools. Our goal during the first half of this year has been to develop a common understanding of the role that assessment plays in monitoring early literacy development and in crafting intervention plans to address specific, identifiable areas of weakness in the developing reader. The group has come to consensus on a model for assessing students in grades K-3 which will be implemented fully beginning in the 2009-2010 school year. This model is based on the Response to Intervention approach whereby students with the most pronounced needs are monitored very closely and interventions are selected based on assessed weaknesses. The goals of intervention are to get a student back on track as quickly as possible by leveraging time and strategic intervention to meet a student's exact needs rather than slowing down instruction which may leave a student further behind. Each elementary school is currently using a model allowing for daily intervention for readers striving to meet grade level standards to get the help they need to become more proficient readers.

The *K-12 Science Curriculum Team* worked throughout the 2007-08 school year in revising the science curriculum. This fall, the group put the final touches on the document to get it ready for dissemination to the staff this coming spring. The newly revised science document includes an emphasis on developing student writing in science through the use of a set of sequentially developed lab report formats for grades K-8 that increase in complexity as students move through the grade levels. The writing demands for lab reporting increase progressively and allow students to gradually increase their capacity to write about science using a specified format. The aim of the lab report format is to get every student ready to handle advanced lab reporting demands upon entering high school.

The *7-12 Social Studies Secondary Curriculum Team* is conducting a review of the current curriculum. Part of this process involves identifying any gaps that are evident in the curriculum as well as identifying any redundancies in curriculum. Where gaps or redundancies exist, the team devises remedies. The social studies team met twice in the fall to examine the course sequences in social studies and to review the adequacy of the current social studies district curriculum map in addressing the Massachusetts Social Studies Frameworks (August 2003).

The *K-12 Arts Curriculum Team* met once this fall to take initial steps in producing a new curriculum guide for the arts. This process will continue into the next school year. Their

review of the current curriculum document examined three aspects of the document that they hope to work on during the next iteration. Those are: clarity of grade level expectations for each area of the arts, exemplars of quality work in the arts, and resources that draw on new technologies to enhance students' experience of learning about the arts.

The K-12 Media Technology Curriculum Team convened once this fall to examine their district framework document through the lens of the newly revised Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for Media Technology. The group will work over the next two school years to produce a new curriculum document for the district reflecting these new state frameworks.

The Foreign Language Curriculum team met once this fall to put the finishing touches on a curriculum document that has been one year in production. They will reconvene to develop a plan to disseminate the curriculum to their departments this spring.

Professional development for all employees has been a major point of emphasis for the district over the last several years. Through the endorsement of the Faculty Senate, a group of teachers and administrators meet quarterly to discuss our instructional program and approve professional development opportunities, after school and summer institutes were offered on a variety of topics. From our Early Literacy Initiative to Everyday Mathematics to The Impact of Obesity on Learning cumulatively staff took advantage of nearly 2,300 hours of in-district learning opportunities, with countless more hours spent in the pursuit of advanced degrees through local colleges. In addition, along with the 2,000 hours of professional development provided on the March 14th District-Wide Professional Day to our 400+ professional staff members, the District's mentoring and induction program was enhanced through the training of an additional 12 new mentors who provided 1,000+ hours of support to our new teachers. In the fall of 2008, all district administrators participated in a series of full day workshops called The Skillful Leader: Confronting Conditions that Undermine Learning that provided a common dialogue for all administrators to use in authoring evaluations. As evidenced by the many high-quality activities undertaken throughout Tantasqua and Union 61, our district's mission is alive and well.

Our schools continue to provide a well-rounded program including study in Fine Arts, Technology, Physical Education and Health. Tantasqua/Union 61 schools continue to serve as models to others in student intern programs and Community Service Learning (CSL). This past year there was an increase in the number of CSL projects as well as community partners for CSL activities. Our *Show Choirs*, *Choraleers* and *Jazz Vocal Ensemble* continue to perform for local, regional, state, national and now international audiences, and our Boys Basketball Team continued to shine going undefeated but lost in the state championship with a team record over the last two year of 49-1. The football team picked up where the basketball team left off by going 13-0 and winning the Superbowl for the first time in school history. Boys' and Girls' Cross Country finished the season with an 8-2 record and the Field Hockey team finished the season with an impressive 15-1-4 record. Union 61 and Tantasqua students outperformed grade level peers on the Science MCAS once again. MCAS performance data in English Language Arts and Mathematics exceeds state averages. Our students show improvement as well on other measures of academic achievement. *Star Reading* and *Star Math* scores meet or exceed national norms at each grade level 3-9. The percentage of students going on to 2 and 4 year colleges remains steady, Tantasqua's mean scores on the SAT continue to exceed the average in both Massachusetts and the nation.

