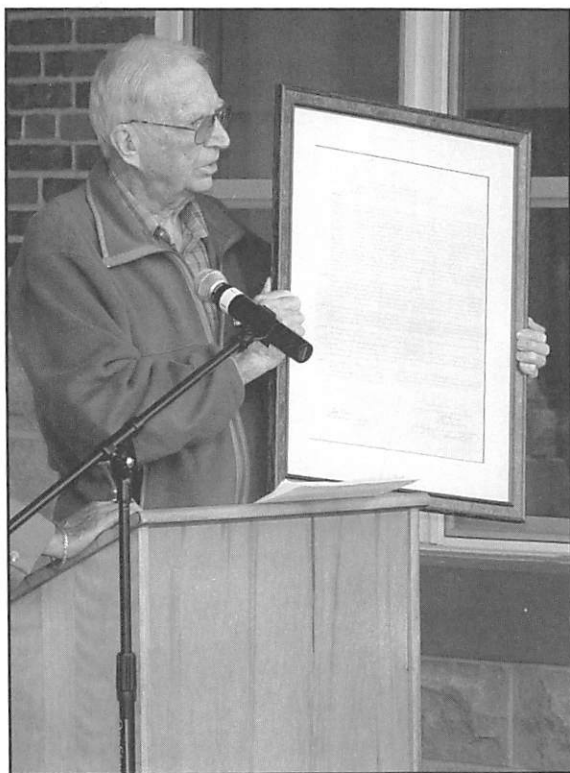


Hinsdale, Massachusetts



1804 - 2004

Annual Report 2004

To all:

The Hinsdale Bicentennial Committee would like to extend its deepest appreciation and thanks to our Selectmen, police and fire departments, town employees, boards and committees, muster team, local businesses, and most of all to our town residents, families and friends for making the town's 200th birthday celebration such a spectacular success.

I personally would like to thank my committee and supporting staff for their time and dedication to the Bicentennial and to each other.

As they say, "A job done well is a job well done."

Congratulations, Hinsdale. You look pretty good for being 200 years old!

Carole

On the cover...

Town Historian Leonard Swift presents the Town of Hinsdale with a copy of the original 1804 proclamation changing the town's name from Patridgefield to Hinsdale.

Town of Hinsdale

Massachusetts



1804-2004

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

Town Officers

For the Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 2004

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TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS

Administrative Assistant	Mon-Thurs 9-3, Fri 9-12
Assessors	Mon, Thurs, Fri, 8-4, Wed 12-8, Tues 8-11.
Board of Health	Meets: 4 th Tue. at 7; Open Wed 5:30 to ? & Sat 10 -12 or by appointment
Board of Selectmen	Meets: Every Weds 7:30
Building Inspector	Tues. 4-6
Conservation Commission	Meets: 2 nd Tues, 6:00
Council On Aging	Meets: 1 st Wed of month at 10, Lunch served Weds & Fri at 11:30
Finance Committee	Meets: 1 st Thurs of month, 7:00
Fire Department	1 st and 3 rd 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: 2 nd Mon of month, 7:00
Planning Board	Meets: 1 st 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 12-6:00. Closed Fri
Youth Center	October through April, Mon-Thurs 2:45-8, Fri 2:45-9, Sat 9-4

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS - 911

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Selectmen:

Bruce Marshall	655-2687
John Genzabella	655-2153
Edward Goddard	655-8212

Departments:

Administrative Assistant	655-2245
Animal Control/Dog Officer	655-0201
Assessor	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
Electrical Inspector	655-0279
Emergency Management	684-0500

Fire Department	655-2533
Gas Inspector	655-8101
Highway Department	655-2304
Hinsdale Public Library	655-2303
Plumbing Inspector	655-8101
Police	655-0201
Sewer/Water Admin	655-2307
Tree Warden	655-8818
Town Accountant	296-4476
Town Clerk	655-2301
Transfer Station	655-2305
Treasurer/Tax Collector	655-2306
Veteran's Agent	655-8110
Youth Center	655-2302
Zoning Board of Appeals	655-2687

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 year term)

Bruce A. Marshall, Chair	Term Expires 2005
John Genzabella	Term Expires 2006
Edward A. Goddard	Term Expires 2007

ASSESSORS (3 year term)

Laura E. Galliher, Chair	Term Expires 2006
Peter Persoff	Term Expires 2007
Harold Stengl	Term Expires 2005

CBRSD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES (4 year term)

Richard A. French	Term Expires 2008
Thomas Graham	Term Expires 2006

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)

Shaun Galliher, Chair	Term Expires 2006
Dean Smith	Term Expires 2007
Mike Frederick	Term Expires 2007
Vivian Mason	Term Expires 2005
Tim Quinn	Term Expires 2006
Mary Rice	Term Expires 2005
William Goddard, Jr.	Term Expires 2006
Margaret Steele	Term Expires 2005
Nancy Paquin	Term Expires 2007

MODERATOR (3 year term)

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

Claudia White	Term Expires 2006
Harold Stengl	Term Expires 2009

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)

Justin Russell	Appointed through 2005
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APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

(Appointed by Selectmen unless otherwise indicated)

ACCOUNTANT

Nancy Hewes

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Aimee Casey

ADA COORDINATOR

Vacant

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

W. Rodney Maloney

ASSISTANT TREE WARDEN

Jeffrey Bolduc

ASSESSOR'S ASSISTANT

(Appointed by Assessors)

Michael J. Britton

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Jeanne Carmel

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLAN- NING COMMISSION DELEGATE

(Appointed by Planning Board)

Richard Roussin, Alternate

BOARD OF HEALTH

Edward Goddard, Chair & Sec.

Ken Boudreau

William Goddard, Sr.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Dawn Frissell, Chair

Holly Adams

Mary Lou Galliher

Kay Kirchner

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Richard Haupt

William Goddard, Jr., Assistant

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Select Board

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Jan Flanagan, Secretary

Fran Flanagan

Judy Huntoon

Polly Wheeler

COMMUNITY DAY COMMITTEE

John Genzabella, Chair

Barbara Genzabella

Candice Galeucia

Brooke Helman

Pat Eagar

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN

Fran Flanagan

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mike Frederick, Chair

Don Madison

Herbert Ferry

Caleb Mitchell, Consultant

COUNCIL ON AGING

Martha Freshler, Chair

Lauria Mitchell

Amy Wahl

CROSSING GUARD

Carole Forward

CUSTODIAN

Harold Stengl

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

Ken Boudreau

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 AGENT

(Appointed by Board of Health)
William Goddard, Sr.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Peter Gallant

HIGHWAY CREW

Karl Dewkett
Justin Russell

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Don Madison, Chair
Garrett Collins
Paul D. Francese
Peter Frissell
Albert (Rick) Koch
Dale Prindle, Secretary
Carol W. Rodman

LIBRARIAN

BWS Johnson

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Mary Lunsford
Tina Martin
Jaqueline Salek
Doreen Skilton
Samantha Harrington

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Lois Murray
Mary Rice
Susan Sauve

MEMORIAL DAY COORDINATOR

Gloria Greb

**NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

Robin Dewkett

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

William Zeitler
Timothy Martin, Assistant
Lawrence Kinney, Assistant

POLICE CHIEF

Chris Powell

POLICE OFFICERS

Eric Autenreith
Nancy Daniels
Nicole Noble
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

ATTEN DANTS

Riley Bates
Robin Dewkett

TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT

(Appointed by Town Clerk)
Mary Lou Galliher

TOWN COUNSEL

Edward M Reilly, Esq.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

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

Raymond Bolduc, Chairman
Colleen Marshall, Secretary
Scott Smith
Meredith A. Read
Amos Pike, Alternate

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Once again, the Board of Selectmen tackled another busy year. This year in particular was a busy one because 2004 was the 200th anniversary of Hinsdale being incorporated as a town. A copy of the proclamation changing the town's name from Partridgefield to Hinsdale is hanging in town hall and is worth taking a look at.

