

# **Town of Hinsdale, Massachusetts**



## **Annual Report 2003**

***On the cover. . .***

The village of Hinsdale, circa 1890, taken from Longview Avenue.

# Town of Hinsdale

## Massachusetts



### *ANNUAL REPORTS*

*of the*

### *Town Officers*

For the Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 2003

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## **TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS**

Administrative Assistant	Mon-Thurs 9-3, Fri 9-12
Assessors	Mon, Thurs, 8-4, Wed 12-8, Tues 8-11. Closed Fri.
Board of Health	Meets: 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue. 7; Open Wed 6:30-8:30 & Fri 3-5
Board of Selectmen	Meets: Every Weds 7:30
Building Inspector	Tues. 4-6
Conservation Commission	Meets: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues, 6:00
Council On Aging	Meets: 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of month at 10, Lunch served Weds & Fri at 11:30
Finance Committee	Meets: 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs of month, 7:00
Fire Department	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues., 8 PM - Fire Station
Hinsdale Public Library	Mon 9-1, Tues 2-6, Weds 4-8, Thurs 4-8, Fri 2-6, Sat 9-1
Lake Management Committee	Meets: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon of month, 7:00
Planning Board	Meets: 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues of month, 6:30
Police Department	Weds, 6:00
Sewer/Water Administrator	Mon-Wed 8-12:30, Weds 6-7:30
Town Clerk	Weds 6:30-8
Transfer Station	Tues 3-7, Thurs 2-6, Sat 9-4, Sun 11-3
Treasurer/Tax Collector	Mon, Tues, Thurs 9am-2pm, Wed 12-6:30. Closed Fri
Youth Center	October through April, Mon-Thurs 2:45-8, Fri 2:45-9, Sat 9-4

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## ***ALL EMERGENCY CALLS - 911***

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## **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

Administrative Assistant .....	655-2245
Animal Control/Dog Officer .....	684-0500
Assessors .....	655-2300
Board of Health .....	655-2311
Board of Selectmen .....	655-2245
Building Inspector .....	655-2309
Cemetery Commission .....	655-2313
Conservation Commission .....	655-2312
Council On Aging .....	655-2310
Fire Department .....	655-2533
Highway Department .....	655-2304
Hinsdale Public Library .....	655-2303
Police .....	655-0201
Sewer/Water Administrator .....	655-2307
Town Clerk .....	655-2301
Transfer Station .....	655-2305
Treasurer/Tax Collector .....	655-2306
Veteran's Agent .....	655-8110
Youth Center .....	655-2302

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 year term)**

Bruce A. Marshall, Chair	Term Expires 2005
David Morton	Term Expires 2004
John Genzabella	Term Expires 2006

### **ASSESSORS (3 year term)**

Laura E. Galliher, Chair	Term Expires 2006
Donna Zsofka	Term Expires 2005

### **CBRSD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES (4 year term)**

Richard A. French	Term Expires 2004
Brian Kardasen	Term Expires 2006

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)**

Shaun Galliher, Chair	Term Expires 2006
Dean Smith	Term Expires 2004
Mike Frederick	Term Expires 2004
Chris Montferret	Term Expires 2004
Vivian Mason	Term Expires 2005
Chris Pike	Term Expires 2006
Tim Quinn	Term Expires 2006

### **MODERATOR (3 year term)**

Richard J. Marran	Term Expires 2006
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### **PLANNING BOARD (5 year term)**

Richard Roussin, Chair	Term Expires 2005
Rosemary Morton	Term Expires 2006
Claudia White	Term Expires 2006
Gerald Gardner	Term Expires 2007

### **TOWN CLERK (3 year term)**

Dawn Frissell	Term Expires 2005
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### **TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR (3 year term)**

Pauline Wheeler	Term Expires 2006
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### **TREE WARDEN (3 year term)**

Richard Quail, Sr.	Term Expires 2004
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# **APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

(Appointed by Selectmen unless otherwise indicated)

## **ACCOUNTANT**

Nancy Hewes

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Richard Haupt

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Aimee Casey

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Select Board

## **ADA COORDINATOR**

Rosemary Morton

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Jan Flanagan, Secretary

Judy Huntoon

Polly Wheeler

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Rodney Maloney

## **COMMUNITY DAY COMMITTEE**

John Genzabella, Chair

Barbara Genzabella

Kathy Bramer

Beth Mason

## **ASSISTANT TREE WARDEN**

Richard Quail

Todd Quail

David Alderman

## **COMPUTER TECHNICIAN**

Fran Flanagan

## **ASSESSOR'S ASSISTANT**

(Appointed by Assessors)

Norman Haas, Jr.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Mike Frederick, Chair

Don Madison

Herbert Ferry

Caleb Mitchell, Consultant

## **BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE**

Jeanne Carmel

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Martha Freshler, Chair

Barb Callahan

Laura Michell

Amy Wahl

## **BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLAN- NING COMMISSION DELEGATE**

(Appointed by Planning Board)

Richard Roussin

Rosemary Morton, Alternate

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Edward Goddard, Chair & Secretary

Ken Boudreau

## **CROSSING GUARD**

Teresa Van Bramer

## **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Dawn Frissell, Chair

Holly Adams

Mary Lou Galliher

Kay Kirchner

## **CUSTODIAN**

Andrew Murdock

**HINSDALE/PERU CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Margaret Roussin, Chair  
Aimee Casey, Hinsdale, Administrator  
Gloria Greb, Hinsdale  
Carolyn Le Comte, Peru  
Colleen Lussier, Peru  
Colleen Marshall, Hinsdale  
Nancy Rice, Hinsdale

**EARTH REMOVAL INSPECTOR**

Open

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Raymond Bolduc, Director  
Brian Miner, Deputy Director  
Shaun Galliher, Public Affairs Officer  
Geraldine Drumm  
Laura Galliher  
Judy Miner

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF**

Larry E. Turner

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT CHIEFS**

(Appointed by Fire Chief)

Ralph Cormier, 1st Asst. Chief  
David Olds, 2nd Asst. Chief

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF ENGINEERS**

(Appointed by Fire Chief)

Dan Olds  
Dave Olds  
Doug Olds  
Cathy Turner  
Steve Forward  
Mike Cornwell  
David Shorey

**FOREST WARDEN**

Larry Turner

**GAS INSPECTOR**

William Zeitler

**HEALTH INSPECTOR**

(Appointed by Board of Health)

William Goddard

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Patrick E. Galliher

**HIGHWAY CREW**

Kirk Stanaway  
Karl Dewkett

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Mary Rice, Chair  
Katherine Kirchner  
Doris Olds  
Carole Forward  
Judy Casey

**LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

John Eagar, Chair  
Steve Dudziak  
Paul D. Francese  
Peter Frissell  
Dale Prindle  
Carol W. Rodman  
Gary Collins

**LIBRARIAN**

M. Brooke Helman

**LIBRARY ASSISTANTS**

Tina Martin  
Kathleen Palmer  
Laurie Drake  
Allison Salek  
Doreen Skilton

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Lois Murray  
Mary Rice  
Open



**MEMORIAL DAY COORDINATOR**

Gloria Greb

**NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOLID  
WASTE MANAGEMENT  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Open

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Bill Zeitler

Timothy Martin, Assistant

Lawrence Kinney, Assistant

**POLICE CHIEF**

Chris Powell

**POLICE OFFICERS**

Eric Autenreith

Nancy Daniels

Nicole Morris

Richard Murdock

W. Rodney Maloney

Geoff Powell

Heather Nicholas, Sgt.

**POLICEMAN, SPECIAL**

Richard Quail, Sr.

**RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

Charles DeAngelus

**SEWER AND WATER  
ADMINISTRATOR**

Fran Flanagan

**SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION**

Select Board

**TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS**

Bob Hamling

Riley Bates

Robin Dewkett

**TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT**

(Appointed by Town Clerk)

Mary Lou Galliher

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Edward M Reilly, Esq.

**VETERANS AGENT**

Philip Collins

**WAR MEMORIAL CURATOR**

Richard Eastland

**WATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

Bernie St. Martin, Primary Operator

Karl Dewkett, Secondary Operator

Ray Bolduc, Back-up Operator

**WEIGHT STATION**

**RESTORATION COMMITTEE**

Jan Flanagan

Margaret Roussin

Pauline Wheeler

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

Scott Smith

John Broderick, Assistant

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Robert Zsofka, Chair

Colleen Marshall, Secretary

Scott Smith

Meredith A. Read, Alternate

Barbara Genzabella, Alternate

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

At the close of another year, it has been rather busy for ourselves, as well as all other town boards.

Just to highlight a few events of the past year:

- The Main Street bridge bid finally went to Petricca Construction, work to begin this spring. Unfortunately, the bridge won't be completed for the Bicentennial celebration.
- Another great thing happened on Main Street - the opening of Ozzie's Steak & Eggs restaurant. This has been a welcome asset to our town. Good luck Al and Tracey Lussier!
- The Duquette Sports Academy on Michaels Road enjoyed a successful first season in operation. The Ball Park has been terrific for the town and I wish Dan all the luck in the future.
- The Highway Department started paving dirt roads last year. With luck, and money from the state, we will continue paving several roads per year until all the dirt roads in town have been paved.
- On a sad note, my two colleagues failed to reappoint our Highway Superintendent Rick Galliher, after 15 years of dedicated service to our town. They also let go another highway department employee who served the town well.

This coming year should be an exciting one with the celebration of the town's Bicentennial in July. A number of great family activities are being planned for this week-long event. Many thanks go to Carole Forward and her committee for the countless hours involved to make this happen. Hope to see you there!

In closing, I wish to thank all of our town employees, committees, board members, volunteers and our administrative assistant Aimee Casey for a fine job. I would also like to thank everyone involved in the betterment of our community for the many hours they have dedicated to making Hinsdale a better place for all our residents to live. Without each of you, it would not be possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce A. Marshall, Chair

PS - Congratulations to Aimee and Todd Casey on the birth of their first child - a baby boy 9lbs 8 oz on February 2. Good luck, guys!

# MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 21, 2003

The annual town meeting was called to order in Kittredge School at 80 Maple Street, on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM by Town Moderator Dick Marran.

Of 1,209 registered voters, 121 (10%) were present.

**ARTICLE 1:** The elected Moderator was present.

**The following articles are for fiscal year 2003:**

**ARTICLE 2:** Voted to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$19,751.00 to offset FY03 State Aid.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 3:** Voted to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$43,748.00 to the FY03 Winter Roads Maintenance account.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 4:** Voted to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$20,055.00 to the FY03 Winter Roads Wage account.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**The following articles are for fiscal year 2004:**

**ARTICLE 5:** Voted to accept the provisions of Section 40 of Chapter 653 of the Acts of 1989 to allow the town to assess new buildings, structures or other physical improvements added to real property between January 2 and June 30 for the fiscal year beginning on July 1.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 6:** Voted to transfer from available funds "Overlay Surplus" the sum of \$24,019.00 for the purchase of Fire Department "Scot Packs."

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 7:** Voted to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$5,000.00 to an account entitled "ATB Legal Contingency."

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 8:** Voted to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$15,000 to the "Bicentennial Committee" account.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 9:** Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,200.00 for the purchase of Fire Department "Fire Reporting Software," \$1,494.49 to be transferred from "Overlay Surplus" and \$705.51 from "Certified Free Cash."

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 10:** Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$90,893.00 for the purchase of a Highway Department Front End Loader, \$45,893.00 to be transferred from "Certified Free Cash" and \$45,000.00 to be transferred from Capital Stabilization."

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 11:** Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to set up the following revolving accounts:

- A. A Grave Openings revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from funeral homes for grave digging services and to expend payments to gravediggers as approved by the Cemetery Commission; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$10,000.00 during fiscal year 2004.
- B. A Plumbing Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from plumbing permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Plumbing Inspector to pay for inspection services as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during fiscal year 2004.
- C. An Electrical Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from electrical permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Electrical Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during fiscal year 2004.
- D. A Building Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from building permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Building Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$15,000.00 during fiscal year 2004.
- E. A Dog Officer's Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees; and to expend payments to the Dog Officer for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00 during the fiscal year 2004.
- F. A Planning Board Revolving Fund; all fees received by the Planning Board will be credited to this account. Payments from this account will be used to pay for expenses incurred from issuing permits. The Planning Board is the agency authorized to expend monies from this fund. The dollar amount that may be spent from this fund in the ensuing year is \$3,000.00.
- G. A Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund; all fees received by the Zoning Board will be credited to this account. Payments from this account will be used to pay for expenses incurred from issuing permits. The Zoning Board is the agency authorized to expend monies from this fund. The dollar amount that may be spent from

this fund in the ensuing year is \$3,000.00.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 12:** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$80,154.32 from available funds entitled "2002 Transportation Bond Issue," for improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with Chapter #246 of the Acts of 2002.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 13:** Did not vote to amend the Hinsdale Zoning Bylaws by modifying existing definitions and inserting new definitions to provide clarity to Section 2 - Definitions (see Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments attached).

*Motion was made and seconded from the floor to table Article 13 to a near future town meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 14:** Did not vote to amend the Hinsdale Zoning Bylaws by modifying existing use regulations and providing for new uses to Section 4 - Use Regulations (see Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments attached).