Through a Federal Grant, 40 primary educators participated in the Early Literacy Action Committee Institute designed to create a uniformed approach to literacy across all of Union 61. The planning for the institute began in January of 2008 with literacy leaders from across Union 61 meeting monthly to carefully craft the three day institute that took place in June. Following the institute, teams of teachers from each elementary school met throughout the summer to plan

for the implementation of literacy strategies reviewed in the Early Literacy Institute. Follow-up meetings occur each month with the literacy leaders from each building and an Early Writing Institute is being developed for June of 2009.

Beginning in the 2008 school year, the Union 61 schools embarked on a carefully crafted strategy for implementing the Everyday Math Program. The program began in kindergarten and grades one and two in 2008 with materials and a full year of professional development. In 2009 grade three and four teachers were trained and provided the teaching materials as they began the Everyday Math Program for their students. Finally, in 2010 grades five and six will be trained for the implementation of the program. By having a uniformed math program it is expected that all students will enter the junior high school with the same skill set no matter which school they attend.

Technology continues to be a vital component within our educational system. Over the past year, many upgrades and enhancements have taken place at each school and at the district level. Most notably our content filtering system was upgraded. This allows for much greater flexibility in regard to website access. This ensures a safe computing environment for both students and staff.

Also many interactive whiteboards have been installed allowing for increased integration of technology into curriculum.

The elementary schools working in consortium with the Spencer/East Brookfield School District completed the second of four years of a Character Education grant from the Federal Department of Education. This four year project supports training in social-emotional development, helping students understand and apply to their own lives *responsibility, self-control, problem solving, cooperation and service to others*. Brimfield is being trained in *Lesson One* in the third year in addition to support for new teachers in Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge and Wales. Bus drivers from Sturbridge received training in *Lesson One* as part of their professional development. The total funding for year two was \$230,605.

This past year the ad-hoc strategic planning committee met regularly to help define the vision of the districts. The initiatives identified by the students, staff, parents, and community members will help integrate a variety of programs over the next five years.

We have also prepared a budget to implement full day Kindergarten for the 2010 school year in Brimfield, Holland and Wales. Brookfield has had full day Kindergarten for a number of years and Sturbridge will implement a full day program when the new construction is complete.

Tantasqua Regional School District is taking part in an aggressive energy management plan allowing us to reduce energy costs. These energy savings of between fifteen and twenty-five percent have allowed us to increase instructional materials and lower the budget.

As always, the Administration of the Tantasqua Regional / School Union 61 Districts is deeply appreciative of the support of our school committees and community members. Particularly in these challenging financial times, by working together we can all achieve more.

Respectfully,

Daniel G. Durgin
Superintendent of Schools

Selectmen's Annual Report to the Town

2008 was a challenging year for the Town of Holland. We began the year with a failed attempt to pass a much needed but misunderstood override question. As a result services for fiscal 2009 were reduced in order to meet the requirements of proposition 2½ and the ever increasing costs of fixed overhead expenses and health insurance for our employees.

On the happier side, we were successful with obtaining a stormwater management grant and an energy conservation grant. Both grants are still in progress and being readied for bids. The energy grant will be partially implemented by students from the Tantasqua Technical High School electrical program with that portion completed before Summer. We initiated a new contract with Hampshire Regional Council of Government for purchase of electricity for municipal buildings that is showing significant savings for the Town. We will continue to search out other cost saving measures to try to control the rising costs of fixed overhead for the Town.

By consolidating our various board meeting schedules to Tuesday nights we have been able to reduce the cost of heat and electric in the Town Hall. We hope this has not caused too much of an inconvenience for our residents, however, it has become a necessity in order to meet a tighter budget.

The senior housing project has made significant progress with the awarding of the contract for construction going to HAP of Springfield. This will provide us with a knowledgeable partner that will garner the greatest public funding for this very worthwhile project.

As we look ahead to 2010 and beyond we are concerned that the continuing decline in the economy will have very dire consequences for our town. On the hopeful side is some significant federal funding that is promised to the to the Town and some savings that have been created through our efforts to contain costs. However, in spite of these beneficial developments we will likely be facing reduced state aid over the next several years that will likely result in some creative financial solutions to maintain the current levels of service to you. We have been working very hard with the finance board to come up with a financial plan for the next several years that will hopefully get us past the current recession and still create reserve funds for capital planning needs. We are confidently optimistic that we will survive the current downturn and the Town of Holland will be fiscally stronger through these combined efforts.

The three of us have been honored to serve as your Board of Selectman and thank you for the privilege.

Respectfully,

James Wettlaufer, Chairman

Earl Johnson

Christian Petersen

TOWN OF HOLLAND
Report of the Tax Collector
Payment Drop Box

There is a payment drop-box in front of the town hall for those "last-minute" payments. The box is checked regularly, especially on due dates. For timely payment, please be sure to get your payment in by 4:00 on the day it is due. You can still mail your tax payments, but be sure to allow ample time for delivery. You may want to consider paying online from your checking account as it is safe, easy and costs less than a stamp. You also get a receipt and confirmation of posting.