Just to highlight a few events of the past year:

- First and foremost, the Red Sox won the World Series. The curse is broken. Go Sox!
- The Board appointed an Earth Removal Inspector after a three year vacancy. Ken Boudreau hit the ground running and will be monitoring all aspects of gravel removal operations in town, which are in need of some reining in.
- Main Street bridge is under reconstruction and is scheduled to be completed in the fall.
- The Pettit property on George Schnopp Road, which had been an eyesore for many years, was demolished in October.
- The Board identified several cost saving measures at our water treatment plant to help keep water rates stable.
- The Board is devising ways to better recycling efforts at the transfer station, again to keep costs under control.
- The bridge at the Plunkett Lake dam was totally overhauled and new splashboards were installed.
- We had planned to repave some of the worst roads in town in 2004, but because of the state mandate to replace the floor drain at the town garage, most of the Chapter 90 funds were used up. We are hopeful that there will be enough left over to start a few in the spring.
- The most notable highlight of the year was of course, the Bicentennial. The celebration this year was a huge success. Thanks to a tireless committee and their Chairperson Carole Forward. Here's wishing we could all be around for the next one!

The addition of Ed Goddard to our board this past year has made this the most proactive board I have had the pleasure to be a part of in the 27 years of my tenure as Selectman. The negativity of the past three years is gone and you will be seeing nothing but good coming from your present Board of Selectmen.

In closing, I wish to thank all of our town employees, committees, board members, volunteers and our administrative assistant Aimee Casey for another fine job throughout the year. Thanks also to my fellow Selectmen John Genzabella and Ed Goddard for their hard work and dedication to the Board. And special thanks to the Bicentennial Committee who gave us all such wonderful memories of this once-in-a-lifetime event and who are going to carry on their efforts in the coming year as the Hinsdale Dayz Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce A. Marshall, Chairman

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

2004 was a fantastic year for the Town of Hinsdale. Many activities were held throughout the year for the young and younger, and many of us made new friends and many were able to meet with old friends once again. My committee worked for more than two years planning, for this town, a memorable 2004 and a very special week in July. There were monthly, then weekly, and down to daily meetings in preparation for this once-in-a-lifetime, unforgettable week.

We did endless fundraising by mail, soliciting businesses and banks, and receiving donations from our townspeople. We held everything from cookie walks and car washes to cash calendars and dances, even a wonderful auction that was held at Bas Ridge Country Club in 2003.

January 1 to June 21, 2004 went all too fast. In the spring, our main streets were lined beautifully with Old Glory which proudly waved until the fall. We also had poles down-town decorated with "Celebrate Hinsdale" banners.

Proclamation Day was held on June 21. Motorcycle riders re-enacted the Israel Bissell ride on April 19, 1775 from Lexington to Philadelphia, then back to Hinsdale, and arrived in time for our Proclamation ceremony that was held at Kittredge School. Our Selectmen were presented with a copy of the Lexington Alarm of 1775 that Bissell carried, signed by Lexington and Philadelphia. The Selectmen also signed it and it now hangs in the town hall. The Selectmen accepted a wonderful framed copy of the original Proclamation which changed the town's name from Partridgefield to Hinsdale in 1804. This was given to the town by Leonard S. Swift, our town historian. Wonderful music was played by our school children.

Bicentennial week was kicked off with a very successful Community Day. This family fun day included a pet parade, animal demonstrations by Berkshire Humane Society, music, food and library FUNdraisers, including a duck race, raffle and book sale.

The Hinsdale Firemen's Block Dance drew a crowd of 2,100! Two stages offered simultaneous live music performances – one country, the other rock. Hats off to the fire department for really outdoing themselves this year!

Activities during the week included performances by David Grover, Dr. Marmalade, Michael's Surprise Show, Pittsfield's Terpsichore Dance Center, Vinnie Brandi & Galaxy Entertainment, Sounds of Sinatra, John Root, Berkshire Music School's Fiddlers, Oldies but Goodies, Don Sawyer, Shut Up & Dance, Just 'n Kase, and Dorian Grey, as well as attractions such as blacksmithing, a golf tournament, Revolutionary War encampment, Native American cultural events, sheep shearing, antique fire trucks and auto club displays. The delicious annual chicken barbeque by the Congregational Church was a hit, as was the Saint Agnes Ice Cream. The Lions Club, the Petell family and Marki's offered cotton candy, popcorn, French fries, hot dogs, hamburgs and sausage to feed the ever-hungry crowd.

"Kids Day" was a hit with kids of all ages. Camps Romaca and Ashmere and the Duquette Sports Academy were very gracious to join in and take on giving our children a grand

day at their camp. Several committee members held a camp in the yard of the school and fire house with all kinds of fun and games. A great ride on the Hinsdale Muster Teams competition truck was really an added pleasure.

Movie night showing "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" proved to be a huge success. Seeing all the little children come to their first outdoor movie in their pj's, with their blankies, and some hugging a teddy bear was surely a touch to the heart of all of us that remember the times of yesteryear. Chocolate candy was given to all the children, some with a sticker to win a special prize. Free popcorn was given out to everyone.

On closing day of the festivities, the "200 Years of Memories" parade marched down Maple Street and Rte. 8. This fabulous parade included the Shriners, Albany's Chocolate Thunder Marching & Dancing Band, Springfield's Marksmen Drum & Bugle Corps, the Berkshire Highlanders and many floats. The Hinsdale Muster Team ended the week-long celebration with a wonderful old time firemen's muster. And who could forget two nights of the most spectacular fireworks show Hinsdale has ever seen??!!

Not only did our committee work hard at raising money and creating a spectacular calendar of events, they also left a few legacies for the town. With the help of the GE Elfun's and family members, the Israel Bissell homestead site was transformed into a wonderful place to visit and enjoy the quiet and wooded outdoors. A visit will make you stop and think of what it must have been like to live back then.

The revitalization of Depot Park was made possible with the help of many non-committee volunteers who donated many man hours, equipment and hard work. On July 21, Depot Park was dedicated by the Selectmen and a wonderful old-fashioned concert was held by the Eagle's Band, one of the oldest bands in Berkshire County. Cheese and wine was served by Ozzie's Steak & Eggs. The lovely gazebo and park benches, donated in memory of Hinsdale residents, make Depot Park a wonderful place to sit, relax and enjoy the hubbub of the summer, and watch the trains go by.