*Motion was made and seconded from the floor to table Article 14 to a near future town meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 15:** Did not vote to amend the Hinsdale Zoning Bylaws by deleting Section 9C.2(c) Use Variance from Section 9 - Administration (see Proposed Zoning Amendments Bylaws attached).

*Motion was made and seconded from the floor to table Article 15 to a near future town meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 16:** Voted to set the salaries of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended.

<b>ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
			<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	R	R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Moderator Salary	40.00	40.00	R	R
Selectmen Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	R	R
Selectmen Secretary Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	R	R
Selectmen Member Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Salary	5,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Salary	23,175.00	23,175.00	R	R
Tree Warden Salary	2,200.00	2,200.00	R	R

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 17:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$141,830.00 for General Government Expenses and to set the salaries and compensation of all appointed officers of the town.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY2003	Proposed FY2004	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Legal Counsel	5,200.00	5,200.00	R	R
Moderator	40.00	40.00	R	R
Selectman Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	R	R
Selectman Secretary Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	R	R
Selectman Member Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	R	R
Selectmen Expense	3,400.00	3,400.00	R	R
Administrative Asst. Salary	30,500.00	30,500.00	R	R
Finance Board Expense	500.00	500.00	R	R
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	R	R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Assessors Expense	5,900.00	6,550.00	R	R
Asst. Assessor Salary	34,424.00	34,424.00	R	R
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Revaluation	2,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Salary	23,175.00	23,175.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Expense	5,400.00	5,700.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Cama	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Tax Title Expense	4,500.00	6,000.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Salary	5,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Expense	947.00	672.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Records	2,000.00	2,000.00	R	R
Election Officers	2,742.00	1,566.00	R	R
Board of Registrars	1,620.00	1,103.00	R	R
Licensing Board Expense	88.00	0.00	R	R
Conservation Comm Expense	4,000.00	3,600.00	R	R
Appeals Board Expense	1,500.00	0.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>143,336.00</b>	<b>141,830.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 18** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$273,563.00 as follows for the purpose of Town Highways.

HIGHWAYS	FY2003	Proposed FY2004	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Summer Road Wages	53,000.00	54,561.00	R	R
Highway Admin.	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R

Vacations & Paid Holidays	11,685.00	11,916.00	R	R
Bridges	1,500.00	1,500.00	R	R
Summer Road Maintenance	38,000.00	38,000.00	R	R
Town Garage Maintenance	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Road Machinery Maintenance	30,000.00	30,000.00	R	R
Street Signs	250.00	250.00	R	R
Highway Department Uniforms	2,150.00	2,150.00	R	R
Winter Roads Maintenance	45,000.00	45,000.00	R	R
Winter Roads Wages	43,772.00	70,686.00	R	R
Street Lights	12,500.00	12,500.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS</b>	<b>244,857.00</b>	<b>273,563.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 19:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,025.00 as follows for the purpose of Veterans.

<b>VETERANS</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Finance Comm Action</b>
Veterans Agent Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Veterans Agent Expenses	1,100.00	1,100.00	R	R
Veterans Aid	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Grave Flag Holders	400.00	300.00	R	R
Memorial Day Observance	360.00	325.00	R	R
War Memorial	300.00	300.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL VETERANS</b>	<b>9,160.00</b>	<b>9,025.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 20:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$163,430.00 as follows for the purpose of Vocational Education.

<b>VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Finance Comm Action</b>
Vocational Education Tuition	85,505.00	120,680.00	R	R
Vocational Education Transport	39,606.00	42,750.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL VOCATIONAL</b>	<b>125,111.00</b>	<b>163,430.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 21:** Voted to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Budget for FY04 as adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,489,324.00 for said budget.

*Amended to read: Voted to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Budget for FY04 as adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Regional School Com-*

*mittee, and raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,452,502.00 for said budget*

*AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

*AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Passed by voice vote majority*

**ARTICLE 22:** Did not vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for FY04 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,317.00 for said budget.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Defeated by hand vote majority*

**ARTICLE 23:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,867.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property.

<b>PROTECTION of PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
			<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Dalton Communication	10,500.00	10,500.00	R	R
Berk Cnty Sheriff Communication	515.00	515.00	R	R
Building Inspector Expense	300.00	0.00	R	R
Gas Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	R	R
Emergency Management	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
Dog Officer Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	R	R
Dog Officer Expense	500.00	500.00	R	R
Tree Warden Salary	2,200.00	2,200.00	R	R
Tree Warden Assistants	1,100.00	1,100.00	R	R
Tree Warden's Expense	4,352.00	4,352.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS</b>	<b>24,167.00</b>	<b>23,867.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 24:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,700.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Fire Department).

<b>PROTECTION of PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY (Fire Department)</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
			<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Fire Chief's Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	R	R
1st Assistant Chief's Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	R	R
2nd Assistant Chief's Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Fire Department Expense	22,000.00	22,000.00	R	R
Fire Department Stipends	15,000.00	15,000.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS</b>	<b>43,700.00</b>	<b>43,700.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 25:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,141.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Police Department).



**Finance**

<b>PROTECTION of PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY (Police Dept.)</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Police Chief's Salary	9,000.00	9,000.00	R	R
Police Full-time Officer	26,215.00	26,215.00	R	R
Police Department Expenses	11,836.00	9,886.00	R	R
Police Department Wages	31,200.00	33,450.00	R	R
Crossing Guards Wages	2,590.00	2,590.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS</b>	<b>80,841.00</b>	<b>81,141.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 26:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,329.00 as follows for the purpose of Health and Sanitation.

**Finance**

<b>HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Ashmere Lake Cleanup	1,000.00	8,000.00	R	Not R
Plunkett Lake Management Plan	0.00	3,000.00	R	R
24-Hour Ambulance	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Animal Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	R	R
Town Waste Disposal Wages	8,520.00	9,950.00	R	R
Town Waste Disposal	40,000.00	40,000.00	R	R
No. Berkshire Waste District	2,808.00	2,808.00	R	R
Health Inspector's Salary	700.00	700.00	R	R
Visiting Nurse Assn.	2,360.00	2,431.00	R	R
Health Board Expense	1,300.00	1,040.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</b>	<b>58,088.00</b>	<b>69,329.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed by voice majority*

**ARTICLE 27:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,341.00 as follows for the purpose of Debt and Interest.

**Finance**

<b>DEBT &amp; INTEREST</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Town Hall Loan, Principal	3,420.54	3,583.02	R	R
Fire Truck Loan Principal	11,767.32	12,355.68	R	R
Interest Long Term Debt	22,153.14	21,402.30	R	R
Interest Short Term Debt	5,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL DEBT &amp; INTEREST</b>	<b>42,341.00</b>	<b>40,341.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 28:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$216,628.00 for the purpose of Unclassified Town Government Expenses as follows.

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES (part 1)	FY2003	Proposed FY2004	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Audit	5,500.00	5,500.00	R	R
Accounting Services	13,000.00	13,000.00	R	R
Town Insurances	42,000.00	44,100.00	R	R
Health & Dental Insurance	44,500.00	63,286.00	R	R
County Retirement	38,070.00	43,142.00	R	R
Social Security & Medicare	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Reserve Fund	12,000.00	12,000.00	R	R
Town Hall Operating Expenses	10,500.00	9,500.00	R	R
Centrex Telephone	7,000.00	7,000.00	R	R
Printing/Delivery Town Reports	2,600.00	2,600.00	R	R
Town Hall Custodian	7,950.00	6,500.00	R	R
Office Machine Maintenance	1,600.00	1,000.00	R	R
Computer Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00	R	R
Computer Staff Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>194,720.00</b>	<b>216,628.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 29:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,332.07 for the purpose of Unclassified Town Government Expenses as follows.

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES (part 2)	FY2003	Proposed FY2004	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Heating-Garage-Fire House	7,000.00	7,000.00	R	R
Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police	13,000.00	13,000.00	R	R
Council on Aging	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
Recreation Association	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Sports/Recreation Comm.	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Youth Center Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Town Wide Mowing	17,995.00	17,055.00	R	R
Community Day	3,150.00	3,150.00	R	R
Historical Commission	200.00	200.00	R	R
Lake Management Committee	1,000.00	00.0	R	R
Town Mapping	5,450.00	875.00	R	R
Berkshire County Reg. Planning	1,052.07	1,052.07	R	R
<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>59,847.07</b>	<b>53,332.07</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 30:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,050.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Public Library Operating Expenses.

<b>Public Library Expenses</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
			<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Library Director's Salary	14,245.00	14,245.00	R	R
Library Assistant Salary	20,567.00	20,567.00	R	R
Library Expenses	18,238.00	18,238.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>53,050.00</b>	<b>53,050.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 31:** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$46,619.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation".

<b>Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
			<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Sewer Administrator Salary	4,750.00	4,750.00	R	R
Sewer Dept Operating Expenses	33,000.00	33,000.00	R	R
Sewer Debt Obligations	4,334.00	4,334.00	R	R
Sewer Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	R	R
Sewer Department Wages	2,000.00	2,535.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46,084.00</b>	<b>46,619.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 32:** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$52,641.00 for Sewer Phase III Operating Expenses from available funds "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation".

<b>Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
			<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Sewer Administrator Salary	5,500.00	5,500.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Oper. Expenses	22,000.00	31,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Maintenance	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Phase III Sewer Dept Wages	0.00	10,141.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,500.00</b>	<b>52,641.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 33:** Voted to appropriate from available funds "Sewer Betterment Reserve" the sum of \$149,102.48 for Sewer Phase III Loan payments as follows, this amount to be fully offset by Fiscal Year 2004 Sewer Phase III Betterment fees.

Ashmere Sewer Loan	103,393.48			
Plunkett Sewer Loan	45,709.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>149,102.48</b>			

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 34:** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$210,790.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses from available funds, "Water Surplus".

<b>Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses</b>	<b>FY2003</b>	<b>Proposed FY2004</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
			<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Water Administrator Salary	4,750.00	4,750.00	R	R
Water Dept Admin. Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Water Dept Operating Expense	33,000.00	70,875.00	R	R
Water Bond Payments	120,288.55	118,887.00	R	R
Water Department Wages	0.00	15,278.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159,038.55</b>	<b>210,790.00</b>		

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 35:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**ARTICLE 36:** To choose and elect the following Town Officers:

- (1) Selectman for a 3-year term
- (1) Moderator for a 3-year term
- (1) Assessor for a 3-year term
- (1) Assessor for a 2-year term
- (3) Finance Committee members for a 3-year term
- (1) Finance Committee member for a 2-year term
- (1) Treasurer/Tax Collector for a 3-year term
- (1) Planning Board member for a 5-year term
- (1) Planning Board member for a 1-year term

Adjourned to town election at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn L. Frissell  
Town Clerk

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# **MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

## **MAY 21, 2003**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order in Kittredge School at 80 Maple Street, on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 PM by Town Moderator Dick Marran. Of 1,209 registered voters, 39 were present.

**ARTICLE 1:** The elected Moderator was present.

**ARTICLE 2:** Voted to transfer from "Water Surplus" to the existing water operating account a sum to cover FY03 operating expenses.

*Amended to read: Voted to transfer from "Water Surplus" to the existing water operating account \$13,000 to cover FY03 operating expenses.*

*AMENDMENT VOTE: Pass Unanimously*

*AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 3:** Voted to transfer from "Water Surplus" to the existing water operating account the sum of \$1,000 to pay a fine issued by DEP.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 4:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn L. Frissell  
Town Clerk

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## **MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

### **JUNE 25, 2003**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order in the Hinsdale Town Hall Community Room, at 39 South Street, on Wednesday, June 25, 2003 at 7:00 PM, by Town Moderator Dick Marran. Of 1,209 registered voters, 18 were present.

**ARTICLE 1:** The elected Moderator was present.

**ARTICLE 2:** Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to set up the following revolving accounts:

- A. A Board of Health Inspector's Fee Revolving Account; This account to be credited with fees from the following Board of Health Inspections: Title 5 Inspections, installations and soil evaluations, private well permits, ready to eat (RTE) for business permits, seasonal summer residential camp permits. And to extend payment to all the appropriate Board of Health member or Agent for all such inspection services, as approved by the town treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000 during the fiscal year 2004.
- B. A Library Revolving Account; This account to be used for book replacement; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$500 during the fiscal year 2004.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 3:** Voted to transfer from the Summer Road Maintenance account to the Gasoline-Highway, Fire, Police account, the sum of \$2,000 to cover FY03 fuel costs.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 4:** Voted to transfer from Summer Road Maintenance account the amount of \$1,200 to purchase a town flag.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the town will vote to provide additional funds totaling \$8,469.40 for the FY03 Winter Roads Maintenance and Wage accounts by transferring from Summer Road Maintenance account the sum of \$1,432.82 and by applying the sum of \$7,036.58 from anticipated receipts, FY03 FEMA winter emergency reimbursement.