Online Tax Payments

Tax payments can be made online by visiting the Town's website <http://town.holland.ma.us>. Go to "online payments" Register once, Login, then click Search. We accept MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and Electronic check. (sorry no Visa) Checks cost .35 cents per transaction. Credit card fees vary. The Town of Holland does not set or keep these fees. You can pay up until 4:00 p.m on the due date. An email confirmation of payment will be sent to you and another email will be sent once your payment is posted to your account. A record of all your payments made online will be made available to you for future reference. Any problems with online payments please Call (508) 460-6000 and they will be able to help you. We are continuing to improve the website and hope that you will take the time to visit. Payments made online are safe and easy.

QUARTERLY TAX BILLS ARE COMING!

You will receive a tax bill in the fall of 2009 and again on May 1st of 2010. Those two bills will be for fiscal year 2010 taxes. Fiscal 2010 taxes will be the last Semi-Annual tax bills you will receive. Quarterly tax billing for 2011 will begin on July 1st 2010. On July 1st 2010 you will receive the first of four bills for fiscal year 2011 taxes. That bill will be an estimated bill based on your 2010 tax bill. The first payment will be due on August 1st 2010. The second payment will be due on November 1, 2010. The tax rate for 2011 will be set and then the 3rd & 4th payments will reflect the actual taxes due minus what was paid for the first and second quarter. The due date for the 3rd payment will be February 1, 2011 and the fourth quarter bill will be due on May 1st 2011. You will be hearing more about the process so please read your inserts and notices. Check our website at <http://town.holland.ma.us>.

Fiscal Year 2008 Balances

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

As of 6/30/08

Tax Year	6/30/2007	Add'l Commit.	Payments	Abatement	Debit adj	Credit adj	Refunds	Balance Due
2008	0.00	233,589.99	213,353.05	3,147.30	0.00	0.00	2,865.00	19,954.64
2007	34,564.51	26,971.10	52,480.17	2,305.68	0.01	0.00	2,277.70	9,027.47
2006	10,173.82	2,081.39	6,953.68	1,177.81	0.00	0.00	232.80	4,356.52
2005	4,347.50	0.00	1,488.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,858.84
2004	3,826.12	0.00	479.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,346.95
2003	2,754.49	0.00	120.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,634.17
2002	1,878.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,878.26
2001	803.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	803.76
2000	2,059.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,059.79
1999	1,703.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,703.34
1998	2,291.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,291.37
1997	1,938.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,938.24
1996	1,789.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,789.59
1995	1,457.92	0.00	25.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,432.61
1994	1,307.40	0.00	86.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,221.15
1993	918.45	0.00	5.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	912.93
1992	1,378.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,378.98
1991	2,241.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,241.45
1990	2,837.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,837.69
1989	2,235.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,235.32
1988	2,439.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,439.02
1987	4,809.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,809.96
1986	1,016.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,016.96
Totals	88,773.94	262,642.48	274,992.13	6,630.79	0.01	0.00	5,375.50	75,169.01

TAX COLLECTOR RECEIVABLE TAX BALANCE 6/30/08

Real Estate Tax

As of 6/30/08

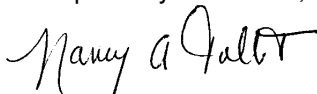
Tax Yr	As of 6/30/07	Add'l Comm	Payments	Abatement	Exemption	Refunds	Tax Title	Deb adj	Balance Due
2008	0.00	4,090,143.92	3,820,510.45	43,534.47	26,294.63	18,967.73	121,786.03	0.00	96,986.07
2007	763,301.25	410.67	623,541.79	45,022.50	500.00	35,971.97	129,502.42	0.00	1,117.18
2006	6,874.09	0.00	796.92	499.94	0.00	1,457.28	-497.38	0.00	7,531.89
2005	755.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	755.72
2004	220.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.43
2003	166.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	166.52
2002	157.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.30
2001	943.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	943.73
2000	164.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	164.56
1999	124.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	124.68
1998	120.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.72
1997	75.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.94
1996	76.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	76.52
1995	74.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	74.04
1994	141.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	141.36
1993	135.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.60
1992	131.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.16
1991	137.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	137.90
1990	128.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	128.38
1989	50.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.10
1988	26.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.44
1986	24.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.91
1986	28.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.90
1985	51.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.29
1984	50.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.59
1983	44.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.12
1982	41.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.28
1981	42.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.73
1980	20.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.62
Totals	\$774,110.88	\$4,090,554.59	\$4,444,849.16	\$89,056.91	\$26,794.63	\$56,396.98	\$250,791.07	\$0.00	\$109,570.68