In October, the Bicentennial Committee threw a big birthday party for the town with a tremendous cake in the shape of an H. Entertainment was provided by Housatonic Philharmonic, Hinsdale Bluegrass Band and Lulu and the Shoemakers. The Bicentennial Chairperson was given a Key to the City by the Selectmen, the first to be given out by the town of Hinsdale.

For the holidays, what fun it was decorating the library lawn with a giant polar bear and lighted tree! The street lamps were lovely with wreaths and lights. Depot Park was beautifully decorated with a tree, giant snowman, and the gazebo with gleaming lights and candy canes. Main and Maple streets were decorated with luminaries for caroling which was held in bitter cold temperatures. Afterwards we enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies in the town hall.

The huge undertakings and accomplishments that were realized by the committee are a long lasting, everyday enjoyment for residents and visitors to our town. The achievement of a week full of music, fun, and entertainment, plus the biggest parade ever in this town, will be forever in our memories. A time capsule will be stored in the vault in

town hall to preserve a snapshot of the fun had during this festive week and will hopefully be opened at the 250th Birthday Celebration. To our town’s children and their children, our wish is for the committee of the 250th to have wonderful success and as much fun as we did.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Forward, Chair

HINSDALE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Town Historian</u>
Carole Forward	Aimee Casey	Leonard Swift

Committee Members

Jean Andrews	Jack Lott
Charlotte Baillargeon	Liz Lott
Bill Basiliere	Brenda Manarchik
Tom Butler	Vivian Mason
Judy Casey	Elizabeth Matthew
Phil Collins	Sayre Matthew
Dion Douglas	Dave Olds
Jim Dowling	Tom Porter
Martha Dowling	Michele Provencher
Pat Eagar	Susan Sauve
Stephen Forward	Tom Smith
Jim Fox	Michael Soha
Allen Freshler	Steve Suriner
Ellie Jones	Ann White
Nickie Kanable	Peter White
Pat Kanable	Sally White

Supporting Staff

Bob Baillargeon	Jim Manning
Mike Carron	Tina Martin
Nancy Crane	Barb Mills
Steve Cutler	Lacey Mills
Jan Flanagan	Richie Nataro
Brandon Forward	Dan Olds
John Forward	Adam Petell
John E. Forward	Dennis Petell
Todd Forward	Rob Provencher
Zachary Forward	Bob Sauve
Ron “Jonesy” Jones	Honey Smith
Diana Kinoy	Scott Tucker
Richard Litchfield	Chris White
Mary Lundsford	Erin White

BICENTENNIAL MEMORIES...

*Kittredge School
children march in the
Parade of Ages.*



*200 years depicted
in costumes.*

*Sock-hoppers and
the groovy 70s
bring up the rear.*





Revolutionary War re-enactors honor Israel Bissell and all our veterans at the Maple Street cemetery.

Home to Hinsdale after re-enacting Israel Bissell's Call to Arms ride. Look at all that horsepower!



Tournament players don their knickers and argyles for a vintage golf game.



Patently awaiting their turn with the antique clubs.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 19, 2004

The annual town meeting was called to order in Kittredge School at 80 Maple Street, on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM by Town Moderator Dick Marran.

Of 1,227 registered voters, 101 (8.5%) were present.

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash," the sum of \$404.69 for previous years Zoning Board Berkshire Eagle bills.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 3: Voted 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.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed by voice majority

ARTICLE 4: Voted to repeal a bylaw that established, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41 Section 106B, a Capital Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 5: Voted 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.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 6: 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 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.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 7: Voted 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.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 8: 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.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S SALARY	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Selectmen Action	Finance
				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 VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 9: Voted 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.

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
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	141,830.00	149,996.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 10: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$236,590.00 as follows for the purpose of Town Highways.

HIGHWAYS	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
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
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	273,563.00	236,590.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 11: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,665.00 as follows for the purpose of Veterans.

VETERANS	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
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	300.00	R	R
Memorial Day Observance	325.00	265.00	R	R
War Memorial	300.00	0.00	R	R
TOTAL VETERANS	9,025.00	8,665.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 12: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,524.00 as follows for the purpose of Vocational Education.

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

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 13: Voted 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.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 14: Voted 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.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 15: Voted to raise and appropriate \$42,750 for the purpose of Vocational Education Transportation.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed by voice majority

ARTICLE 16: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,867.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property.

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
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
TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS	24,167.00	23,867.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 17: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,700.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Fire Department).

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY (Fire Department)	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Fire Chiefs Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	R	R
1st Assistant Chiefs Salary	1,500.00	2,500.00	R	R
2nd Assistant Chiefs 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
TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS	43,700.00	45,700.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 18: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,801.00 as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Police Department).

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY (Police Dept.)	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Police Chiefs 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
TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS	81,141.00	82,801.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 19: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$69,674.00 as follows for the purpose of Health and Sanitation.

HEALTH & SANITATION	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
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
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	69,329.00	69,674.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 20: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,341.00 as follows for the purpose of Debt and Interest.

DEBT & INTEREST	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
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 ShortTerm Debt	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	40,341.00	40,341.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 21: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$231,108.39 for the purpose of Unclassified Town Government Expenses as follows.

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
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
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	284,960.07	231,108.39		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 22: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,045.00 as follows for the Hinsdale Public Library Operating Expenses.

PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSES	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
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
TOTAL LIBRARY	53,050.00	54,045.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 23: Voted 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".

Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Sewer Phase I & II Admin Salary	4,750.00	4,750.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Dept Op Exp	33,000.00	33,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Debt Oblig.	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 Depart Wages	2,000.00	1,860.00	R	R
TOTAL	46,084.00	45,890.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 24: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$40,940.00 for Sewer Phase III Operating Expenses from available funds "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation".

Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Sewer Phase III Admin 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
TOTAL	52,641.00	40,940.00		

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 25: Voted 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. Amended to read: Voted 149,104.00 for Sewer Phase III Loan payments and to fund such appropriation by transferring 149,104.00 from Sewer Betterment Reserve.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 26: Voted the sum of \$187,416.00 to the following Water Department Operating Expenses.

Hinsdale Water Department Operating Expenses	FY2004	Proposed FY2005	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	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	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
TOTAL	210,790.00	187,416.00		

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.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed by voice majority

ARTICLE 27: Voted to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$2,000 to the Beaver Control account.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 28: Voted to transfer from "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$500.00 for the creation of a Town Beautification Committee expense account.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 29: Voted to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$5,000.00 to an account entitled "School Capital Litigation Legal Contingency".

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 30: Voted to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$5,000.00 to an account entitled "Health Insurance Contingency".

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 31: Voted to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the sum of \$5,000 to the "Bicentennial Committee" account.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 32: Voted to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash," the sum of \$20,000.00 for repairs/modifications to the Transfer Station Compactor.