*Amended to read: To see if the town will vote to provide additional funds totaling \$8,469.40 for the FY03 Winter Roads Maintenance and Wage accounts by transferring from Summer Road Maintenance account the sum of \$1,151.36 and by applying the sum of \$7,316.04 from anticipated receipts, FY03 FEMA winter emergency reimbursement.*

*AMENDMENT VOTE: Pass Unanimously*

*AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 6:** Voted to transfer from Summer Road Maintenance account the sum of \$2,100 to the Police Dept. Wages account.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 7:** Voted to transfer from Town Garage Maintenance account the sum of \$1,073.35 to the Heating-Garage & Firehouse account to cover FY03 bills.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 8:** Voted to transfer from Summer Road Maintenance account the sum of \$3,400 to the Town Waste Disposal account to cover FY03 bills.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 9:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn L. Frissell  
Town Clerk

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

## AUGUST 6, 2003

The Special Town Meeting was called to order in the Hinsdale Town Hall Community Room, at 39 South Street, on Wednesday, August 6, 2003 at 7:00 PM, by Town Moderator Dick Marran. Of 1,209 registered voters, 35 were present.

**ARTICLE 1:** The elected Moderator was present.

**ARTICLE 2:** Did not vote to amend the Hinsdale Zoning Bylaw by amending the Section 4 - Use Regulations associated with "by right issues" by making the recommended deletions, amendments and additions.

*AMENDED TO READ: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hinsdale Zoning Bylaw by amending the Section 4 - Use Regulations associated with "by right issues" by making the recommended deletions, amendments and additions, or take any other action thereon.*

*AMENDMENT VOTE: Pass Unanimously*

*AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Motion made and seconded to TABLE article to a future town meeting when town counsel can be present. Passed by simple majority.*

**ARTICLE 3:** Did not vote to amend the Hinsdale Zoning Bylaw by amending the Section 4 - Use Regulations associated with "unique business issues" by making the recommended deletions, amendments and/or additions.

*AMENDED TO READ: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hinsdale Zoning Bylaw by amending the Section 4 - Use Regulations associated with "unique business issues" by making the recommended deletions, amendments and/or additions, or take any other action thereon.*

*AMENDMENT VOTE: Pass Unanimously*

*AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Motion made and seconded to TABLE article to a future town meeting when town counsel can be present. Passed by simple majority.*

**ARTICLE 4:** Did not vote to amend the Hinsdale Zoning Bylaw by striking in its entirety the Use Variance Subsection of Section 9 ADMINISTRATION, 9-C Zoning Board of Appeals.

*AMENDED TO READ: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hinsdale Zoning Bylaw by striking in its entirety the Use Variance Subsection of Section 9 ADMINISTRATION, 9-C Zoning Board of Appeals, or take any other action thereon.*

*AMENDMENT VOTE: Pass Unanimously*

*AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Motion made and seconded to TABLE article to a future town meeting when town counsel can be present. Passed by simple majority.*



**ARTICLE 5:** Did not vote to grant the Building Inspector / Zoning Enforcement Officer expanded permit granting authority related to changes to non-conforming structures.

*AMENDED TO READ: To see if the Town will vote to grant the Building Inspector / Zoning Enforcement Officer expanded permit granting authority related to changes to non-conforming structures, or take any other action thereon.*

*AMENDMENT VOTE: Pass Unanimously*

*AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Motion made and seconded to TABLE article to a future town meeting when town counsel can be present. Passed by simple majority.*

**ARTICLE 6:** Did not vote to correct typographical errors and organizational deficiencies in the current Hinsdale Zoning Bylaw.

*AMENDED TO READ: To see if the Town will vote to correct typographical errors and organizational deficiencies in the current Hinsdale Zoning Bylaw, or take any other action thereon.*

*AMENDMENT VOTE: Pass Unanimously*

*AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Motion made and seconded to TABLE article to a future town meeting when town counsel can be present. Passed by simple majority.*

**ARTICLE 7:** Voted to rescind Article 34 of the annual town meeting dated May 21, 2003.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 8:** Voted to appropriate the sum of \$210,790.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses, this amount to be fully offset by Fiscal Year 2004 Water Rent fees.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses	FY2003	Proposed FY2004	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Water Administrator Salary	4,750.00	4,750.00	R	R
Water Dept. Admin. Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Water Dept. Operating Expense	33,000.00	70,875.00	R	R
Water Bond Payments	120,288.55	118,887.00	R	R
Water Department Wages	0.00	15,278.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159,038.55</b>	<b>210,790.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 9:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$384.05 to the FY03 Legal Account.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 10:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$344.10 to the FY03 Street Light Account.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 11:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,041.19 to the FY03 Town Waste Disposal Account.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 12:** Voted to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for FY04 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$198,317.00 for said budget.

*ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously*

**ARTICLE 13:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn L. Frissell  
Town Clerk

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003**

### **Cash on Hand July 1, 2002:**

General	684,890.62
Petty	265.00
Sewer	322,818.47
Water	285,370.42
Trust	291,623.07

1,584,967.58

## **RECEIPTS**

### **Taxes:**

#### **Current year:**

Personal Property	118,034.97
Real Estate	1,882,771.99

#### **Previous years:**

Personal Property	3,558.62
Real Estate	60,691.63

2,000,806.96

64,250.25

#### **Motor Vehicle Excise:**

Current year	143,036.35
Previous years	68,085.55

211,121.90

### **Roll Back Tax**

346.75

### **Tax Titles**

23,843.12

### **State Aid to Highways:**

Chapter 127	40,941.20
Chapter 53A	10,502.37
Chapter 53B	40,882.84
Chapter 150	40,882.84
Chapter 53C	10,978.88
Chapter 235	40,526.63

184,714.76

### **Schools:**

School Aid Chapter 70	96,654.00	96,654.00
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### **Temporary Loans:**

Highway	187,968.80
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### **Agency:**

Group Insurance	451.98
Tax Collector's Demands	8,587.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,262.85

Police Permits Due State	1,187.50	
		11,489.33
Revolving Ch. 53E 1/2:		
Grave Openings	4,350.00	
Plumbing Inspector	1,826.00	
Electrical Inspector	3,155.00	
Building Inspector	20,399.80	
Dog Officer	25.00	
Bd of Health	927.00	
		30,682.80
Grants & Gifts:		
Cemetery Memorial	1,386.03	
Becentennial Gifts	11,563.17	
Elections - State	257.00	
Library Grant	2,811.71	
STRAP Grant Interest	290.07	
Arts Lottery Grant	4,235.77	
Council on Aging - State	2,600.00	
COPS Grant	21,770.41	
Police Vest Grant	7,500.00	
DARE Grant	0.12	
Community Policing Grant	10,000.00	
Comm Dev Block Grant	496,960.00	
Weight & Measurers Grant	2,000.00	
FEMA Winter Rd Grant	7,318.04	
Fire Safety Grant	15,000.00	
Plunkett Lake Management	5,500.00	
		589,192.32
Miscellaneous:		
Police Outside Detail	32,458.00	
Conservation Commission Revolving	1,303.50	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	3,800.00	
Interest on Property Taxes	8,664.91	
Interest on Excise Taxes	2,578.05	
Interest on Tax Titles	8,942.65	
In Lieu of Taxes	547.00	
Garbage/Trash Charges	17,482.00	
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	1,627.50	
Liquor Licenses	1,550.00	
Board of Appeals Permits & Fees	2,000.00	
Board of Health Permits	913.00	
Conservation Permits & Fees	810.00	
Fire Dept. Permits	1,079.00	
Gas Inspectors Permits	582.00	
Moble Home Permits	5,292.00	

Planning Board Permits	410.00	
Dog Licenses	846.75	
Police FID Permits	587.50	
Police Dept. Permits & Fees	690.00	
Zoning Board Permits	1,520.00	
Town Licenses	470.00	
Copier Receipts	289.85	
Community Day Fees	854.38	
Town of Lanesboro-Transp Reimb	900.00	
Abatements to Veterans	2,613.00	
Elderly abatements	15,455.00	
Lottery	191,490.00	
State Owned Land	10,469.00	
Court Fines	17,562.50	
Dog Fines	440.00	
Interest on Savings	5,255.06	
Sale of Town Property	2,500.00	
Misc Revenues N.O.C.	194.00	
Refunds Net of Expenditures	7,593.80	
		349,770.45
Sewer:		
Sewer Use Fees	92,675.08	
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	4,266.66	
Sewer Betterments	1,397.58	
Sewer Betterments added to Taxes	93.75	
Sewer Betterment III Tax Coll	139,784.44	
Sewer Betterment III Sewr Dept	14,844.20	
Interest on Savings	4,971.53	
Interest on Sewer Taxes	2,172.50	
Interest on Sewer Bett III Savings	2,262.67	
Interest on Sewer Bett III Taxes	128.49	
Sewer Abatement Trust Grant	58,390.92	
		320,987.82
Water:		
Water Rents	150,388.65	
Water Leins	8,490.00	
Tat Titles	180.00	
Water Surplus	50.00	
Interest of Taxes	3,921.81	
Interest of Savings	4,040.09	
		167,070.55
Transfer from other Funds		100,000.00

Trust:		
Interest on Stabilization		6,930.02
Warrants Payable:		
General	72,250.46	
Water	4,626.92	
Sewer	908.32	
		<u>77,785.70</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND		6,008,583.11

Summary:	
Cash on hand 7/1/02	1,584,967.58
General Fund Revenue	3,750,841.44
Sewer Dept. Revenue	320,987.82
Water Dept. Revenue	167,070.55
Trust Fund Revenue	6,930.02
Transfers Other Funds	100,000.00
Warrants Payable	<u>77,785.70</u>
	6,008,583.11

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES:

Personal Property Refunds	11.87
Real Estate Refunds	16,964.70
Motor Vehicle Refunds	4,020.58
Temporary Loan-Highway	187,968.80
Group Insurance	387.06
Tax Collectors Costs	8,851.00
Clerk Fees	958.15
Police Permits Due State	1,225.00
Cemetery Memorial	550.00
Bicentennial Gifts	3,618.96
State Aid to Libraries	2,555.08
Septic System Repair Grant	1,665.00
Weights & Measurers Grant	2,000.00
Arts Lottery	11,217.40
Council on Aging - State	857.29
Police Vest Grant	7,500.00
DARE Grant	10,001.46
Fire Safety Grant	15,000.00
Lake Ashmere Env Grant	10,000.00
Community Development Grant	496,960.00
Plunket Lake Management	16,689.75
Grave Openings	4,350.00
Plumbing Insp Fees	1,826.00
Electrical Insp Fees	3,155.00
Building Insp. Fees	15,000.00
Bd of Health Revolving	1,000.00

Police Outside Detail	28,685.00
Property Damage Insurance	2,036.00
Mosquito Control Assmnt	8,891.00
Air Pollution Assmnt	438.00
Reg. Transit Authority Assmnt	6,017.00
RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	1,000.00
Sale of Lots	400.00
Refunds Net of Expenditures	6,950.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>878,750.83</b>

**Summary:**

**Expenditures:**

General Fund	3,685,597.06
Sewer	220,141.92
Water	257,686.75

4,163,425.73

Transfers to other Funds 100,000.00

**Warrants Payable prior year:**

General	76,623.02
Water	3,204.98
Sewer	762.56

80,590.56

**Cash on Hand 6/30/03:**

General	645,762.44
Petty	265.00
Sewer	423,810.13
Water	196,176.16
Trust	398,553.09

1,664,566.82

6,008,583.11

**RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS**

**7/1/02-6/30/03**

Appropriation	12,000.00
Planning Bd Expenses	400.00
Bd of Appeals Expenses	1,380.45
Emergency Management	1,500.00
Treasurer's Expenses	861.44
Health & Dental	5,174.82
Legal Expenses	1,807.41
Centrex Telephone	574.21
Soc Security & Medicare	

11,698.33

**Unexpended Balance**

301.67

12,000.00

## ESTIMATED TO ACTUAL FY2003

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	DIFF
Real Estate Taxes	1,941,499	1,926,422	(15,077)
Personal Prop Taxes	120,708	121,594	886
Motor Vehicle Ex	175,000	207,101	32,101
Interest on Taxes	25,999	20,186	(5,813)
In lieu of Taxes	4,925	547	(4,378)
Sewer Charges	149,101	149,101	0
Trash	13,000	17,482	4,482
Fees	900	1,917	1,017
Licenses & Permits	17,000	17,605	605
Fines	21,000	18,003	(2,997)
Interest	7,000	5,255	(1,745)
Sale of Town Property		2,500	2,500
Lanesboro-Transp Reimb		900	900
Misc Recurring	248	194	(54)
Chapter 70	96,654	96,654	0
School Trans	3,718		(3,718)
Lottery	211,241	191,490	(19,751)
Exemptions Vets, etc	2,625	2,613	(12)
Exemptions Elderly	7,905	15,455	7,550
State Owned Land	10,469	10,469	0
	2,808,992	2,805,488	(3,504)

## BALANCE SHEET - 2003/06/30

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

#### ASSETS

##### CASH:

General Cash	645,762.44
Petty Cash - Tax Coll	50.00
Petty Cash - Assessors	15.00
Petty Cash - Highway Dept.	100.00
Petty Cash - Police Dept	100.00
Sewer Cash	423,810.13
Water Cash	<u>196,176.16</u>