Personal Property Tax

As of 6/30/08

Tax Yr	As of 6/30/07	Add'l Commit	Payments	Abatement	Debit adj	Credit adj	Refunds	Balance Due
2008	0.00	67,658.47	65,398.76	1,164.07	0.00	0.00	100.21	1,195.85
2007	8,072.64	0.00	5,696.97	1,227.16	0.00	0.00	721.87	1,870.38
2006	3,624.32	0.00	110.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,514.26
2005	1,408.40	0.00	119.40	58.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,231.00
2004	1,696.47	0.00	105.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,591.17
2003	390.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	390.47
2002	246.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	246.80
2001	163.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	163.05
2000	157.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.80
1999	147.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	147.16
1998	137.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	137.28
1997	59.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.32
1996	4.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.78
Totals	16,108.49	67,658.47	71,430.49	2,449.23	0.00	0.00	822.08	10,709.32

Respectfully Submitted,



Nancy A. Talbot
Tax Collector

TOWN OF HOLLAND
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
413-245-7108 EXT. 102

2008 was another year of growth in Holland. At the 2008 presidential election the Town had over 250 new voter registrations! If you are new to the Town of Holland, please stop by the Town Clerk's office or call and have census and voting forms mailed to you. If you are currently a resident and did not receive a census form, please notify this office at 413-245-7108 X 102 and one will be mailed to you. The Census is very important and the information obtained helps the Town to keep accurate records, and dictates the amount of funding we will receive.

If you have a dog, please be sure to register him/her with this office. The cost is \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, and \$15.00 for un-spayed and un-neutered. You must provide proof of current rabies certification. Kennel Licenses are available for residents who have 4 or more dogs.

The office hours are: Monday: 1:00PM-4PM, Wednesday: 1:00 PM -4:00PM, Thursdays: 1:00PM-4:00PM, and the second and fourth Tuesday evenings from 7:00PM-8:00PM. If you have business with the Town Clerk and cannot make it during the posted hours, arrangements can be made to meet with you at a time that is more convenient.

2008 VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>TOTAL BIRTHS:</u>	<u>20</u>
MALE:	8
FEMALE:	12

<u>TOTAL MARRIAGES:</u>	<u>15</u>
MASS. RESIDENTS:	13
OUT OF STATE:	2

<u>TOTAL DEATHS:</u>	<u>15</u>
MALE:	4
FEMALE:	11

Please call if I can be of assistance to you. Thank you for the chance to serve the Town of Holland.

Sincerely,

Kristin M. LaPlante
Town Clerk

TOWN OF HOLLAND

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

27 STURBRIDGE RD
 HOLLAND, MA 1521-3150
 413-245-7108x14

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

	FY 08	
Cash Balance 7-1-07		\$1,686,715
Cash Receipts FY 08	6,137,186	
Cash Disbursements	6,141,679	
Warrants Payable	442,154	
Balance 6-30-08		\$1,240,068

ASSETS / Cash 6-30-08

General Cash Funds

Bank of America	52,175.98
Bank of Western MA	107,637.71
Mellon Bank	412,707.94
Citizens Bank	69,580.78
Mass Municipal Dep Trust	5,608.17
TD BankNorth	136,554.86
Webster Bank	24,431.61
UniBank	134,971.52

Misc-Citizens Bank

Recreation	12,931.45
Hway/Driveway Bonds	20,840.23
Student Activities	20,171.63
Library Building	21,227.07

Stabilization Fund

UniBank	9,361.49
Citizens	2,380.08

Scholarship Fund

Bank of W Mass & Citizens	4,959.46
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Septic Grant

Bank of W Mass & Citizens	89,412.14
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Holland Cultural Council

Citizens Bank	2,477.10
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Trust Funds-Bank W Mass, Citizens, UniBank², Bartholomew³

General Cemetery Care	40,421.14
Perpetual Cemetery Care	13,673.69
Butterworth Perp Care	852.00
Butterworth Trust ³	159,280.84
Kinney Library Fund	1,711.86
Butterworth School/Poor Fund ²	335,813.70
SchoolFund	3,000.01

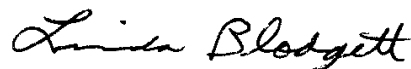
DEBT PAYMENTS FY08

Note 518 #3	Fire & Hway Buildings Interest paid @ 5.00	45,000.00 16,875.00
Note 541 #1	Highway Truck, Fire Truck, Senior Center, Revaluation Bond Interest paid @ 4.65	86,575.00 18,819.27
Notes 539, 546	Hway Aid Anticipation Interest paid @ 3.89, 4.08	130,400.00 2,275.50
Notes 542	Tax Anticipation Interest paid @ 3.88	450,000.00 2,343.94
Notes 543	Tax Anticipation Interest paid @ 3.99	700,000.00 2,142.58
Notes 544	Tax Anticipation Interest paid @ 3.99	1,400,000.00 1,530.41
Notes 545	Tax Anticipation Interest paid @ 4.08	550,000.00 7,746.41
Note 547	Tax Anticipation Interest paid @ 3.99	800,000.00 7,433.42
Notes 549, 550	Tax Anticipation Interest paid @ 3.65, 2.55	1,350,000.00 11,430.62
Note 551	Tax Anticipation Interest paid @ 2.54	950,000.00 4,021.66
Bond	MWPAT for Landfill	8,633.29