Motion to Table Article - Failed

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed by voice majority

ARTICLE 33: Voted to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash," the sum of \$15,000.00 for repairs/modifications to the 1986 Mack Fire Truck pump.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 34: Voted to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash," the sum of \$3,000.00 for repairs/modifications/painting the Fire Station roof.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 35: Voted 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.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

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 |

Adjourned to town election at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Frissell

Town Clerk

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BICENTENNIAL MEMORIES...



The revitalized Depot Park.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JULY 28, 2004

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at the Hinsdale Town Hall at 39 South Stree, on Wednesday, July 28, 2004 at 7:00 PM by Town Clerk Dawn Frissell. Of 1,227 registered voters, 20 were present.

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was not present. Bruce Marshall moved that Town Clerk Dawn Frissell act as Moderator. John Genzabella seconded.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$504.37 to the Police Full-time Salary account, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Motion made and seconded to TABLE article to a future town meeting after an opinion is sought from Town Counsel.

Passed Unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to transfer from the Winter Road Wages account the sum of \$2,000 to the Gasoline-Highway, Fire, Police account to cover FY04 fuel costs.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 4: Voted to transfer from the Winter Road Wages account the amount of \$1,257.40 to the Town Insurances account to cover FY04 bills.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 5: Voted to transfer from the Winter Road Wages account the amount of \$700.00 to the Centrex account to cover FY04 bills.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 6: Voted to transfer from the Winter Road Wages account the sum of \$1,070.93 to the Street Lights account to cover FY04 bills.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 7: Voted to transfer from the Winter Road Wages account the sum of \$11,516.81 to the Town Waste Disposal account to cover FY04 bills.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 8: Voted to transfer from the Winter Road Wages account the sum of \$4,136.38 to the Legal Counsel account to cover FY04 bills.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 9: Voted to transfer from the Winter Road Wages account the sum of \$3,849.22 to the Dalton Communications account to cover an FY03 bill.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 10: Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$25,000 to the Capital Stabilization account.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 11: Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$25,000 to the Stabilization account.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 12: Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$2,000 for repairs/modifications/replacement to the universal sanding boy on the 1986 Mack Dump Truck Pump.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn L. Frissell
Town Clerk

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BICENTENNIAL MEMORIES...



Hindsdale's Foldsville muster team during the oil fire competition.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2004

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at the Hinsdale Town Hall at 39 South Street, on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at 7:00 PM by Town Moderator Richard Marran. Of 1,309 registered voters, 17 (1.3%) were present.

ARTICLE 1: The elected moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to rescind Article 10 from the July 28, 2004 special town meeting which read "Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$25,000 to the Capital Stabilization account."

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 3: Voted to rescind Article 11 from the July 28, 2004 special town meeting which read "Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$25,000 to the Stabilization account", or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 4: Voted to rescind Article 12 from the July 28, 2004 special town meeting which read "Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$2,000 for repairs/modifications/replacement to the universal sanding body on the 1986 Mack Dump Truck pump", or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 5: Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$25,000 to the Capital Stabilization account, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 6: Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$25,000 to the Stabilization account, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 7: Did not vote to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$2,000 for repairs/modifications/replacement to the universal sanding body on the 1986 Mack Dump Truck pump", or take any other action thereon.

AMENDED TO READ: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$2,000 for replacement to the universal sanding body on the 1986 Mack Dump Truck, or take any other action thereon.

AMENDMENT VOTE: Passed Unanimously

AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 8: Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$1,085.75 to the Town Waste Disposal account to cover FY04 bills, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 9: Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$6,100 for the demolition of the structure located at 17 George Schnopp Road by the Board of Health, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 10: Voted to appropriate from certified free cash the amount of \$2,000 to be paid to the Hinsdale Fireman's Association for reimbursement of expenses for equipment replacement and repairs resulting from the power failure of August 2003, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 11: Voted to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$5,000 to the Lake Management account for engineering studies and maintenance of the settling pond at Plunkett Lake, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 12: Did not vote to transfer from certified free cash the amount of \$504.37 to the Police Full-time Salary account, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Defeated

ARTICLE 13: Voted to transfer from Sewer Receipts Reserve the amount of \$13,000 to cover a Water & Waste bill from a previous year, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn L. Frissell
Town Clerk

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TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2003- JUNE 30, 2004

Cash on Hand July 1, 2003:

General	645,762.44	
Petty	265.00	
Sewer	423,810.13	
Water	196,176.16	
Trust	398,553.09	
		1,664,566.82

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

Personal Property:		
Current Year	127,077.04	
Prior Years	1,596.94	
		128,673.98

Real Estate:		
Current Year	2,043,646.91	
Prior Years	21,798.56	
		2,065,445.47

Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Current Year	131,819.69	
Prior Years	84,012.57	
		215,832.26

Tax Titles		19,727.16
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State Aid to Highways:		
Chapter 53C	29,098.28	
Chapter 246	40,880.54	
		69,978.82

Schools:		
School Aid Chapter 70		77,323.00

Temporary Loans:		
Highway		72,865.00

Agency:		
Payroll Withholdings	322.05	
Group Insurance	672.20	
Tax Collector's Costs	6,831.00	
Town Clerk Fees	681.32	
Police Permits Due State	4,312.50	
Police Outside Detail	16,268.50	
		29,087.57

Revolving Ch. 53E 1/2:

Grave Openings	3,900.00
Plumbing Inspector	2,891.50
Electrical Inspector	3,150.00
Building Inspector	23,170.80
Planning Board	300.00
Zoning Board	4,250.00
Bd of Health	1,785.00
Library	243.80

39,691.10

Grants & Gifts:

Cemetery Memorial	660.34
Becentennial Gifts	37,170.91
Police Department Gifts	150.00
Elections - State	131.00
Library Grant	2,569.30
STRAP Grant	232.64
Arts Lottery Grant	4,117.67
Council on Aging - State	2,600.00
Emergency Management Grant	900.00
Firefighters Grant	83,736.00
Community Policing Grant	12,000.00
Comm Dev Block Grant	750,650.00
Snow Removal Grant	8,265.18
Plunkett Lake Management	12,111.93

915,294.97

Miscellaneous:

Property Damage Insurance	2,036.00
Conservation Commission Revolving	1,087.50
Sale of Cemetery Lots	2,500.00
Interest on Property Taxes	6,601.04
Interest on Excise Taxes	2,594.40
Interest on Tax Titles	5,870.53
In Lieu of Taxes	16,927.60
Garbage/Trash Charges	15,583.73
Motor Vehicle Flagging Fees	1,435.00
Liquor Licenses	1,375.00
Board of Health Permits	385.00
Conservation Permits & Fees	960.00
Fire Dept. Permits	810.00
Gas Inspectors Permits	1,252.00
Moble Home Permits	4,422.00
Dog Licenses	695.00
Police FID Permits	2,862.50
Police Dept. Permits & Fees	895.00