##### TOTAL CASH:

1,266,013.73

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Prop Taxes F2000	160.67
Personal Prop Taxes F2001	252.27
Personal Prop Taxes F2002	1,725.65
Personal Prop Taxes F2003	2,673.01



Personal Prop Taxes F1995	134.94	
Personal Prop Taxes F1996	34.20	
Personal Prop Taxes F1997	91.98	
Personal Prop Taxes F1998	41.51	
Personal Prop Taxes F1999	<u>30.78</u>	
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<b>5,145.01</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>		
Real Estate Taxes F2000	549.98	
Real Estate Taxes F2001	1,869.03	
Real Estate Taxes F2002	4,601.60	
Real Estate Taxes F2003	29,912.57	
Real Estate Taxes F1989	94.50	
Real Estate Taxes F1990	248.10	
Real Estate Taxes F1992	173.70	
Real Estate Taxes F1993	615.83	
Real Estate Taxes F1994	116.00	
Real Estate Taxes F1996	19.16	
Real Estate Taxes F1997	265.55	
Real Estate Taxes F1998	1,368.84	
Real Estate Taxes F1999	<u>32.40</u>	
<b>TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES</b>		<b>39,867.26</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES:</b>		
Motor Vehicle Ex 2000	3,167.42	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2001	6,748.99	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2002	9,576.34	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2003	42,758.03	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1990	2,948.44	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1991	3,747.11	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1992	2,426.88	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1993	1,842.55	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1994	1,985.31	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1995	2,408.89	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1996	2,877.91	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1997	2,482.61	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1998	2,405.62	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1999	<u>7,286.97</u>	
<b>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES:</b>		<b>92,663.07</b>
<b>WATER RENTS &amp; LIENS</b>		
Water Liens	16,444.86	
Water Rents	<u>14,010.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL WATER RENTS &amp; LIENS</b>		<b>30,454.86</b>

SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		
Sewer Use Fees	5,663.00	
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	2,180.00	
Bettermnts Added to Taxes	623.77	
Swr Bettermnt III TAX COLL	<u>19,024.68</u>	
TOTAL SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		27,491.45
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Titles	171,055.75	
Tax Possessions	<u>6,836.63</u>	
TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		177,892.38
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
St Aid to Hwys Ch 53C	29,098.28	
St Aid to Hwys Ch246	80,154.32	
Long Term Betterment Rcvb	<u>4,103,328.36</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		4,212,580.96
LOANS AUTHORIZED		
Loans Authr-Water Pol Prj	<u>200,000.00</u>	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED		200,000.00
DUE FROM TRUST FUNDS		
Due frm Stabilization Fnd	<u>45,000.00</u>	
TOTAL DUE FROM TRUST FUNDS		45,000.00
REVOLVING FUNDS		
Property Ins Damage	<u>2,036.00</u>	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		2,036.00
RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP		
Sewer Betterment Reserved	<u>22,250.34</u>	
TOTAL RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP		22,250.34
OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		
Overlay F2000	<u>624.83</u>	
TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		624.83
APPROPRIATION BALANCES:		
Police Dept. Expenses	320.53	
Social Security & Med Tax	<u>19.60</u>	
TOTAL OVERDRAWN APPROPRIATIONS		340.13
TOTAL ASSETS:		6,122,360.02

**GENERAL ACCOUNTS****LIABILITIES****REVENUE**

Revenue Fiscal 2004

318,875.97**TOTAL REVENUE**

318,875.97

**AGENCY:**

Payroll Withholdings

133.14

Tax Collector Costs

78.00

Town Clerk Fees

34.50**TOTAL AGENCY:**

245.64

**GIFTS & BEQUESTS**

Cemetery Memorial

54,155.81

Bicentennial Gifts

7,944.21

Historical Gift

76.50**TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS**

62,176.52

**GRANTS**

St. Aid to Libraries

272.19

Septic System Repair Grnt

10,822.81

STRAP Grant

15,212.74

Arts Lottery Grant

9,069.42

Council on Aging - State

752.60

DARE Grant

6.07

Fire Environmental Grant

1,000.00

Plunkett Lake Management

3,150.25

Capital Project-Sewer

26,424.10

Sewer Rate Relief Grant

8,644.00

Sewer Abatement Trust

58,390.92

Water Loan Proceeds

7,549.93**TOTAL GRANTS**

143,295.03

**REVOLVING FUNDS**

Mowing Tractor Maint.

2,006.56

Conservation Comm Revolv

8,037.76**TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS**

10,044.32

**LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS**

Loans Authorized Unissued

200,000.00**TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS**

200,000.00

**RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP**

Sale of Cemetery Lots

16,597.00

Sewer Receipts Reserved

86,432.86

Water Surplus

181,808.00**TOTAL RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP**

284,837. 86

**OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE**

Overlay F2001	22,717.54
Overlay F2002	31,202.84
Overlay F2003	40,770.82
Overlay F1990	248.10
Overlay F1992	173.70
Overlay F1993	615.83
Overlay F1994	172.40
Overlay F1995	134.94
Overlay F1996	53.36
Overlay F1997	357.53
Overlay F1998	1,410.35
Overlay F1999	<u>58.18</u>

**TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE**

97,915.59

**REVENUE RESERVED:**

Petty Cash Revenue	265.00
Tax Title & Poss. Revenue	177,892.38
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev	92,663.07
Sewer Usage Revenue	7,843.00
Sewer Betterments Revenue	623.77
Sewer Betterment III Rev	19,024.68
Water Rents & Leins Rev	30,454.86
Long Term Betterment Rev	<u>4,103,328.36</u>

**TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED:**

4,432,095.12

**WARRANTS PAYABLE:,**

Warrants Payable	72,250.46
Warrants Payable Water	4,626.92
Warrants Payable-Sewer	<u>908.32</u>

**TOTAL WARRANTS PAYABLE:**

77,785.70

**SURPLUS REVENUE**

Surplus Revenue	<u>291,768.04</u>
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**TOTAL SURPLUS REVENUE**

291,768.04

**APPROPRIATION BALANCES:**

Legal Counsel	181.22
Selectmens Salaries	1,400.05
Revaluation	1,052.67
Highway Ch 53C	29,099.08
Highway Chapter 246	80,154.32
Vacations & Paid Holidays	2,721.32
Bridges	13,110.00
Plunkett Lake Dam	12,101.39
Street Lights	674.94

Library Expenses	1,163.20	
Cemetery Expansion Project	138.09	
Dalton Communications Cnt	2,024.39	
Beaver Control	1,150.00	
Lake Management Committee	1,291.77	
Sec 310 Grant	20,000.00	
Town Waste Disposal	183.22	
Town Mapping	5,450.00	
Town Flag	1,200.00	
Youth Center Maintenance	1,108.20	
Town's Bicentennial	1,383.27	
Sewer III Operating Ex	11,914.41	
Sewer III Maintenance	2,490.80	
Sewer III System Mangmnt	11,136.58	
Water Dept. Operating Exp	<u>2,191.31</u>	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES</b>		<b>203,320.23</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES:</b>		<b>6,122,360.02</b>

### TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>		
Trust Cash	398,553.09	
Stabilization		347,112.75
Stabilization-Capital		6,440.34
Due to General Fund		<u>45,000.00</u>
	<u>398,553.09</u>	<u>398,553.09</u>

### DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
Inside Debt Limit	136,186.36	
Fire Truck Loan		<u>136,186.36</u>
TOTAL Total Inside Debt Loans	136,186.36	136,186.36
Outside Debt Limit	5,427,919.72	
Town Hall Loan		307,220.67
Sewer		8,008.90
Sewer-Plunkett Lake		807,356.31
Sewer-Ashmere Lake		2,648,028.00
Water Rehab		<u>1,657,305.84</u>
TOTAL Total Outside Debt Lmt Ln	<u>5,427,919.72</u>	<u>5,427,919.72</u>
<b>TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<b>5,564,106.08</b>	<b>5,564,106.08</b>

**FY2003 YEAR END EXPENSE BUDGET REPORT**

<b>Expense Category / Account</b>	<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Budget Revisions</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expended</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>							
Legal Counsel (10111.00)		5,200.00	1,807.41	7,007.41	6,826.19	181.22	97
Moderator (10114.00)		40.00		40.00	40.00		100
Selectmens Salaries (10122.00)		4,400.00		4,400.00	2,999.95	1,400.05	68
Selectmens Expenses (10122.01)		3,400.00		3,400.00	3,163.72	236.28	93
Administrative Assist (10129.00)		30,500.00		30,500.00	30,500.00		100
Finance Board Exp. (10131.00)		500.00		500.00	100.00	400.00	20
Assessors Salaries (10141.00)		4,000.00		4,000.00	2,400.00	1,600.00	60
Assessors Expenses (10141.01)		5,900.00		5,900.00	5,830.29	69.71	99
Asst. Assessors Salar (10141.02)		34,424.00		34,424.00	34,424.00		100
Motor Vehicle Ex Bill (10141.04)		1,000.00		1,000.00	995.00	5.00	100
Revaluation (10142.00)	1,000.00	1,000.00		2,000.00	947.33	1,052.67	47
Treas./Collector Sala (10145.00)		23,175.00		23,175.00	23,175.00		100
Treas./Collectors Exp (10145.01)		5,400.00	861.44	6,261.44	6,226.90	34.54	99
Tax Title Expenses (10145.06)		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00		100
Treas/Coll CAMA Syste (10145.08)		1,000.00		1,000.00	870.00	130.00	87
Town Clerks Salary (10161.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		100
Town Clerks Expenses (10161.01)		947.00		947.00	785.78	161.22	83
Town Clerk's Records (10161.04)	2,000.00	2,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00		100
Election Offcrrs & Bal (10162.00)		2,742.00		2,742.00	2,726.49	15.51	99
Board of Registrars (10163.00)		1,620.00		1,620.00	1,619.75	0.25	100
Licensing Board Expen (10165.00)		88.00		88.00	72.32	15.68	82
Conservation Commissi (10171.00)		4,000.00		4,000.00	2,295.84	1,704.16	57
Planning Board Expens (10175.00)			400.00	400.00	346.00	54.00	87
Appeals Board Expense (10176.00)		1,500.00	1,380.45	2,880.45	2,320.00	560.45	81
<b>TTL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>142,336.00</b>	<b>4,449.30</b>	<b>149,785.38</b>	<b>142,164.56</b>	<b>7,620.74</b>	<b>95</b>

**HIGHWAYS**

Highway Chapter 53B (20104.00)	81,765.68			81,765.68	81,765.68		100
Highway Ch 53C (20105.00)			31,787.08	31,787.08	2,688.00	29,099.08	8
Highway Ch 90 (20106.06)			48,816.71	48,816.71	48,816.71		100
Highway Ch 127 (20110.00)	33,975.57			33,975.57	33,975.57		100
Highway Chapter 246 (20112.00)			80,154.32	80,154.32		80,154.32	0
Summer Wages (20420.00)		53,000.00		53,000.00	44,757.49	8,242.51	84
Highway Administration (20421.00)	358.40	1,000.00		1,358.40	1,323.42	34.98	97
Vacations & Paid Holi (20421.01)	1,853.78	11,685.00		13,538.78	10,817.46	2,721.32	80
Bridges (20422.00)	11,610.00	1,500.00		13,110.00		13,110.00	0
Summer Road Maintenanc (20422.02)		38,000.00	(10,132.82)	27,867.18	26,829.50	1,037.68	96
Town Garage Maint (20422.03)	694.57	6,000.00	(1,073.35)	5,621.22	3,870.69	1,750.53	69
Road Machinery Maint (20422.04)	4,854.12	30,000.00		34,054.12	33,162.92	891.20	97
Street Signs (20422.86)	500.00	250.00		750.00	740.00	10.00	99
Plunkett Lake Dam (20422.20)	12,101.39			12,101.39		12,101.39	0
Hwy Dept. Uniform Ren (20422.22)	537.42	2,150.00		2,687.42	2,038.56	648.86	76
Winter Roads Maint (20423.00)		45,000.00	45,424.94	90,424.94	90,424.94		100
Winter Road Wages (20423.01)		43,772.00	27,128.92	70,900.92	70,619.46	281.46	100
FY2002 Winter Roads M (20423.02)	(5,742.95)		5,742.95				0
Street Lights (20424.00)		12,500.00		12,500.80	11,825.06	674.94	95
<b>TTL HIGHWAYS:</b>	<b>141,707.98</b>	<b>244,857.00</b>	<b>227,848.75</b>	<b>614,413.73</b>	<b>463,655.46</b>	<b>150,758.27</b>	<b>75</b>

**SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES**

C.B.R.S. Assessment (30000.01)	1,285,437.00			1,285,437.00	1,285,437.00		100
C.B.R.S.D. Capital (30000.02)			210,512.00	210,512.00	210,512.00		100
Vocational Tuition (30000.03)	85,505.00			85,505.00	77,618.56	7,886.44	91
Vocational Transporta (30000.04)	39,606.00			39,606.00	39,600.00	6.00	100
Library Director's Sa (30610.00)	14,245.00			14,245.00	13,186.84	1,058.16	93
Library Assistant Sal (30610.01)	20,567.00			20,567.00	19,604.62	962.38	95