Outstanding Debt 6-30-08

Note 518 #4-10 Due 7-15-14	Fire/Hway Buildings Bond Interest @ 5.00	315,000.00
Note 541 #2-7 Due 6-01-14	Highway Truck, Fire Truck, Senior Center, Revaluation Bond Interest @ 4.65	325,000.00
Note 552 Due 10-30-08	State Hway Anticipation Interest @ 2.38	68,200.00
Bond Aug 2019	MWPAT for Landfill	116,860.93

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Blodgett, Treasurer

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Annual Report

On the Zoning Board of Appeals, Sarto Caron is the Chairman, and the writing duties of clerk are shared by Ron Seaburg, who keeps the minutes of the meetings, and Don Beal, who summarizes and writes the decisions made by the board. These written decisions use a format that meets the necessary legal requirements and professional standards set by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. We lost one (1) very able old-time member (Ray Korny) but gained a new full-time member, Fred Beaulieu, to help out with our duties. All five members of the board have functioned well together in the past year, and continue to help our local government serve our community.

We continue to refine our procedures to keep the review process moving as fast as possible without violating local and state zoning requirements. The procedures involve obtaining abutters lists so that abutters can be notified by mail about a proposed change to a neighboring property. Notices of the Special Permit Requests are also sent to the Springfield Republican in compliance with state regulations. All members are cross-trained in these procedures. On-site reviews of the proposed projects have given each of us an opportunity to physically see the site of the project and a chance to share our thoughts, concerns and questions with the owners and contractors while we are there. Three current members are retired, and we have had few problems deciding upon times to meet for site reviews. As Chairman I am thankful for everyone willing to spend the necessary time to share their knowledge and expertise while serving on the board.

We continue to look forward to the challenges of the coming year as all of us have gained more experience, insight and expertise in the past year. Our common goal is to balance the requests of property owners within legal requirements and the best interests of the citizens of Holland.

Respectfully submitted,

The Zoning Board of Appeals

Sarto G. Caron, Chairman

Ron E. Seaburg, Secretary

Don R. Beal, Scribe

Todd E. Mayo

Fred D. Beaulieu

**Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and
Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation
2008**

During 2008, the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) and its affiliate agency, the Business Assistance Corporation (BAC) continued to provide loans and services to its fifteen town region, including the town of Holland. As of December 31, 2008 there was a vacancy regarding who represents Holland on the Board of Directors of the BAC.

Through the BAC, loans are made to businesses that cannot access equivalent financing from conventional sources. This year the BAC made no loan to businesses from Holland. The CDC did provide, however, business technical assistance to 80 pre-venture, early stage or existing businesses including three (3) from the town of Holland. Funds for this assistance came through grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in fiscal years 2007 and 2008. No Holland residents participated in a 12-week Business Planning course using the NxLevelL curriculum.

The CDC continues to provide a wide variety of computer training courses for businesses, for persons wanting to develop or improve their workforce skills and for the general public with an emphasis on serving low and moderate income people. In 2008, the CDC taught one computer students from Holland in a total of I computer course.

In July of 2008 the BAC was awarded a contract through the town of Palmer to make business loans to businesses in the Quaboag Valley, including Holland. Although no loans were made by the end of the year, two Holland businesses had active loan applications.

The CDC is pleased to serve Holland and encourages interested parties to contact us at 413-967-3001 or at [mail @qvcdc.com](mailto:@qvcdc.com) or visit our website: www.qvcdc.com.

Susan S. Rutherford,
Executive Director

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday May 27, 2008
Warrant and Minutes

WARRANT - Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, May 27, 2008

HAMPDEN, ss

To any and all constables in the Town of Holland, County of Hampden

GREETINGS

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Holland qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Holland Elementary School Auditorium in said Town on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on all business on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be determined by ballot, which election shall be held on Monday, June 9, 2008, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM, to wit:

ARTICLE # 1 To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms: Selectman, 1 (one) 3 yr.; Assessor, 1 (one) 3 yr.; Board of Health, 1 (one) 3 yr.; Cemetery, 1 (one) 3 yr.; Constable, 1 (one) 3 yr.; Library Trustee, 1 (one) 3 yr.; Measurer of Wood and Bark 1 (one) two yr.; Planning Board, 1 (one) 5 yr. and 1 (one) 4 yr.; School Committee, 2 (two) 3 yr.; Water Commissioner, 1 (one) 3 yr., or act anything thereto.

Article #1 Passed Unanimously.

ARTICLE # 2 To hear the reports of the Town Officers and outstanding committees, or act anything thereto.

Earl Johnson, Heather Blakeley, Tom Dubrey, and Jim Wettlaufer spoke about the budget Article #2 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #3 To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all officers of the Town, effective from July 1, 2008, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended and raised and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money thereto, or act anything thereto.