Town Licenses	525.50	
Copier Receipts	385.00	
Community Day Fees	330.00	
Abatements to Veterans	2,138.00	
Abatements to the Blind	1,288.00	
Elderly Abatements	7,028.00	
Veterans Benefits	2,104.00	
Lottery	179,555.00	
Court Fines	14,061.50	
Dog Fines	35.00	
Sale of Inventory	33.99	
Interest on Savings	2,230.67	
Misc Revenues	70.00	
Unclaimed Checks	1,773.69	
Refunds Net of Expenditures	779.78	
Refunds Net of Revenues	413.77	
		281,044.20
Sewer:		
Sewer Use Fees	91,102.04	
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	6,195.00	
Sewer Betterments	2,425.36	
Sewer Betterment III Tax Coll	122,292.03	
Sewer Betterment III Sewr Dept	28,166.45	
Interest on Savings	4,153.50	
Interest on Sewer Taxes	4,068.05	
Interest on Sewer Bett III Savings	1,470.96	
Interest on Sewer Bett III Taxes	3.58	
		259,876.97
Water:		
Water Rents	153,246.14	
Water Leins	14,231.52	
Interest of Taxes	5,034.18	
Interest of Savings	1,653.38	
		174,165.22
Transfer from other Funds		45,000.00
Trust:		
Interest on Stabilization		4,114.63
Warrants Payable:		
General	45,896.99	
Water	2,749.05	
		<u>48,646.04</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND		6,111,333.21

Summary:

Cash on hand 7/1/03	1,664,566.82
General Fund Revenue	3,914,963.53
Sewer Dept. Revenue	259,876.97
Water Dept. Revenue	174,165.22
Trust Fund Revenue	4,114.63
Transfers Other Funds	45,000.00
Warrants Payable	<u>48,646.04</u>

6,111,333.21

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES:

Real Estate Refunds	51,349.83
Motor Vehicle Refunds	3,670.17
Temporary Loan-Highway	72,865.00
Group Insurance	1,040.18
Tax Collectors Costs	7,398.00
Clerk Fees	669.32
Police Permits Due State	4,612.50
Cemetery Memorial	4,223.72
Bicentennial Gifts	28,938.42
State Aid to Libraries	1,368.53
Housing Development Grant	750,650.00
Septic System Repair Grant	2,650.00
Arts Lottery	7,050.46
Council on Aging - State	1,330.00
Firefighters Grant	83,736.00
Community Policing	10,458.83
Police Outside Detail	18,248.50
Mosquito Control Assmnt	7,941.00
Air Pollution Assmnt	399.00
Reg. Transit Authority Assmnt	5,562.00
RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	440.00
Lost Bond Interest	54.00
Refunds Net of Revenues	29.28
Refunds Net of Expenditures	779.78
TOTAL	1,065,464.52

Summary:

Expenditures:

General Fund	3,986,282.14
Sewer	237,519.04
Water	199,736.98

4,423,538.16

Transfers to other Funds

45,000.00

Warrants Payable prior year:		
General	72,250.46	
Water	4,626.92	
Sewer	908.32	
		77,785.70
Cash on Hand 6/30/04:		
General	593,090.36	
Petty	265.00	
Sewer	445,259.74	
Water	168,726.53	
Trust	357,667.72	
		<u>1,565,009.35</u>
		6,111,333.21

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

7/1/03-6/30/04

Appropriation	12,000.00	
Tax Title Expenses	3,573.99	
Central Berkshire Reg. School	3,553.00	
Heating Garage/Firehouse	251.78	
Fire Dept. Expenses	3,600.00	
		10,978.77
Unexpended Balance		<u>1,021.23</u>
		12,000.00

ESTIMATED TO ACTUAL FY2004

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	DIFF
Real Estate Taxes	2,216,419.70	2,014,095.64	(202,324.06)
Personal Prop Taxes	130,435.58	128,673.98	(1,761.60)
Motor Vehicle Excise	207,000.00	212,162.09	5,162.09
Interest on Taxes	20,000.00	15,065.97	(4,934.03)
In Lieu of Taxes	4,929.00	16,927.60	11,998.60
Water Charges	210,790.00	174,345.22	(36,444.78)
Trash	16,500.00	15,583.73	(916.27)
Fees	1,900.00	1,820.00	(80.00)
Licenses & Permits	17,000.00	14,512.00	(2,488.00)
Fines	18,000.00	14,096.50	(3,903.50)
Interest	3,000.00	2,230.67	(769.33)
Sale of Inventory	0.00	33.99	33.99
Misc Recurring	194.00	70.00	(124.00)
Chapter 70	77,323.00	77,323.00	0.00
Lottery	179,555.00	179,555.00	0.00
Veterans Benefits	3,002.00	2,104.00	(898.00)

Exemptions Veterans	2,613.00	2,138.00	(475.00)
Exemptions Elderly	6,921.00	7,028.00	107.00
Blind Abatements	0.00	1,288.00	1,288.00
State Owned Land	8,381.00	0.00	(8,381.00)
TOTALS	3,123,963.28	2,879,053.39	(244,909.89)

BALANCE SHEET - 2004/06/30

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

CASH.

General Cash	593,090.36	
Petty Cash - Tax Call.	50.00	
Petty Cash - Assessors	15.00	
Petty Cash-Highway Dept.	100.00	
Petty Cash-Police Dept	100.00	
Sewer Cash	445,259.74	
Water Cash	168,726.53	
TOTAL CASH:		1,207,341.63

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Prop Taxes F2000	160.67	
Personal Prop Taxes F2001	252.27	
Personal Prop Taxes F2002	1,508.06	
Personal Prop Taxes F2003	1,293.66	
Personal Prop Taxes F2004	3,280.54	
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	30.78	
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES		6,828.61

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real Estate Taxes F2000	549.98
Real Estate Taxes F2001	1,615.82
Real Estate Taxes F2002	2,080.12
Real Estate Taxes F2003	2,566.49
Real Estate Taxes F2004	88,513.42
Real Estate Taxes F1989	94.50
Real Estate Taxes F1990	248.10
Real Estate Taxes F1996	19.16
Real Estate Taxes F1997	265.55

Real Estate Taxes F1998	21.12	
Real Estate Taxes F1999	32.40	
TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES		96,006. 66
MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES:		
Motor Vehicle Ex 2000	3,142.42	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2001	5,011.49	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2002	7,760.85	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2003	12,237.92	
Motor Vehicle Ex 2004	61,516.91	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1990	2,948.44	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1991	3,747.11	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1992	2,421.88	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1993	1,842.55	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1994	1,975.21	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1995	2,372.64	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1996	2,569.79	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1997	2,418.86	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1998	2,363.54	
Motor Vehicle Ex 1999	6,472.08	
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EX TAXES		118,801.69
WATER RENTS & LIENS		
Water Liens	13,053.34	
Water Rents	10,550.00	
TOTAL WATER RENTS & LIENS		23,603.34
SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		
Sewer Use Fees	3,350.00	
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	1,528.00	
Bettermnts Added to Taxes	623.77	
Swr Bettrmnt III TAX COLL	9,391.60	
TOTAL SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		14,893.37
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Titles	224,228.82	
Tax Possessions	9,648.11	
TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		23,3876.93
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
St Aid to Hwys Ch246	39,273.78	
Long Term Betterment Rcvb	3,928,501.41	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		3,967,775. 19