<b>Expense Category / Account</b>	<b>Previous Balance</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Budget Revisions</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expended</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>%</b>
Library Expenses (30610.04)		18,238.00		18,238.00	17,074.80	1,163.20	94
<b>TTL SCHOOLS &amp; LIBRARIES:</b>	0.00	1,463,598.00	210,512.00	1,674,110.00	1,663,033.82	11,076.18	99
<b>VETERANS</b>							
Veterans Agent Salary (40543.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		100
Veterans Agent Expens (40543.01)		1,100.00		1,100.00	833.01	266.99	76
Veterans Aid (40543.02)		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,006.20	993.80	83
War Memorial (40543.05)		300.00		300.00		300.00	0
Grave Flag Holders (40543.06)		400.00		400.00	368.62	31.38	92
Memorial Day Observan (40543.08)		360.00		360.00	158.07	201.93	44
<b>TTL VETERANS:</b>	0.00	9,160.00	0.00	9,160.00	7,365.90	1,794.10	80
<b>CEMETERIES</b>							
Cemetery Commission (50491.00)		200.00		200.00	149.12	50.88	75
Cemetery Expansion Pr (50491.02)	138.09			138.09		138.09	0
<b>TTL CEMETERIES:</b>	138.09	200.00	0.00	338.09	149.12	188.97	44
<b>PROTECT. PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY</b>							
Police Chiefs Salary (60210.00)		9,000.00		9,000.00	9,000.00		100
Police Dept Wages (60210.01)		31,200.00	2,100.00	33,300.00	33,210.25	89.75	100
Police Dept. Expenses (60210.02)		11,836.00		11,836.00	12,156.53	(320.53)	103
Crossing Guards (60210.04)		2,590.00		2,590.00	2,534.00	56.00	98
New Police Cruiser (60210.06)			32,063.00	32,063.00	32,063.00		100
Police Full-time Sala (60210.16)		26,215.80		26,215.00	26,181.83	33.17	100
Dalton Communications (60212.00)		10,500.00		10,500.00	8,475.61	2,024.39	81
Cnty Sheriff Communic (60212.02)		515.00		515.00	500.00	15.00	97
Fire Chiefs Salary (60220.00)		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00		100
1st Asst. Chiefs Sala (60220.01)		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		100



2nd Asst. Chiefs Sala (60220.02)		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		100
Fire Dept Stipends (60220.03)		15,000.00		15,000.00	13,050.00	1,950.00	87
Fire Department Expen (60220.04)		22,000.00		22,000.00	21,995.50	4.50	100
Firefighters Physical (60220.06)		3,750.00		3,750.00	3,480.00	270.00	93
Building Inspectors E (60241.01)		300.00		300.00		300.00	0
Gas Inspectors Sal. (60242.00)		200.00		200.00		200.00	0
Beaver Control (60280.00)	150.00	1,000.00		1,150.00		1,150.00	0
Emergency Management (60291.00)		3,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00	4,499.56	0.44	100
Dog Officers Salary (60292.00)		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,375.00	125.00	92
Dog Officers Expenses (60292.01)		500.00		500.00	363.50	136.50	73
Tree Wardens Salary (60294.00)		2,200.00		2,200.00	2,200.00		100
Tree Warden Assistant (60294.01)		1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00		100
Tree Wardens Expenses (60294.02)		4,352.00		4,352.00	4,350.55	1.45	100
<b>TTL PROTECT. PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY:</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>153,458.00</b>	<b>35,663.00</b>	<b>189,271.00</b>	<b>183,235.33</b>	<b>6,035.67</b>	<b>97</b>

#### HEALTH & SANITATION

Ashmere Lake Cleanup (70100.00)	6,000.00	1,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00		100
Lake Management Commi (70103.00)	914.50	1,000.00		1,914.50	622.73	1,291.77	33
Plunkett Management P (70105.00)	5,000.00	4,000.00		9,000.00	9,000.00		100
Lake & Pond Project (70106.00)	841.13			841.13	841.13		100
Sec 310 Grant (70108.00)	20,000.00			20,000.00		20,000.00	0
24-Hour Ambulance Ser (70231.00)		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		100
Animal Inspector Sala (70249.00)		200.00		200.00	183.26	16.74	92
Town Waste Disp. Wage (70431.00)		8,520.00		8,520.00	8,413.82	106.18	99
Town Waste Disposal (70431.01)		40,000.00	3,400.00	43,400.00	43,216.78	183.22	100
No. Berkshire Waste D (70431.04)		2,808.00		2,808.00	2,808.00		100
Health Inspectors Sal (70510.00)		700.00		700.00	700.00		100
Visiting Nurse Assn. (70522.00)		2,360.00	187.08	2,547.08	2,547.08		100
Health Board Expenses (70522.01)		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,282.02	17.98	99
<b>TTL HEALTH &amp; SANITATION:</b>	<b>32,755.63</b>	<b>63,088.00</b>	<b>3,587.08</b>	<b>99,430.71</b>	<b>77,814.82</b>	<b>21,615.89</b>	<b>78</b>

Expense Category / Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
<b>DEBT &amp; INTEREST</b>							
Town Hall Loan (80710.02)		3,420.54		3,420.54	3,420.54		100
Fire Truck Loan (80710.04)		11,767.32		11,767.32	11,767.32		100
Int. Long-term Debt (80751.00)		22,153.14		22,153.14	22,153.14		100
Int. Short-term Debt (80752.00)		5,000.00		5,000.00	2,236.70	2,763.30	45
<b>TTL DEBT &amp; INTEREST:</b>	0.00	42,341.00	0.00	42,341.00	39,577.70	2,763.30	93
<b>UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES</b>							
Audit (90100.00)		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,000.00	500.00	91
Accounting Services (90122.00)		13,000.00		13,000.00	13,000.00		100
Heating-Garage & Frho (90192.00)		7,000.00	1,073.35	8,073.35	8,073.35		100
Town Insurances (90192.01)		42,000.00		42,000.00	41,456.96	543.04	99
Town Hall Custodian (90192.03)		7,950.00		7,950.00	3,955.00	3,995.00	50
Town Hall Operating (90192.04)		10,500.00		10,500.00	9,802.98	697.02	93
Centrex Telephone (90192.05)		7,000.00	574.21	7,574.21	7,574.21		100
Computer Staff Salary (90192.06)		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		100
Computer Maintenance (90192.07)		1,000.00		1,000.00	39.97	960.03	4
Gasoline-Hwy, Fire, Pol (90192.10)		13,000.00	2,000.00	15,000.00	14,721.49	278.51	98
Office Machine Maint (90192.12)		1,600.00		1,600.00	354.60	1,245.40	22
Town Mapping (90192.14)		5,450.00		5,450.00		5,450.00	0
Town Flag (90192.24)			1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00	0
Cabinet Restoration P (90192.26)		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		100
Heating System/Police (90192.28)		970.00		970.00	970.00		100
Printing/Del. Town Rep (90195.00)	397.00	2,600.00		2,997.00	2,997.00		100
Council on Aging (90541.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		100
Recreation Associatio (90630.00)		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00		100
Sports/Recreation Co. (90630.02)		1,000.00		1,000.00	707.56	292.44	71

Youth Center Maintena (90630.04)	1,300.00	1,000.00		2,300.00	1,191.80	1,108.20	52
Community Day (90630.12)		3,150.00		3,150.00	3,149.44	0.56	100
Town Wide Mowing (90630.14)		17,995.00		17,995.00	17,280.00	715.00	96
Historical Commission (90691.00)		200.00		200.00		200.00	0
Town's Bicentennial (90692.00)	200.00	5,000.00		5,200.00	3,816.73	1,383.27	73
County Retirement Ass (90911.00)		38,070.00		38,070.00	38,070.00		100
Social Security & Med (90916.00)		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,019.60	(19.60)	100
Health/Dental Insuran (90919.00)		44,500.00	5,174.82	49,674.82	37,116.76	12,558.06	75
Berkshire Planning Co (95690.00)		1,052.07		1,052.07	1,052.07		100
Reserve Fund (95781.00)		12,000.00	(11,698.33)	301.67		301.67	0
Sewer Administrator (300060.00)		4,750.00	538.50	5,288.50	5,288.50		100
Sewer Operating Expen (300060.01)		33,000.00		33,000.00	32,441.06	558.94	98
Sewer Loan (300060.02)		4,334.00		4,334.00	4,334.00		100
Sewer Maintenance (300060.03)		2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	0
Sewer Department Wage (300060.06)		2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	0
Sewer III Adm. Salary (350060.00)		5,500.00		5,500.00	4,961.48	538.52	90
Sewer III Operating E (350060.01)	9,096.30	22,000.00	(538.50)	30,557.80	18,643.39	11,914.41	61
Sewer III Maintenance (350060.03)		6,000.00		6,000.00	3,509.20	2,490.80	58
Sewer III System Mang (350060.06)		13,000.00		13,000.00	1,863.42	11,136.58	14
Sewer III Loans (350060.16)		149,100.87		149,100.87	149,100.87		100
Water Dept. Ad Sala (4000060.01)		4,750.00		4,750.00	4,750.00		100
Water Dept. Ad Exp. (4000060.02)		1,000.00		1,000.00	977.48	22.52	98
Water Dept. Operating (4000060.05)		33,000.00	61,684.70	94,684.70	92,493.39	2,191.31	98
Water System Manageme (400060.06)	9,602.67	28,000.00	1,574.66	39,177.33	39,177.33		100
Water Dept Hwy Unifor (400060.09)	358.50			358.50		358.50	0
Water Rehab Project L (400060.12)		120,288.55		120,288.55	120,288.55		100
<b>TTL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES:</b>	<b>20,954.47</b>	<b>689,760.49</b>	<b>61,583.41</b>	<b>772,298.37</b>	<b>707,678.19</b>	<b>64,620.18</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>198,706.17</b>	<b>2,808,798.49</b>	<b>543,643.54</b>	<b>3,551,148.20</b>	<b>3,284,674.90</b>	<b>266,473.30</b>	<b>92</b>

## **BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

Just around the corner is here, and the Bicentennial Committee has been very busy for the past several months, working real hard at planning and finalizing our town's 200th birthday celebration July 17-25, 2004.

We want this occasion to be huge and a memorable one for both young and young at heart, so we have worked at trying to have something for everyone to enjoy.

As a committee we did not sit back and just depend on the money we asked for last year at the town meeting. We worked very hard at fundraising to add all the dollars that we possibly could by holding cookie walks, a Hoe Down dance, plant sale, tag sale, and selling all our memorabilia at these events and even at the post office to help finance this BIG event for our town's people to enjoy free of charge. All you will have to think about is buying food, drink, and your treasures of remembrance of this wonderful week. I would like to personally thank all the people and businesses who supported us with our appeal and at these fundraisers, either in-kind or financially.

Our Proclamation Day is planned for the evening of June 21, 2004. Following that, the whole week of our celebration will consist of a concert every evening, including "The Oldies But Goodies" and "Sounds of Sinatra". On July 20th a Special Kids day is planned with a David Grover concert in the evening.

Other events on different days during the week will include crafters, pony rides, face painting and other activities. The weekends will feature a Pow Wow, Civil War re-enactment and on the evening of the 24th we are planning a huge bonfire with music and a family sing-a-long with a spectacular fireworks display. A huge parade with the complete group of Shriners and many more bands and attractions is scheduled for July 25. The day will end with a Bicentennial Firemen's Annual Muster at 1 p.m. A time capsule will also be buried by our own Kittredge School children.

We still welcome any organization or person to join us in making this a wonderful week. Pass the word to your far out family and friends that this is the time to plan their back to home visit to HINSDALE.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carole Forward, Chair

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

To the citizens of Hinsdale, for the eighth consecutive year I am pleased to present to you the annual report for 2003 from your local health department.

As our town continues to expand and grow into this new century, at a rate never before seen in our lifetime, the continuing and expanding task of this board increases with each passing year. As such we should take a few moments to recognize my esteem colleagues, Mr. Kenneth Boudreau and Mr. William Goddard who like many other appointed board members of the community give unselfishly of their time and talents in the task of continually improving our Hinsdalian life style. We are all very fortunate to have so many dedicated people like Kenneth and William as our friends and neighbors who are so committed to insuring the solvency of our local government agencies.

The presentation of this report reflects the many health activities that have been progressing in 2003 on a state and local level.

On the state level, it seems inevitable the state legislature will be passing in mid 2004 a smoking ban at all work places for protection of all employees, and once passed the enforcement will be placed upon this local board. This pending law will be locally impacted in the several work places, taverns and restaurants that chose to allow smoking on their premises.

After receiving input from all health and conservation boards throughout the state in 2003, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has allowed the percolation rate for private septic systems for new home construction to be increased from 30 to 60 minutes per inch. The decision raises the potential for more new homes to be constructed in areas that were once unacceptable for building.

The Commonwealth, after requested input from many various boards across the state, is revisiting the state beaver regulation on trapping that was adopted several years ago. Indicators suggest this regulation has done more harm than good, and although no further news has come forward, the possibility for a change in this law may be forth coming.