Article #3 passed. See budget

ARTICLE #4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing twelve month fiscal period, or act anything thereto.

Article #4 passed. See budget

ARTICLE #5 To see if the Town will vote to have the money voted for the General Highway Account expended with the approval of the Selectmen, or act anything thereto.
Article #5 Passed Unanimously.

ARTICLE #6 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Trustees to appoint a Librarian, or act anything thereto.
Article #6 Passed.

ARTICLE #7 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to draw interest on the Perpetual Care Funds to be used on said lots, and also the interest on General Care Funds to be used for general maintenance, or act anything thereto.
Article # 7 Passed

ARTICLE #8 To see if the Town will vote to let the Tree Warden bill the appropriate utility company, or act anything thereto.
Article #8 Passed

ARTICLE #9 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend as available funds Highway Chapter 90 Grant monies from Chapter 30/2008 in the amount of \$ 120,670.00 with the approval of the State Highway Department, or act anything thereto
Article #9 Passed.

ARTICLE#10 To see if the Town will vote to give selectmen signatory authority for the execution of license number DACW33-3-68-77 which grants the Town of Holland the right to cross government-owned property at the East Brimfield Dam and Reservoir Project, Massachusetts, or act anything thereto.
Article #10Passed.

ARTICLE #11 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to establish a revolving account per M.G. L. 44:53E½ for permit and inspection fees under its authority, to pay as authorized by the Board of Health a registered Sanitarian fees for services rendered in conjunction with same, for other services or fees authorized by the Board of Health required in the course of enforcing State and Local Board of Health regulations, to be limited to \$15,000, any balance except amounts up to \$ 15,000 at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, said remaining amounts to be added to a new revolving fund approved for the same purpose, or act anything thereto.
Article #11 Passed

ARTICLE #12 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commission to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ for burial fees under its authority, and to pay as authorized by the Cemetery Commission, for excavations, burial costs and maintenance of the Cemetery Grounds, fees to be limited to \$5,000; any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #12 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE#13 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Trustees to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ for fines and book sale receipts to be credited to this account to be expended for purchase of books and videos, expenditures authorized by the Library Trustees for an amount not to exceed \$600, any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #13 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #14 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Building Commissioner to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ to which shall be credited all building permit and inspection fees and which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, in the amounts so credited, for payment of inspections and clerical services and the other expenses of the Building Department to be limited to \$18,000, any balance at the end of FY09 except amounts up to \$1,000 to revert to the General Fund, said remaining amounts to be added to a new revolving fund approved for the same purpose, or act anything thereto.

Article #14 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE#15 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Electrical Inspector to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ to which shall be credited all electrical permit and inspection fees and which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, in the amounts so credited, for the fees and expenses of the Electrical Inspector to be limited to \$2,000, any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #15 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #16 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Plumbing Inspector to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ to which shall be credited all plumbing permit and inspection fees and which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, in the amounts so credited, for the fees and expenses of the Plumbing Inspector to be limited to \$2,000, any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #16 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #17 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Appeals to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ to which shall be credited all fees and which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, in amounts so credited, for the fees of the Board of Appeals and all operating expenses of the Board of Appeals to be limited to \$2,000, any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #17 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #18 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Fire Department to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ for permits, inspection fees, and Hazardous Materials fees, under its authority and to pay as authorized by the Fire Chief fees for services rendered in conjunction with the Fire Safety Inspectors and to purchase materials and equipment for fire prevention, public safety education, training and hazardous material responses as needed, which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen for any amount limited to \$3,000, any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #18 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE#19 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Animal Control Officer to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ for fines and fees to be credited to this account to be expended for the purchase of food, supplies, fees and expenses of the Animal Control Officer, and which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen for an amount limited to \$5000, any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #19 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #20 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ to which shall be credited all fees and which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, in amounts so credited, for the fees and all operating expenses of the Conservation Commission to be limited to \$2,000, any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #20 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #21 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ to which shall be credited all fees and which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, in amounts so credited, for the fees and all operating expenses of the Planning Board to be limited to \$500.00, any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #21 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #22 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cable Commission to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ to which shall be credited all fees and which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, in amounts so credited, for the fees and operating expenses of the Cable Commission to be limited to \$100. 00, any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #22 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #23 To see if the Town will, in accordance with G.L.c.40, section 4A, authorize the Board of Health to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an InterMunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #23 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #24 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY08 Tax Title Expense The sum of \$ 1,814.00 to the FY09 Tax Title Expense account, or act anything thereto.

Article #24 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #25 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY08 Auction Expense Line item \$5,000.00 to FY09 for the purpose of holding an auction of available town owned properties, or act anything thereto.

Motion: To amend the amount to \$10,000. 00 Passed Amended article passed

ARTICLE # 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer unexpended funds from the FY08 Police Budget, or act anything thereto.