LOANS AUTHORIZED		
Loans Authr-Water Pol Prj	200,000. 00	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED		200,000.00
AGENCY		
Tax Collector Costs	1.00	
Police Permits Due State	300.00	
TOTAL AGENCY		301.00
53E 1/2 REVOLVING FUNDS		
Grave Openings	975.00	
TOTAL 53E 1/2 REVOLVING FUNDS		975.00
REVOLVING FUNDS		
Police Outside Detail	1,980.00	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		1,980.00
OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		
Overlay F2004	5,4152. 18	
TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE		5,4152. 18
APPROPRIATION BALANCES:		
Town Insurances	1,311.16	
TOTAL OVERDRAWN APPROPRIATIONS		1,311.16
TOTAL ASSETS:		5,927,846.76

GENERAL ACCOUNTS
LIABILITIES

REVENUE

Revenue Fiscal 2005	439,024.31	
TOTAL REVENUE		439,024.31

AGENCY:

Payroll Withholdings	87.21
Town Clerk Fees	46.50

TOTAL AGENCY:		133.71
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GIFTS & BEQUESTS

Cemetery Memorial	20,886.62	
Bicentennial Gifts	16,176.70	
Police Dept Gifts	150.00	
Historical Gift	76.50	
TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS		37,289.82

GRANTS

St Aid to Libraries	1,472.96
Septic System Repair Grnt	8,172.81
STRAP Grant	15,445.38
Arts Lottery Grant	6,136.63
Council on Aging State	4,022.60
Emergency Management Grnt	900.00
Community Policing Grant	1,541.17
Fire Environmental Grant	1,000.00
Capital Project-Sewer	26,424.10
Sewer Rate Relief Grant	8,644.00
Water Loan Proceeds	7,549.93

TOTAL GRANTS		81,309.58
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REVOLVING FUNDS

Mowing Tractor Maint.	2,006.56	
Conservation Comm Revolv	9,125.26	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		11,131.82

LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS

Loans Authorized Unissued	200,000.00	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISS		200,000.00

RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP

Sale of Cemetery Lots	19,097.00
Sewer Receipts Reserved	139,512.74
Sewer Betterment Reserved	38,969.60
Water Surplus	25,427.55

TOTAL RCPTS RESVRD FOR APPROP

223,006.89

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	58.18

TOTAL OVERLAYS RES FOR ABATE

97,915.59

REVENUE RESERVED:

Petty Cash Revenue	265.00
Tax Title & Poss. Revenue	233,876.93
Motor Vehicle Excise Rev	118,801.69
Sewer Usage Revenue	4,878.00
Sewer Betterments Revenue	623.77
Sewer Betterment III Rev	9,391.60
Water Rents & Leins Rev	23,603.34
Long Term Betterment Rev	3,928,501.41

TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED:

4,319,941.74

WARRANTS PAYABLE:

Warrants Payable	45,896.99
Warrants Payable Water	2,749.05

TOTAL WARRANTS PAYABLE:

48,646.04

SURPLUS REVENUE

Surplus Revenue	311,016.45
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TOTAL SURPLUS REVENUE

311,016.45

APPROPRIATION BALANCES:

ATB Legal Contingency	5,000.00	
Selectmens Salaries	233.40	
Selectmens Expenses	130.30	
Assessors Expenses	164.19	
Town Clerk's Records	1,092.93	
Highway Chapter 246	39,273.78	
Vacations & Paid Holidays	1,607.73	
Bridges	14,610.00	
Street Signs	250.00	
Plunkett Lake Dam	12,101.39	
Winter Road Wages	25,583.69	
Street Lights	704.79	
Veterans Agent Salary	500.00	
War Memorial	300.00	
Cemetery Expansion Project	29,091.82	
Dalton Communications Cnt	1,876.35	
Fire Dept Scot Packs	200.00	
Gas Inspectors Sal.	200.00	
Beaver Control	1,150.00	
Ashmere Lake Cleanup	690.88	
Lake Management Committee	1,089.66	
Plunkett Management Plan	3,000.00	
Sec 319 Grant	11,777.53	
24-Hour Ambulance Service	1,200.00	
Town Waste Disposal	14.65	
Health Board Expenses	154.69	
Town Mapping	500.00	
Town Flag	422.00	
Youth Center Maintenance	820.39	
Historical Commission	200.00	
Town's Bicentennial	71.34	
Sewer III System Mangmnt	4,419.30	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES		158,430.81
TOTAL LIABILITIES:		5,927,846.76

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
TRUST FUNDS		
Trust Cash	357,667.72	
Stabilization		351,106.71
Stabilization-Capital		<u>6,561.01</u>
	<u>357,667.72</u>	357,667.72

DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
Inside Debt Limit	123,830.68	
Fire Truck Loan		<u>123,830.68</u>
TOTAL Total Inside Debt Loans	<u>123,830.68</u>	123,830.68
Outside Debt Limit	5,307,964.87	
Town Hall Loan		303,637.65
Sewer		4,075.35
Sewer-Plunkett Lake		797,978.34
Sewer-Ashmere Lake		2,584,827.00
Water Rehab		<u>1,617,446.53</u>
TOTAL Total Outside Debt Lmt Ln	<u>5,307,964.87</u>	<u>5,307,964.87</u>
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	5,431,795.55	5,431,795.55

BICENTENNIAL MEMORIES...



Spectators take in the fireman's muster.

FY2004 YEAR END EXPENSE BUDGET REPORT

Expense Category / Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Legal Counsel (10111.00)	181.22	5,200.00	384.05	5,765.27	5,765.27		100
ATB Legal Contingency (10111.02)		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00	0
Moderator (10114.00)		40.00		40.00	40.00		100
Selectmens Salaries (10122.00)		4,400.00		4,400.00	4,166.60	233.40	95
Selectmens Expenses (10122.01)		3,400.00		3,400.00	2,081.28	1,318.72	61
FY03 Selectmens Salar (10122.02)	1,400.05			1,400.05	1,400.00	0.05	100
Administrative Assist (10129.00)		30,500.00		30,500.00	30,500.00		100
Finance Board Exp. (10131.00)		500.00		500.00	105.00	395.00	21
Assessors Salaries (10141.00)		4,000.00		4,000.00	1,900.00	2,100.00	48
Assessors Expenses (10141.01)		6,550.00		6,550.00	6,385.81	164.19	97
Asst. Assessors Salary (10141.02)		34,424.00		34,424.00	34,198.00	226.00	99
Motor Vehicle Ex Bill (10141.04)		1,000.00		1,000.00	688.05	311.95	69
Revaluation (10142.00)	1,052.67	1,000.00		2,052.67	427.14	1,625.53	21
Treas./Collector Salary (10145.00)		23,175.00		23,175.00	23,175.00		100
Treas./Collectors Exp (10145.01)		5,700.00		5,700.00	5,627.58	72.42	99
Tax Title Expenses (10145.06)		6,000.00	3,573.99	9,573.99	9,573.99		100
Treas/Coll CAMA System (10145.08)		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		100
Town Clerks Salary (10161.00)		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00		100
Town Clerks Expenses (10161.01)		672.00		672.00	672.00		100
Town Clerk's Records (10161.04)		2,000.00		2,000.00	907.07	1,092.93	45
Election Offers & Bal (10162.00)		1,566.00	131.00	1,697.00	1,676.68	20.32	99
Board of Registrars (10163.00)		1,103.00		1,103.00	1,101.56	1.44	100
Conservation Commission (10171.00)		3,600.00		3,600.00	2,589.09	1,010.91	72
Appeals Board Expense (10176.00)	560.43		404.69	965.12	560.43	404.69	58
TTL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	3,194.37	146,830.00	4,493.73	154,518.10	140,540.55	13,977.55	91