Locally, we welcomed the Duquette Sports Academy, Ozzies Steak & Eggs Restaurant and Two Sisters Inc. Variety Store to their first year of operation. The commitment of these business owners in making their establishments a healthy and safe environment for their patrons was quite evident as they invested many dollars and worked hand-in hand with the BOH in complying with all health regulations during the year.

Private well permits continue to increase every year. Since 1996, when the board passed the required regulation of mandatory health permitting of this natural resource, 111 well permits have been issued within the town. This calculates to an estimated conservative amount of 10,000,000 gallons-per-year of water being drawn from the local aquifer or in a visual comparison about 20% of the reserve capacity of the town reservoir. Appropriately, this is a good place to point out to all water users, whether private or public, the value of always practicing water conservation measures throughout the entire year.

Septic permits for new home are still being issued but at a rate lower than in the past, this decrease is reflective on the majority of construction being generated in areas where town sewer is now available. The sewer connection regulation passed in 2003 has prompted many homeowners to connect to town sewer instead of a Title 5 inspection. Still, some owners still chose to ignore this mandate and the board has begun the process of monetary fines to those who care to continue to ignore this regulation. The board will continue to review all homes that fall under this criterion and take action as deemed appropriate by the individual circumstances.

The board continues to focus on blighted buildings that should be condemned and then either repaired or torn down. Presently the chairman is currently learning new state procedures and guidelines through the newly developed housing court and administrative warrants where such action can be conducted to attain the removal of blighted and unsafe building within the community.

The health board continues to hold its monthly meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, and is open for public information at 6- 8 PM on Wednesdays, and 3 - 5 PM on Fridays.

**Health Permits for 2003**

Summer Camps:	5
Restaurants:	2
Food Service:	2
Tobacco Permits	4
Condemned Building:	1
Septic System Permits:	6
Private Well Permits:	32

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward A. Goddard, BOH Chairman & Secretary

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

The Cemetery Committee has started to reorganize this year with 2 new members. We were sorry to lose long time member Harold Hotchkiss who passed away in April. In the spring, we will be expanding to include 184 new plots plus 78 smaller plots for cremains only. Maps and rules are available at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Flanagan

Judy Huntoon

Pauline Wheeler

Fran Flanagan

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Conservation Commission is appointed by the Selectmen of Hinsdale to uphold the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (GL. Ch. 131 sec. 40). This law prohibits the filling, excavation, or other alteration of land surface, water levels, or vegetation in wetland, flood plains, riverfront areas or other wetland resource areas, regardless of ownership, without a permit from the local Conservation Commission. The law originated in 1972 when two earlier statutes were combined. Regulations under the Act are issued and enforced by the Department of Environmental Protection. The purpose of the Hinsdale Conservation Commission is to protect the town's abundant natural and water resources.

The Conservation Commission meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Town Hall and encourages all Hinsdale residents to attend. We strongly encourage anyone located near a water resource to contact us for information, prior to disturbing any soil or starting any building project, to find out how the Wetlands Act may apply to the particular project that you have in mind.

The Commission would be pleased to answer any questions that you might have concerning wetlands and other water resources. A brochure explaining the act is available in the rack at Town Hall. You may also contact us by calling the office at 655-2312.

During the past year the Commission processed 8 Requests for Determination of Applicability, received 11 Notices of Intent and accordingly issued 11 Orders of Condition. Additionally, 4 Requests for Extensions of Conditions, 3 Requests for Certificates of Compliance, and 1 Enforcement Order were issued. We also conducted site visits on numerous properties as well as a great many consultations with applicants and various property owners. We anticipate that activity in 2004 will continue to be as brisk as it was during the past year.

At present we have 3 members on the Commission, thus leaving 2 vacancies. We invite prospective members to contact us and attend one of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward M. Frederick, Chair

## COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging has had a very busy and successful year. Many activities have been enjoyed this year by Seniors in town.

We joined forces with the Hinsdale/Peru Senior Club to promote events and happenings. The Senior Club had their monthly luncheon at various restaurants in the Berkshires. These were in addition to our twice weekly luncheons at the Town Hall.

A bus trip to the Log Cabin in Holyoke for a dinner and show was filled to capacity as was a Christmas show and dinner. They were greatly enjoyed by all.

Seniors also participated in Hinsdale Community Day. At the Town Hall, they had a craft table and baked goods table, as well as a white elephant table. Cupcakes, brownies, fudge and assorted sandwiches were available, as were beverages of choice.

Amy Wahl and I have been actively involved in TRIAD along with the Police, Town officials and Bob McDonough of the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department.

We have presented programs to elders in Town that were quite informative and entertaining. A workshop on diabetes was well attended. Testing for diabetes was done by appointment only. All time slots were filled and much interest was shown. We are planning for more such programs in the future.

Along with TRIAD, we expect to participate in more activities this year.

We continue to assist with transportation. Fortunately, we have been able to meet those needs as requests come in. As far as I know, no one has been turned away.

Our book lending library continues to be popular. Our love of reading has not diminished. On these cold, snowy days, it is a pleasure to curl up with a good book.

I wish to thank the townspeople for their support and encourage more to be actively involved. "The more the merrier."

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha S. Freshler, Chair

Martha Freshler  
Barbara Callahan  
Lauria Mitchell  
Amy Wahl



## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The volunteers of this department have had another productive year maintaining and upgrading the equipment and capabilities of this department. We were able to replace our 1977 truck with one acquired from government surplus at no cost to the town. This vehicle has also been made available to other town departments as needed. We have adapted the Youth Center to accommodate emergency power if required, and now have this capability at four facilities in town.

We were again pleased to participate in Hinsdale Community Day. We also spent many hours attending various meetings and in training in order to remain current on continually changing state and federal requirements. It is only through the many hundreds of hours spent by the volunteers of this department that we are able to retain the capabilities the Town of Hinsdale has at its disposal.

We look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the citizens of Hinsdale.

Respectfully submitted,  
Raymond R. Bolduc, Director

## HINSDALE/PERU CULTURAL COUNCIL

Funded by the Communities arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Hinsdale-Peru Cultural Council in October 2003 awarded over \$8,000 in grants to projects that directly benefit the citizens of Hinsdale and Peru. Listed below are general grant recipients and amounts awarded:

Kittredge School:	5 grants	totaling \$2,500
Necassus School:	2 grants	totaling \$ 900
Becket Arts Center of the Hilltowns:	3 grants	totaling \$ 400
Hinsdale Community Day:	1 grant	totaling \$ 550
Hinsdale Bicentennial Celebration:	4 grants	totaling \$2,500
Hinsdale Weights/Measures Cabinet:	1 grant	totaling \$1,000 *
Hinsdale Public Library:	1 grant	totaling \$ 225
Berkshire Talking Chronicle:	1 grant	totaling \$ 100
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Total:	18 grants	totaling \$8,175

Included in the Bicentennial grants is the completion of a mural featuring historic figure Israel Bissell by Hinsdale artist Teri Davis. This mural will be the focal point for the Hinsdale Bicentennial float planned for the Pittsfield July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Current plans for the mural are on display in Hinsdale Town Hall in the winter and on the side of a downtown historic building in the summer.

Bicentennial cultural activities funded include entertainment for citizens of all ages from Hinsdale, Peru, and surrounding communities.

For a full listing of all grants with amounts awarded, contact this council c/o Town Hall. Help us help you by letting our legislators know how much we all appreciate and need this funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Please join us if you'd like to decide where funding goes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Roussin, Chair

Kathleen Dudziak, Hinsdale  
Gloria Greb, Hinsdale  
Carolyn LeComte, Peru  
Colleen Lussier, Peru  
Colleen Marshall, Hinsdale  
Nancy Rice, Hinsdale  
Margaret Roussin, Hinsdale, Chair  
Aimee Casey, Administrator

\*See explanation of this grant in Weights & Measures Restoration Committee Report.

## HINSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the year 2003, the Hinsdale Fire Department received and responded to a total of 62 calls, representing a total of 602 man-hours. The types and totals of calls are as follows:

### 2003 Fire Calls

Fire in Structures	14
Chimney Fires	3
Grass & Brush	10
Motor Vehicle Accidents	16
Service Calls	8
False Alarms	7
Mutual Aid	4

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<b>Total:</b>	<b>62</b>
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### Mutual Aid By Towns

Dalton:	2
Becket:	2

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry E. Turner, Fire Chief

## **HINSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

This year was a difficult year for the department, with four officers leaving and two new officers being added following police academy training. The addition of W. Rodney Maloney and Geoff Powell, both officers being residents of the community and having strong community ties, should serve the community well for years to come.

The department was once again fortunate to be awarded a \$12,000.00 Community Policing Grant that will help us deliver the level of service the town has experienced in the past. Unfortunately funding for the continuation of the DARE program has been eliminated from the state funding, therefore eliminating the program. We continue to be committed to the community, sponsoring sports teams, other endeavors, and community services.

I would like at this time to thank the Fire department, emergency management department, and the Selectboard for their continued support. It was greatly appreciated not only by myself, but the officers as well. I would also like to especially thank the dedicated officers of the department and the members of the community. Without their support, a difficult year would have been impossible. We look forward to serving you in 2004.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Powell, Chief

Christopher K. Powell, Chief of Police  
Sgt. Heather Nicholas  
Richard Murdock  
Eric Autenrieth  
Nicole Noble  
Nancy Daniels  
W. Rodney Maloney  
Geoff Powell

## HINSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

For much of this year, the Library was without a permanent director. Luckily, Tina Martin handled the daily operations of the Library until the board hired me. I would like to thank my staff and my board of trustees for making the transition between directors as smooth as it was.

Our circulation is quite good for a Library of our size. For FY03, our circulation count was 12,814. We had 1,058 registered borrowers, which I would like to see increase. We are open 24 hours a week, which is very good for a Library our size. There is only one other Library of our size in the region that is open more hours than our Library, and it isn't open 6 days a week.

But numbers don't always reveal the real worth of our services, or all of the new things happening at the Library. We removed outdated and moldy books from the non-fiction collection in order to make more room for fiction, to allow patrons ease of access to videos, and to give the local history collection a proper space in the collection for preservation's sake. The attic underwent a thorough cleaning. The centre room in the attic was given a fresh coat of paint. Thanks to a donation from L.P. Adams, we began to install new insulation above the false ceiling in the adult room in order to save taxpayer money. We received more than \$2000 in materials for our collection, including many audiobooks and cookbooks. We replaced the old color printer in the main room with a brand new Canon S9000 using State Aid money.

The real success of 2003 is our Annual Drive, of course. With the help of our donors, we have raised thousands of dollars in order to repair, repaint, and restore the half timbering on the building. A hearty thank you to all involved! Next year, we look forward to raising money to replace the windows in our building with more energy efficient versions.

Please feel free to stop by the Library. We're here for you!

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Brooke Helman, Library Director

Our Board of Trustees are:

John Eagar, President  
Laura Galliher, Treasurer  
Dawn Frissell, Secretary  
Mary Lou Galliher  
Lois Murray  
Mary Rice  
Susan Sauvé

## MEMORIAL DAY

The day started with rain. The parade was canceled and everyone met in the Hinsdale Congregational Church. Bruce Marshall was Master of Ceremonies. Kittredge School student band, under the direction of Melissa Campbell, played THIS IS MY COUNTRY. Band members were Megan Farrell, Chelsea Basiliere, Michelle Pezzo, Jesse Doble, Dominique Ackley, Aaron Durkee, Erika Halvorsen and Sarah Jane Dyer. "My America" was sung by Haley Mosegard and Michelle Pezzo.

Five children, Stephanie Rice, Tim Lufkin, Mary Morrison, Tiffany Grierson and Haley Mosegard participated in the laying of the wreaths in remembrance of all the heroes from all wars. Mary Lou Galliher read a poem. Mary Lou and Dawn Frissell performed a selection with more children from Kittredge School. The keynote address was by the Honorable Shaun Kelly. The American Legion and VFW attended. Military Salute was by Members of the American Legion. Taps played by Melissa Campbell.

A special thanks to Sherrie Demary and the Cub Scouts for help planting the war memorial and to Hinsdale Hardware for providing the dowels for the many flags around the memorial. Many thanks to the Congregational Church for allowing us to use their beautiful church for the services. Everyone I spoke to loved the atmosphere.

In case of rain, the parade will be canceled and we will request the church again. We appreciate all those who attended and look forward to seeing everyone for 2004. We are looking for low growing, non-invasive perennial plants for the war memorial. If you have something please let us know through our Town Hall mail or call me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria J. Greb

## PLANNING BOARD

The planning board is elected by the citizens of Hinsdale to deal with various land use matters. The board meets at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of each month and is available to answer questions concerning the town's zoning by-laws at that time. It is also responsible for initiating changes to those by-laws. The planning board reviews selected "request for special permit" and variance applications and will often take positions related to the compliance of those applications with the zoning by-laws. Also, the planning board is the evaluation and approval agency for the proposed partitioning of property along established roads (ANR actions). Two members of the board are the town's delegates to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and can be used to coordinate communications between town citizens or boards/committees, and the commission.

In addition to approving routine ANR actions during the past year, the planning board was a defendant in the court action challenging the issuance of a special permit to Tower Ventures to construct and operate a communications tower off Route 8 just south of the intersection with Michaels Road. After a trial which lasted several days, the court ruled in favor of the planning board. Construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2004. A town emergency services antenna will be mounted on the tower at no cost. We are expecting additional applications to add other service providers to the tower in the near future.