From: FY08 Acct #	FY08 Unexpended	To: FY09 Acct't #
210-0057-110 (Lake Patrol)	TBD \$4,610.00	210-0011-112 (Police Wages)
210-0020-710 (Training)	TBD \$5,629.00	210-0020-210 (Police Exp.)
210-0027-810 (Police Cap. Exp.)	TBD	210-0011-112 (Police Wages)
210-0020-210 (Police Exp.)	TBD	210-0020-210 (Police Exp.)
210-0020-41- (Police Uniforms)	TBD	210-0020-210 (Police Exp.)

Article #26 Passed. (The last three lines did not need transfers.)

ARTICLE #27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds such sums of money into stabilization, or act anything thereto.

Motion: To appropriate \$20,000.00 into stabilization. Motion defeated. Article failed.

ARTICLE #28 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to establish a revolving account per M.G.L. 44:53E½ for permit fees, collection fees, and any fines associated with the wood recycling facility, under its authority, to pay as authorized by the Board of Health, operational and maintenance costs for services rendered in conjunction with same, to be limited to \$5,000, any balance at the end of FY09 will revert to the General Fund.

Article #28 Passed.

ARTICLE #29 To see if the Town will vote to adjust the exemption requirements for the Senior Citizen's property tax exemption under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41 C, in accordance with Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002, by increasing gross receipts limit from \$13,000 to \$20,000 if single and from \$15,000 to \$30,000 if married; increase whole estate limit from \$28,000 to \$35,000 if single and from \$30,000 to \$40,000 if married, to be effective on taxes issued after July 1, 2008 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #29 Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE #30 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 37A, to increase from \$437.50 to \$500.00 the amount of exempted real estate tax for blind persons to be effective on taxes issued after July 1, 2008 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #30 Passed.

ARTICLE #31 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 that allows communities to assess new buildings, structures, and or other physical improvements added to real property between January and June for the upcoming fiscal year, to be effective beginning with Fiscal Year 2009 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #31 Passed.

ARTICLE #32 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59 section 5, clause 17D for property tax exemptions for surviving spouses, children whose parents are deceased and certain elderly persons to increase the whole estate limit from 20,000 to 40,000 and exempt the value of the home up to three family to be effective as of July 1, 2008 or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #32 Passed

ARTICLE#33 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the board of Selectmen to sell, at public auction, the following properties:

- 1) 03/B/40 Clark Road
- 2) 05/B/09 Vinton Road
- 3) 12/A/09 Mashapaug Road
- 4) 14/B/10 Brimfield Road
- 5) 19/A/04.01 Bennett/Walker Roads
- 6) 21/A14 Walker Road
- 7) R02/A/14 Ardmore Road
- 8) R02/A/15 Ardmore Road
- 9) R03/B/02 Mashapaug/Butterworth Roads
- 10) R07/D/09 Massaconic
- 11) R14/B/05 N. Barry Road
- 12) R14/D/14 Knollwood Road
- 13) R14/F/10 Pine Crest Road
- 14) R14/F/6 Forest Lane
- 15) R26/C/07 Chandler
- 16) R30/A/1 9 Private Way
- 17) R31/A/01 Union & Lake Drive
- 18) R31/D/24 Birch/Julia/Old County Roads
- 19) R32/B/01.06 Sheila/Lynne Ave
- 20) R33/A/01 Old County/rear
- 21) R33/A/01.01 Old County Road
- 22) R33/A/01.02 Sheila Drive
- 23) R33/A/01.03 Heritage Drive
- 24) R33/A/01.04 Old County Road
- 25) R34/B/22.01 Old County Road
- 26) R35/B/01 Old County Road
- 27) R38/B/17 Halfway Lane
- 28) R38/B/19 Halfway Lane
- 29) R38/F/04 Sandy Beach
- 30) R41/B/20.01 MayBrook Road
- 31) R13/A/26 Lakeview Drive

- 32) R13/A/37 Pine Crest Dr
- 33) R13/D/02 Knollwood/Pine Crest
- 34) R13/D/03 Knollwood Dr
- 35) R1 3/D/02 Knollwood Dr
- 36) R13/D/05 Knollwood Dr
- 37) R13/F/04 Forest Lane
- 38) R I 3/F/10 Apple Tree Ln
- 39) R14/C/14 Forest Park Dr
- 40) R32/B/01.07 Judy/Heritage Dr
- 41) R33/A/01.07 Old County Road
- 42) R36/H/22 North Cottage Rd
- 43) R36/H/23 Cottage Rd
- 44) R37/B/05 Twin Oaks Circle
- 45) R37/C/06 Seminole Road
- 46) R37/C/08 Seminole Road
- 47) R37/C/10 Cherokee/Seminole Rd
- 48) R37/C/14 Cherokee Rd
- 49) R37/C/16 Cherokee Rd
- 50) R36/C/17 Cherokee Rd
- 51) R38/A/08 Halfway Lane
- 52) R39/A/4 Stage Coach Rd
- 53) R02/A/13 Ardmore St known
- 54) R14/D/02 Pine Crest Dr
- 55) R27/B/09 Amber Rd
- 56) R35/E/04 Mountain/Stony Hill Rd
- 57) R36/H/17 North Cottage Rd
- 58) R36/H/26 North Cottage Rd
- 59) R37/B/03 Twin Oaks Dr
- 60) R38/A/05 Halfway Ln
- 61) R38/C/18 North Cottage Road
- 62) R38/C/19 North Cottage Road