HIGHWAYS

Highway Ch 53C (20105.00)	29,099.08			29,099.08	29,098.28	0.80	100
Highway Chapter 246 (20112.00)	80,154.32			80,154.32	40,880.54	39,273.78	51
Summer Wages (20420.00)		54,561.00		54,561.00	46,410.56	8,150.44	85
Highway Administration (20421.00)		1,000.00	1,800.00	2,800.00	2,794.50	5.50	100
Vacations & Paid Holi (20421.01)	2,721.32	11,916.00		14,637.32	13,029.59	1,607.73	89
Bridges (20422.00)	13,110.00	1,500.00		14,610.00		14,610.00	0
Summer Road Maintenan (20422.02)		38,000.00		38,000.00	30,357.79	7,642.21	80
Town Garage Maint (20422.03)		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,755.09	244.91	96
Road Machinery Maint (20422.04)		30,000.00		30,000.00	23,903.67	6,096.33	80
Street Signs (20422.06)		250.00		250.00		250.00	0
Plunkett Lake Dam (20422.20)	12,101.39			12,101.39		12,101.39	0
Hwy Dept. Uniform Ren (20422.22)		2,150.00		2,150.00	1,822.52	327.48	85
Highway Front End Loan (20422.32)		90,893.00		90,893.00	90,839.00	54.00	100
Winter Roads Maint (20423.00)		45,000.00		45,000.00	44,999.09	0.91	100
Winter Road Wages (20423.01)		70,686.00		70,686.00	45,102.31	25,583.69	64
Street Lights (20424.00)	674.94	12,500.00	344.10	13,519.04	12,814.25	704.79	95
TTL HIGHWAYS:	137, 861.05	364, 456.00	2,144.10	504,461.15	387,807.19	116,653.96	77

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

C.B.R.S. Assessment (30000.01)		1,452,502.00	3,553.00	1,456,055.00	1,456,055.00		100
C.B.R.S.D. Capital (30000.02)			198,317.00	198,317.00	198,317.00		100
Vocational Tuition (30000.03)		120,680.00		120,680.00	73,840.29	46,839.71	61
Vocational Transporta (30000.04)		42,750.00		42,750.00	42,750.00		100
Library Director's Sa (30610.00)		14,245.00		14,245.00	14,245.00		100
Library Assistant Sal (30610.01)		20,567.00		20,567.00	16,929.01	3,637.99	82
Library Expenses (30610.04)	1,163.20	18,238.00		19,401.20	17,562.45	1,838.75	91
TTL SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES:	1,163.20	1,668,982.00	201,870.00	1,872,015.20	1,819,698.75	52,316.45	97

Expense Category / Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
VETERANS							
Veterans Agent Salary (40543.00)		1,000.00		1,000.00	500.00	500.00	50
Veterans Agent Expens (40543.01)		1,100.00		1,100.00	874.41	225.59	79
Veterans Rid (40543.02)		6,000.00		6,000.00	3,951.11	2,048.89	66
War Memorial (40543.05)		300.00		300.00		300.00	0
Grave Flag Holders (40543.06)		300.00		300.00	232.76	67.24	78
Memorial Day Observan (40543.08)		325.00		325.00	184.28	140.72	57
TTL VETERANS:	0.00	9,025.00	0.00	9,025.00	5,742.56	3,282.44	64
CEMETERIES							
Cemetery Expansion Pr (50491.02)	138.09		29,705.81	29,843.90	752.08	29,091.82	3
TLL CEMETERIES:	138.09	0.00	29,705.81	29,843.90	752.08	29,091.82	3
PROTECT. PERSONS & PROPERTY							
Police Chiefs Salary (60210.00)		9,000.00		9,000.00	9,000.00		100
Police Dept Wages (60210.01)		33,450.00		33,450.00	32,560.00	890.00	97
Police Dept. Expenses (60210.02)	(320.53)	9,886.00		9,565.47	8,616.31	949.16	90
Crossing Guards (60210.04)		2,590.00		2,590.00	2,562.00	28.00	99
Police Full-time Sala (60210.16)		26,215.00		26,215.00	26,215.00		100
Dalton Communications (60212.00)	2,024.39	10,500.00		12,524.39	10,648.04	1,876.35	85
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	13,125.00	1,875.00	88
Fire Department Expen (60220.04)		22,000.00	3,600.00	25,600.00	25,599.22	0.78	100
Fire Reporting Softwa (60220.08)		2,200.00		2,200.00	2,045.00	155.00	93
Fire Dept Scot Packs (60220.12)		24,019.00		24,019.00	13,157.46	10,861.54	55

Gas Inspectors Sal. (60242.00)		200.00		200.00		200.00	0
Beaver Control (60280.00)	1,150.00			1,150.00		1,150.00	0
Emergency Management (60291.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,532.84	467.16	84
Dog Officers Salary (60292.00)		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		100
Dog Officers Expenses (60292.01)		500.00		500.00	45.00	455.00	9
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	3,968.05	383.95	91
TTL PROTECT. PERSONS & PROP:	2,853.86	174,927.00	3,600.00	181,380.86	162,073.92	19,306.94	89
HEALTH & SANITATION							
Ashmere Lake Cleanup (70100.00)		8,000.00	5,500.00	13,500.00	12,809.12	690.88	95
Lake Management Commi (70103.00)	1,291.77			1,291.77	202.11	1,089.66	16
Piunkett Management P (70105.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00	0
Sec 319 Grant (70108.00)	20,000.00		9,762.18	29,762.18	17,984.65	11,777.53	60
24-Hour Ambulance Ser (70231.00)		1,200.00		1,200.00		1,200.00	0
Animal Inspector Gala (70249.00)		200.00		200.00	200.00		100
Town Waste Disp. Wage (70431.00)		9,950.00		9,950.00	8,740.68	1,209.32	88
Town Waste Disposal (70431.01)	183.22	40,000.00	2,041.19	42,224.41	42,209.76	14.65	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)		2,431.00		2,431.00	2,431.00		100
Health Board Expenses (70522.01)		1,040.00		1,040.00	885.31	154.69	85
TTL HEALTH & SANITATION:	21,474.99	69,329.00	17,303.37	108,107.36	88,970.63	19,136.73	82
DEBT & INTEREST							
Town Hall Loan (80710.02)		3,583.02		3,583.02	3,583.02		100
Fire Truck Loan (80710.04)		12,355.68		12,355.68	12,355.68		100
Int. Long-term Debt (80751.00)		21,402.30		21,402.30	21,402.30		100
Int. Short-term Debt (80752.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	648.88	2,351.12	22