The planning board's attempt to update selected areas of the town's zoning by-laws was unsuccessful. After two public hearings and associated modifications to the original proposal, the by-law changes were tabled at the special town meeting called for the purpose. A second attempt to bring the proposal to a vote was thwarted when time ran out during the preparation process.

Also during this year, the planning board evaluated a special permit application to establish and operate a propane storage facility here in town. After applying the rules and intent of the zoning bylaws to the process described in this application and during its associated public hearing, the planning board voted to send a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals urging rejection of this application due to the fact that it is a fuel storage facility which is not permitted under the town's by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dick Roussin, Chair

Rosemary Morton, Secretary  
Jerry Gardner  
Casey Stengl  
Claudia White

## **TOWN CLERK**

### **DOG LICENSES**

Male	23	\$230.00
Female	10	100.00
Neut. Male	73	292.00
Spd. Female	78	312.00
Transfer	1	1.00
Kennel	2	40.00
<hr/> Total		\$975.00

### **VITAL STATISTICS**

Births	19
Marriages	8
Deaths	11

### **TOWN LICENSES**

Selling used cars	\$20.00
All Alcohol Restaurant	\$300.00
All Alcohol Package	\$175.00
Beer and Wine	\$125.00
Selling on Sunday	\$5.00
Selling Milk	\$2.00
Selling Oleo	\$2.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Frissell, Town Clerk



## **TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

As Treasurer, I can report another healthy free cash figure of \$157,379.00 and will again request some to go into the Stabilization account. I did hope to transfer some of last year's over, but with the state shortfalls, that wasn't able to happen.

The state finally completed the Tax Collectors computer software and I had it installed for the mailing of the FY 2004 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes. I am now in full swing of testing. The real test will be when I try and balance the accounts at the end of the fiscal year. The last three years were a nightmare, as the old program did not work properly, and were hard to balance with the accountant.

As Tax Collector I put 7 new accounts in tax title, and as Treasurer I sent 7 new accounts to Land Court for foreclosure.

Total amount of taxes committed to Tax Collector for collection for FY 2003 as follows:

Real Estate	\$1,941,754.00
Personal Property	120,707.98
Sewer Betterments	146,068.40
Sewer Liens	6,740.00
Water Liens	11,840.00
Motor Vehicle 2003	190,491.81
Motor Vehicle 2002	36,398.86
Motor Vehicle 2001	4,098.24
Motor Vehicle 2000	57.50

Total Taxes committed and mailed	\$2,458,156.79
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My wishes for a healthy, prosperous and happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pauline B. Wheeler, Treasurer/Collector

## **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

The Veterans Service Officer attended the state mandated, yearly training course in Worcester, in December.

One veteran is receiving Chapter 115 financial aid. Thirty-two veterans were assisted during the year, in such things as obtaining grave markers, annuities, DD214's, medical help, VA mortgages, etc.

Work is in progress on the Korean War veteran's memorial plaque for the monument on the library lawn. At the same time, names are being recorded for the Vietnam War plaque.

If any veteran does not have medical support, he/she can sign up with the VA medical program at the Veterans Community Care Center, 73 Eagle Street, Pittsfield. There you can obtain medical care free or for a small co-payment. Medications are each \$7.00 for a month's supply.

Again this year, I would like to thank Charlie De Angelus and his team for placing the flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day. Charlie has been doing this for at least twenty-five years.

The town is now maintaining the Washington Road cemetery. It looks very nice. Plans are being made, with the cooperation of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Rocca, to clean up the East Washington Road cemetery.

If any veteran in Hinsdale has not yet done so, please send me a copy of your discharge paper, DD214. If you don't have one, contact me to obtain one. It should be on file with your family and a copy with me. It is required for any type of veteran's help.

Again this year, I saved the American flags that were in good condition, from the cemeteries. If any organization or section of town government wishes to have some for the Bi-Centennial in July, let me know.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Collins, Veterans Service Officer

## **WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

In 2003 the sand was replaced in the third and last slow sand filter in the Water Treatment Plant at the Belmont Reservoir. Again thanks to the efforts of Mr. Ray Bolduc when he served as a Select Board member for setting in motion the use of inmate labor, and for the cooperation and support of Sheriff Carmen Massimiano, the town received approximately 200 inmate labor hours this year. This made a total savings for the Town of Hinsdale, of about \$9,000 (\$3,000 this year, and \$6,000 from the year before).

The Water Department was faced with a fine of \$27,000, because of many erroneous complaint letters sent to the DEP and the EPA, by a town official. Again due to the efforts of Mr. Ray Bolduc and Mr. Bruce Marshall who attended numerous meetings in Springfield and here in Hinsdale with the DEP, the fine was reduced to \$1,000, which the town paid.

The Water Department revised the semi-annual water billing mailing dates to the beginning of each fiscal year (July 1) and the middle of the fiscal year (January 1).

The structure of the Sewer billing for those on the Town Water line was changed from annual to semi-annual and added to the water bills for mailing simplicity.

The Sewer billing for all others not on the water lines was kept at an annual billing, but the mailing date was changed to the beginning of each fiscal year (July 1).

Respectfully submitted,  
Francis Flanagan, Water/Sewer Administrator

## **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RESTORATION COMMITTEE**

Formed by the Selectmen in 2001 for the express purpose of bringing about the restoration of Hinsdale's antique Weights & Measures Cabinet and its contents, this committee remains hard at work. Accomplished so far are the restoration of the cabinet and its contents and the installation of both in the handicapped-accessible first floor of Hinsdale Town Hall. In the works are the construction of a custom glass-fronted cabinet to hold artifacts that do not fit in the original cabinet and the creation of scientific and historic interpretations to connect citizens with the cabinet and its contents. Installation of this second cabinet along with initial presentation of the interpretations is currently planned for Bicentennial Week, July 2004.

To accomplish the initial restoration, committee members applied for and received grants of \$1,000 each from the Hinsdale-Peru Cultural Council and Berkshire Bank's Greater Berkshire Foundation. The balance of \$1,500 was voted on at town meeting. Funding to construct the additional cabinet comes from a successful grant application to the Hinsdale-Peru Cultural Council, the Communities arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Both grants from the local cultural council were awarded with the provision that scientific and historic interpretations of the cabinet and its contents be given and a curriculum be written for school, scout, or other use. Berkshire Bank's grant came with a provision that Bank executives be invited to a dedication ceremony. This committee intends to honor all of these provisions during Bicentennial Week, 2004. Please check your local newspaper for date and time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Flanagan  
Margi Roussin  
Polly Wheeler

Members:  
Jan Flanagan  
Margi Roussin  
Polly Wheeler

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Again this year the legislature and the Governor have not approved a final budget as this report is written. Therefore, the Finance Committee has used the preliminary budget numbers released by the Governor in preparing the FY05 town budget.

The largest component of the town budget is school assessments (operating and capital). These two accounts make up approximately 68% of the town budget when adjusted to remove sewer and water expenses and free cash offsets. In total, the requested school assessments increase by \$117,539.00 or 10.71% over FY04. When vocational tuition is added, the percent of school spending against the total adjusted town budget is approximately 73%. In order to offset these increases we have been forced to make reductions in, or again level-fund other town accounts.

Major decreases (> \$1,000.00) in town accounts from FY04 contained in this budget include the following:

- Reduction in Assistant Assessor Salary of \$1,111.00
- Reductions totaling \$43,947.00 in wage accounts for Highway Department summer wages, winter wages, Phase I and Phase III Sewer wages and Water wages.
- Elimination of Vocational Transportation account
- Reduction of \$2,561.00 in county retirement assessment
- Reduction of \$39,102.00 in town health insurance
- Reduction of \$9,000.00 in Sewer Phase III Operating Expense
- Reduction of \$18,375.00 in Water Operating Expense
- Reduction of \$1,401.00 in Water Bond Payments

Major increases (> \$1,000.00) in town accounts from FY04 contained in the FY05 budget include the following:

- Legal account increased by \$1,400.00
- Salaries increase of 2.5% for the full time police officer, treasurer/tax collector, assistant assessor and administrative assistant (\$2,002.00 in total).
- The tax title expense account increased by \$6,000.00
- Election Officers and Ballots increased by \$1,205.00
- Police Chief salary increased by \$1,000
- First and Second Assistant Fire Chief salaries increased by \$1,000.00 each
- Town liability insurance increased \$2,205.00
- Town Hall Custodian wages increased by \$1,300.00

This budget includes requests for the establishment of several new accounts totaling \$17,500.00. These include the creation of reserves for town employees' health insurance and school capital litigation as well as a new Town Beautification Committee account and beaver control account. The insurance reserve will cover any changes in town employee enrollment in insurance plans that occur during the fiscal year. By budgeting this separately, we can carry these funds forward from year to year and only replenish the account as it is expended versus raising it through taxes each year. The

school capital litigation reserve is being created specifically for costs associated with the recovery of disputed school capital assessments.

Capital expenses totaling \$79,795.00 are included in this budget. With the exception of the repair/replacement of the pump for the fire truck, these items have been in the capital plan and were anticipated. The budget assumes using free cash to offset these expenses. We also recommend funding the Bicentennial Account from free cash. If all of these items are approved from free cash, the balance available in that account will be approximately \$57,000.00. The stabilization account is unchanged by this budget and has a balance of approximately \$350,000.00.

We have suggested to the Selectmen the creation of a separate capital stabilization account (as allowed by recently enacted state law) and the elimination of the town's capital planning bylaw. The Finance Committee would assume the responsibility for capital planning.

We remain concerned by the continued erosion of surplus funds from the water accounts. We believe this will result in having to increase user fees within the next year. We are also concerned about the cash position of the Sewer Phase III accounts, but believe this is a short-term issue driven by timing of collections. FY05 marks the final payment of Sewer Phase I loans. With these loans paid, we are hopeful we can reduce the Phase I user fees in the next year.

Overall your town remains in good financial health. However, our ability to continue to manage relatively small increases in taxes through growth and sound planning is severely strained. Level funding or cutting accounts grows riskier each year and eventually will have to be addressed. We have initiated a long range planning process to anticipate and address emerging issues and to ensure the town can continue to affordably provide the services you expect. We encourage anyone with questions or concerns to either contact a member of the Finance Committee or attend a Finance Committee meeting.

We would like to thank the various department heads for their patience throughout this process.

I would like to thank the Finance Committee members for the many hours volunteered and their total commitment to the best interests of the Town of Hinsdale.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun F. Galliher  
Finance Committee Chair

## TOWN OF HINSDALE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

Department	Project	Estimated Cost \$	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09
Police	Cruiser	30,000	0	0	0	30,000	0
Cemetery	Expansion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highway	Dump Truck	16,795	16,795	0	0	0	0
Highway	Garage Addition	52,500	0	0	0	0	52,500
Fire	Fire Station Roof	3,000	3,000	0	0	0	0
Fire	Pump Repair	15,000	15,000	0	0	0	0
Selectmen	Compactor	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	0
Selectmen	Capital Account	125,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$262,295</b>	<b>\$79,795</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>	<b>\$77,500</b>

### Current Loans Outstanding:

Loan Name	Annual Payment	Retire Date
1996 Fire Truck	\$19,165	09/11
1999 Town Hall	<u>\$18,176</u>	06/38
	\$37,341	

### Changes from FY04 - FY08 Plan

- Shifted Police Cruiser from FY06 to FY08 based on anticipated replacement
- Eliminated Cemetery Expansion (work completed with available cemetery funds)
- Shifted Highway Dump Truck from FY06 to FY05 and reduced from \$105,000 to reflect truck body replacement vs. buying a new truck
- Reduced Fire Department Roof to \$3,000 based on revised estimates
- Added Fire Truck Pump Repair to FY05
- Increased Transfer Station Compactor Replacement to \$20,000 in FY05 by pulling in FY06 funds
- Moved Highway Garage Addition from FY07 to FY09

## TOWN OF HINSDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

*Note: Due to the fact that this report goes to the press in April, the Warrant that is printed here may not be identical to the Warrant that one receives at Town Meeting. This is for informational purposes and is not a legal document. The Warrant is available one week before Town Meeting from the Selectmen's Office. The Warrant is also posted one week prior to Town Meeting at the Post Office, Partridgefield Trading Co., South Street Variety and Hinsdale Hardware.*

Berkshire, SS:

To One of the Members of the Police Department of the Town of Hinsdale:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hinsdale qualified by law to vote, to meet in the Kittredge School, at 80 Maple Street, on Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose a moderator to preside over the meeting if the elected Moderator is not present.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash," the sum of \$404.69 for previous years Zoning Board Berkshire Eagle bills or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash," the sum of \$1,800.00 for an FY04 Berkshire Eagle bill to advertise for a planner/administrator position for the DPW, or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to repeal a bylaw that established, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41 Section 106B, a Capital Improvement Committee.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to create pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 5B a Stabilization Capital Account and transfer 6,550.00 from the Stabilization General Account to the Stabilization Capital Account; or take any other action in relation thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*