Motion: to dispense with reading of properties passed Motion to add the words "subject to the approval of the Highway and Conservation Depts". Passed. Article #33 Passed unanimously.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof

at five (5) conspicuous places in said town, at least seven days (7) before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under this 27th day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight.

James Wettlaufer, Chairman

Ray Korny, Constable

Christian Petersen, Clerk

A True Copy, Attest:

Earl Johnson

Kristin LaPlante
Town Clerk

**WARRANT and MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 30,2008**

HAMPDEN, ss

To any and all constables in the Town of Holland, County of Hampden

GREETINGS

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Holland qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Holland Elementary School Auditorium in said Town on Monday, June 30, 2008, at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on all business on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE #1 To hear the reports of the Town Officer's and outstanding committees, or act anything thereto.

ARTICLE #1 PASSED

ARTICLE #2 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds sums of monies to cover appropriation deficits or anticipated deficits for FY08, or act anything thereto.

ARTICLE #2 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, SEE ATTACHED TRANSFER SHEET.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at five (5) conspicuous places in said town, at least seven days (7) before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under this 11th day of June in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight.

James Wettlaufer, Chairman

Constable

Christian Petersen, Clerk

A True Copy, Attest:

Earl Johnson

Kristin LaPlante
Town Clerk

Transfer From

Reserve Fund	5,860.29	to Tax Title
	3,000.00	to Htg Public Bldgs
	3,704.48	to Fuel Town Vehicles
	3.30	to Union Taxes
Vet Benefits	1,086.60	to Vet Assessment
Unemployment	6,770.50	to General Ins
Medicare	2,142.72	to Htg Public Bldgs
Medicare	1,713.86	to Lighting Public Bldgs
Treasurer's Expense	90.00	to Certifying Notes
Town Hall Computer	1,500.00	to Town Counsel
Vet Benefits	1,913.27	to Town Counsel
Unemployment	929.50	to Town Counsel
Police Capital	6,549.00	to Town Counsel
Treasurer's Banking	500.00	to Town Counsel
Lake Maintenance	1,550.00	to Town Counsel
Dam Maintenance	499.50	to Town Counsel
Street Lights	464.00	to Town Counsel
Treasurer's Expense	700.00	to Town Counsel
COA Expense	500.00	to Town Counsel
Sr Center Maint.	500.00	to Town Counsel
Reserve Fund	213.00	to Town Counsel
Medicare	443.00	to Town Hall Ex
Street Lights	141.66	to Town Hall Ex
Town Report	700.00	to Election & Registration
Street Lights	294.07	to Election & Registration

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
THURSDAY OCTOBER 16,2008

Warrant And Minutes-Special Town Meeting, Thursday October 16,2008.
Hampden, ss.

To any and all constables in the Town of Holland, County of Hampden
GREETINGS

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn all inhabitants of the Town of Holland qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Holland Elementary School Auditorium in said Town on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on all business on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion to nominate Earl Johnson as Moderator in the absence of the Town Moderator, seconded and passed.

Article #1 To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of \$ (sum) of money from available funds to the FY 2009 budget, or act anything thereto.

ARTICLE #1 Motion to amend the article to read: "To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of **\$49,873.00** (sum) of money from available funds to the FY 2009 budget, **to decrease the tax levy** or act anything thereto. **Motion to amend passed.**
Amended article passed.

The following transfers were voted:

Overlay surplus	\$12,000.00
Town Hall Gifts	\$ 3,763.00
Thames River Gift	\$11,051.00

Carryover Articles:

Audit	\$3,475.00
Demolish Buildings	\$16,570.00

Transfer from Thames River Gift to Veteran's Assessment \$3,014.00

ARTICLE #2 To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 71 section 16(d), to disapprove the Tantasqua Regional School Committee's borrowing, not to exceed two million dollars, for the purpose of resurfacing the athletic fields with artificial turf

ARTICLE #2 After explanation of how voting no would be in favor of installing the fields, and voting yes would disapprove the borrowing, the article failed. And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at five (5) conspicuous places in said Town, at least fourteen (14) days before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under this 1st day of October in the year of our lord Two Thousand and Eight.

James Wettlatifer, Chairman Board of Selectmen, Christian Petersen, Selectmen's Clerk

Earl Johnson, Board of Selectmen Kristin LaPlante, Town Clerk Ray Korny, Constable