**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to set up the following revolving accounts, and to take any other action thereon:

- A. A Grave Openings revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from funeral homes for grave digging services and to expend payments to gravediggers as approved by the Cemetery Commission; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$10,000.00 during fiscal year 2005.
- B. A Plumbing Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from plumbing permit applicants, and to expend payments to the Plumbing Inspector to pay for inspection services as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during fiscal year 2005.
- C. An Electrical Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from electrical permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Electrical Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000.00 during fiscal year 2005.
- D. A Building Inspector's Fees revolving account; this account to be credited with fees from building permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Building Inspector for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer, with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$15,000.00 during fiscal year 2005.
- E. A Dog Officer's Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees; and to expend payments to the Dog Officer for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00 during the fiscal year 2005.
- F. A Planning Board Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees; and to expend payments to the Planning Board, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures not to exceed \$3,000.00 during the fiscal year 2005.
- G. A Zoning Board of Appeals Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees; and to expend payments to the Zoning Board of Appeals, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures not to exceed \$3,000.00 during the fiscal year 2005.
- H. A Board of Health Inspector's Fee Revolving Account; This account to be credited with fees from the following Board of Health Inspections: Title 5 Inspections, installations and soil evaluations, private well permits, ready to eat (RTE) for business permits, seasonal summer residential camp permits. And to extend payment to all the appropriate Board of Health member or Agent for all such inspection services, as approved by the town treasurer; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$3,000 during the fiscal year 2005.
- I. A Library Revolving Account; This account to be credited with fees from overdue books to be used for book replacement; with expenditures from this account not to exceed \$500 during the fiscal year 2005.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,156.00 from available funds entitled “2002 Transportation Bond Issue,” for improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*  
*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the town will vote to set the salaries of all elected officials of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, or take any other action thereon.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	R	R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Moderator Salary	40.00	40.00	R	R
Selectmen Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	R	R
Selectmen Secretary Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	R	R
Selectmen Member Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Salary	23,175.00	23,754.00	R	R
Tree Warden Salary	2,200.00	2,200.00	R	R

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$149,996.00 for General Government Expenses and to set the salaries and compensation of all appointed officers of the town or take any other action thereon.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Legal Counsel	5,200.00	6,600.00	R	R
Moderator	40.00	40.00	R	R
Selectman Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	R	R
Selectman Secretary Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	R	R
Selectman Member Salary	1,400.00	1,400.00	R	R
Selectmen Expense	3,400.00	3,400.00	R	R
Administrative Asst. Salary	30,500.00	31,263.00	R	R
Finance Board Expense	500.00	500.00	R	R
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	R	R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Assessors Expense	6,550.00	6,650.00	R	R
Asst. Assessor Salary	34,424.00	33,313.00	R	R

Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	1,000.00	400.00	R	R
Revaluation	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Salary	23,175.00	23,754.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Expense	5,700.00	5,700.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Cama	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Tax Title Expense	6,000.00	12,000.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Expense	672.00	672.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Records	2,000.00	2,000.00	R	R
Election Officers	1,566.00	2,771.00	R	R
Board of Registrars	1,103.00	933.00	R	R
Conservation Comm Expense	3,600.00	3,600.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>141,830.00</b>	<b>149,996.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$236,590.00 as follows for the purpose of Town Highways, or take any other action thereon.

	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Finance Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>				
Summer Road Wages	54,561.00	43,856.00	R	R
Highway Admin.	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Sick and Personal Time	11,916.00	872.00	R	R
Bridges	1,500.00	1,500.00	R	R
Summer Road Maintenance	38,000.00	38,000.00	R	R
Town Garage Maintenance	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Road Machinery Maintenance	30,000.00	30,000.00	R	R
Street Signs	250.00	250.00	R	R
Highway Department Uniforms	2,150.00	2,150.00	R	R
Winter Roads Maintenance	45,000.00	45,000.00	R	R
Winter Roads Wages	70,686.00	55,462.00	R	R
Street Lights	12,500.00	12,500.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAYS</b>	<b>273,563.00</b>	<b>236,590.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,965.00 as follows for the purpose of Veterans, or take any other action thereon.

	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Finance Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
<b>VETERANS</b>				
Veterans Agent Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Veterans Agent Expenses	1,100.00	1,100.00	R	R
Veterans Aid	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Grave Flag Holders	300.00	0.00	R	R

Memorial Day Observance	325.00	265.00	R	R
War Memorial	300.00	300.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL VETERANS</b>	<b>9,025.00</b>	<b>8,965.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,524.00 as follows for the purpose of Vocational Education, or take any other action thereon.

	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Finance Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
<b>VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS</b>				
Vocational Education Tuition	120,680.00	124,524.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL VOCATIONAL</b>		<b>124,524.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2005 as adopted by a two thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and raise and appropriate the amount of \$1,562,897.00 for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2005 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$209,014.00 for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$42,750 for the purpose of Vocational Education Transportation, or take any other action thereon\*.

*Not Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

\*This article appears on the warrant by petition.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,867.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property, or take any other action thereon.

	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Finance Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
<b>PROTECTION of PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY</b>				
Dalton Communication	10,500.00	10,500.00	R	R
Berk Cnty Sheriff Communication	515.00	515.00	R	R
Gas Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	R	R
Emergency Management	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
Dog Officer Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	R	R
Dog Officer Expense	500.00	500.00	R	R
Tree Warden Salary	2,200.00	2,200.00	R	R
Tree Warden Assistants	1,100.00	1,100.00	R	R
Tree Warden's Expense	4,352.00	4,352.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS</b>	<b>24,167.00</b>	<b>23,867.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,700.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Fire Department), or take any other action thereon.

			Finance	
<b>PROTECTION of PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY (Fire Department)</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Fire Chief's Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	R	R
1st Assistant Chief's Salary	1,500.00	2,500.00	R	R
2nd Assistant Chief's Salary	1,200.00	2,200.00	R	R
Fire Department Expense	22,000.00	22,000.00	R	R
Fire Department Stipends	15,000.00	15,000.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS</b>	<b>43,700.00</b>	<b>45,700.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,801.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Police Department), or take any other action thereon.

			Finance	
<b>PROTECTION of PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY (Police Dept.)</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Police Chief's Salary	9,000.00	10,000.00	R	R
Police Full-time Officer	26,215.00	26,875.00	R	R
Police Department Expenses	9,886.00	9,886.00	R	R
Police Department Wages	33,450.00	33,450.00	R	R
Crossing Guards Wages	2,590.00	2,590.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS</b>	<b>81,141.00</b>	<b>82,801.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,674.00 as follows for the purpose of Health and Sanitation, or take any other action thereon.

			Finance	
<b>HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Comm Action</b>
Ashmere Lake Management	8,000.00	8,000.00	R	R
Plunkett Lake Management	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
24-Hour Ambulance	1,200.00	1,200.00	R	R
Animal Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	R	R
Town Waste Disposal Wages	9,950.00	9,950.00	R	R
Town Waste Disposal	40,000.00	40,000.00	R	R
No. Berkshire Waste District	2,808.00	2,808.00	R	R
Health Inspector's Salary	700.00	700.00	R	R
Visiting Nurse Assn.	2,431.00	2,516.00	R	R
Health Board Expense	1,040.00	1,300.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</b>	<b>69,329.00</b>	<b>69,674.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,341.00 as follows for the purpose of Debt and Interest, or take any other action thereon.

	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance Selectmen Action	Comm Action
<b>DEBT &amp; INTEREST</b>				
Town Hall Loan, Principal	3,583.00	3,753.21	R	R
Fire Truck Loan, Principal	12,356.00	12,973.47	R	R
Interest Long Term Debt	21,402.00	20,614.32	R	R
Interest Short Term Debt	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL DEBT &amp; INTEREST</b>	<b>40,341.00</b>	<b>40,341.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$231,108.39 for the purpose of Unclassified Town Government Expenses as follows, or take any other action thereon.

	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance Selectmen Action	Comm Action
<b>UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES</b>				
Audit	5,500.00	5,500.00	R	R
Accounting Services	13,000.00	13,500.00	R	R
Town Insurances	44,100.00	46,305.00	R	R
Health & Dental Insurance	63,286.00	24,184.02	R	R
County Retirement	43,142.00	40,581.00	R	R
Social Security & Medicare	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Reserve Fund	12,000.00	12,000.00	R	R
Town Hall Operating Expenses	9,500.00	9,500.00	R	R
Centrex Telephone	7,000.00	7,000.00	R	R
Printing/Delivery Town Reports	2,600.00	3,100.00	R	R
Town Hall Custodian	6,500.00	7,800.00	R	R
Office Machine Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Computer Staff Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
Heating-Garage-Fire House	7,000.00	7,000.00	R	R
Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police	13,000.00	13,000.00	R	R
Council on Aging	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
Recreation Association	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Sports/Recreation Comm.	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Youth Center Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Town Wide Mowing	17,055.00	16,210.00	R	R
Community Day	3,150.00	3,150.00	R	R
Historical Commission	200.00	0.00	R	R
Town Mapping	875.00	200.00	R	R
Berkshire County Reg. Planning	1,052.07	1,078.37	R	R
<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>284,960.07</b>	<b>231,108.39</b>		

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,045.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Public Library Operating Expenses, or take any other action thereon.

	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Finance Comm Action</b>
<b>Public Library Expenses</b>				
Library Director's Salary	14,245.00	14,245.00	R	R
Library Assistant Salary	20,567.00	20,567.00	R	R
Library Expenses	18,238.00	19,233.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>53,050</b>	<b>54,045.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,890.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Finance Comm Action</b>
<b>Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses</b>				
Sewer Phase I & II Admin. Salary	4,750.00	4,750.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Dept Operating Exp.	33,000.00	33,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Debt Obligations	4,334.00	4,280.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Dept. Wages	2,000.00	1,860.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46,084.00</b>	<b>45,890.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,940.00 for Sewer Phase III Operating Expenses, from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Finance Comm Action</b>
<b>Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses</b>				
Sewer Phase III Administrator Salary	5,500.00	5,500.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Oper. Expenses	31,000.00	22,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Maintenance	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Phase III Sewer Dept. Wages	10,141.00	7,440.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52,641.00</b>	<b>40,940.00</b>		

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote 149,104.00 for Sewer Phase III Loan payments and to fund such appropriation by transferring 105,000.00 from Sewer Betterment Reserve and raise and appropriate 44,104.00, this amount to be fully offset by FY 2005 Sewer Phase III Betterment fees; or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$187,416.00 to the following Water Department Operating Expenses:

<b>Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>Proposed FY2005</b>	<b>Selectmen Action</b>	<b>Finance Comm Action</b>
Water Administrator Salary	4,750.00	4,750.00	R	R
Water Dept. Admin. Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Water Dept. Operating Expense	70,875.00	52,500.00	R	R
Water Dept. Wages	15,278.00	11,680.00	R	R
Water Bond Payments	118,887.00	117,486.00	R	R
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>210,790.00</b>	<b>187,416.00</b>		

and to provide such sums by transferring 133,000.00 from available funds "Water Surplus" and raise and appropriate 54,416.00, this amount to be fully offset by Fiscal 2005 Water Rent fees; or take any other action thereon.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$2,000 to the Beaver Control account, or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$500.00 for the creation of a Town Beautification Committee expense account, or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$5,000.00 to an account entitled "School Capital Litigation Legal Contingency", or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$5,000.00 to an account entitled "Health Insurance Contingency", or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$5,000 to the "Bicentennial Committee" account, or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*



**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds “Certified Free Cash,” the sum of \$20,000.00 for repairs/modifications to the Transfer Station Compactor or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds “Certified Free Cash,” the sum of \$15,000.00 for repairs/modifications to the 1986 Mack Fire Truck pump or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds “Certified Free Cash,” the sum of \$3,000.00 for repairs/modifications/painting the Fire Station roof or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds “Certified Free Cash,” the sum of \$16,795.00 for repairs/modifications/replacement to the universal sanding body on the 1986 Mack Dump Truck pump or take any other action thereon.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 36:** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**ARTICLE 37:** To choose and elect the following Town Officers:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Selectman                 | for a 3-year term |
| (1) Assessor                  | for a 3-year term |
| (1) Assessor                  | for a 1-year term |
| (3) Finance Committee members | for a 3-year term |
| (1) Finance Committee member  | for a 2-year term |
| (1) Planning Board member     | for a 5-year term |
| (1) Tree Warden               | for a 3-year term |

And you are further required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Hinsdale, qualified by law to vote in the Elections, to meet in the Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street on Saturday, May 22, 2004 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to bring in their votes for Town Officers per Article 41 and the determination of such other matters as are by law required to be determined by ballot.

AND YOU ARE HEREBY directed to serve the Warrant by posting up three (3) attested copies thereof, as required by the By-Laws of said Town of Hinsdale, seven (7) days at least before holding said meetings. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meetings.

Given under our hands  
Respectfully Submitted,  
HINSDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Marshall

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David Morton

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John Genzabella

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Date

RETURN OF SERVICE  
TOWN OF HINSDALE  
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, SS:

On the date above written, I have served this warrant posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and such other places as the Selectmen deem appropriate, but not less than three (3) in the Town.

\_\_\_\_\_, Hinsdale Police Officer