Expense Category / Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance	%
53 E 1/2 Grave Openni (85002.00)		10,000.00		10,000.00	4,875.00	5,125.00	49
53 E 1/2 Plumbing Ins (85004.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,891.50	108.50	96
53 E 1/2 Electrical 1 (85006.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		100
53 E 1/2 Building Ins (85008.00)		15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00		100
53 E 1/2 Dog Officer (85010.00)		2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	0
53 E 1/2 Planning Boa (85012.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00	0
53 E 1/2 Zoning Board (85014.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,890.90	109.10	96
53E 1/2 Bd of Health (85016.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	50
53E 1/2 Library Revol (85018.00)		500.00		500.00	101.90	398.10	20
TTL DEBT & INTERESTS	0.00	82,841.00	0.00	82,841.00	68,249.18	14,591.82	82
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES							
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	251.78	7,251.78	7,251.78		100
Town Insurances (90192.01)		44,100.00		44,100.00	45,411.16	(1,311.16)	103
Town Hall Custodian (90192.03)		6,500.00		6,500.00	6,044.00	456.00	93
Town Hall Operating (90192.04)		9,500.00		9,500.00	9,214.24	285.76	97
Centrex Telephone (90192.05)		7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00		100
Computer Staff Salary (90192.06)		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		100
Gasoline-Hwy,Fire,Pol (90192.10)		13,000.00		13,000.00	13,000.00		100
Office Machine Maint (90192.12)		1,000.00		1,000.00	944.00	56.00	94
Town Mapping (90192.14)	5,450.00	875.00		6,325.00	5,825.00	500.00	92
Town Flag (90192.24)	1,200.00			1,200.00	778.00	422.00	65
Printing/Del.Town Rep (90195.00)		2,600.00		2,600.00	2,600.00		100
Council on Aging (90541.00)		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,940.00	60.00	98
Recreation Associatio (90630.00)		6,000.00		6,000.00	4,644.70	1,355.30	77
Sports/Recreation Com (90630.02)		1,000.00		1,000.00	803.84	196.16	80

Youth Center Maintena (90630.04)	1,108.20	1,000.00		2,108.20	1,287.81	820.39	61
Community Day (90630.12)		3,150.00		3,150.00	3,149.32	0.68	100
Town Wide Mowing (90630.14)		17,055.00		17,055.00	17,055.00		100
Historical Commission (90691.00)		200.00		200.00		200.00	0
Town's Bicentennial (90692.00)	1,383.27	15,000.00		16,383.27	16,311.93	71.34	100
County Retirement Ass (90911.00)		43,142.00		43,142.00	43,142.00		100
Social Security & Med (90916.00)		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,870.29	129.71	98
Social Security & Med (90916.01)	(19.60)		19.60				0
Health/Dental Insuran (90919.00)		63,286.00		63,286.00	31,657.62	31,628.38	50
Berkshire Planning Co (95690.00)		1,052.07		1,052.07	1,052.07		100
Reserve Fund (195781.00)		12,000.00	(10,978.77)	1,021.23		1,021.23	0
Sewer Administrator (300060.00)		4,750.00		4,750.00	4,750.00		100
Sewer Operating Expen (300060.01)		33,000.00		33,000.00	31,025.74	1,974.26	94
Sewer Loan (300060.02)		4,334.00		4,334.00	4,334.00		100
Sewer Maintenance (300060.03)		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,432.76	567.24	72
Sewer Department Wage (300060.06)		2,535.00		2,535.00	2,535.00		100
Sewer III Adm Salary (350060.00)		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,500.00		100
Sewer III Operating E (350060.01)	11,914.41	31,000.00		42,914.41	23,571.72	19,342.69	55
Sewer III Sewer Dept (350060.02)		10,141.00		10,141.00	59.26	10,081.74	1
Sewer III Maintenance (350060.03)	2,490.80	6,000.00		8,490.80	8,490.80		100
Sewer III System Mang (350060.06)	11,136.58			11,136.58	6,717.28	4,419.30	60
Sewer III Loans (350060.16)		149,102.48		149,102.48	149,102.48		100
Water Dept. Adm Sala (400060.01)		4,750.00		4,750.00	4,750.00		100
Water Dept. Ads. Exp. (400060.02)		1,000.00		1,000.00	997.06	2.94	100
Water Department Wage (400060.03)		15,278.00		15,278.00	11,335.47	3,942.53	74
Water Dept. Operating (400060.05)	2,191.31	70,875.00		73,066.31	63,767.45	9,298.86	87
Water Rehab Project L (400060.12)		118,887.00		118,887.00	118,887.00		100
TTL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES:	36,854.97	744,112.55	(10,707.39)	770,260.13	684,238.78	86,021.35	89
TOTAL EXPENSES:	203,540.53	3,260,502.55	248,409.62	3,712,452.70	3,358,073.64	354,379.06	90

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the people of Hinsdale, it is again my pleasure for the ninth consecutive year, to present to you the annual report from the Board of Health.

The closing year presented the board with many new state regulations which were implemented upon the communities by the Commonwealth; new septic, smoking and food service mandates are now the law, and the vast majority of the individuals in the community have willingly responded to these regulations. Those who fail to comply can expect the authority of this board to be levied upon them in the strongest manner possible.

The board saw a slight decline in the issuance of private well permits and septic designs for newer homes that are located away from public services, and this may be an indication that new construction in these areas may have reached its zenith for the foreseeable future.

Health complaints against landlords decreased with the expectation that they will continue to respect and comply with the laws regarding the rights of renters.

In this year the board will be presenting to the executive branch of your local government a proposed regulation of noise control which you citizens will be making the decision upon very shortly.

This board could not operate nearly as well and efficiently as it does without the dedication, expertise and hard work of the other members, namely: William Goddard, Sr. and Kenneth Boudreau. Everyone in this community is very fortunate to have such people who willingly and unselfishly give something back to their town and we all should be grateful for their excellence.

For myself, I am truly enjoying the service and time I give to our town, especially in the several capacities I am now honored to serve you in, and I thank all of the citizens for the opportunity to serve you in achieving our endeavors of making a good community even better.

2004 Health Permits

Recreational Camps	5
Food Services	3
Tobacco Permits	4
Private Well Permits	12
Title 5 Inspections	10
Septic Disposal	7
Housing Complaints	2
Resolved Housing Complaints	3
Building Removed for Health Violation	1

Respectfully submitted,
Edward A. Goddard, Chairman

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

This year the cemetery opened a new section in the back containing 164 plots. As the rest of the cemetery is full, all future plots will be purchased there. In the spring, we are also opening another section for cremains only. These plots are smaller and may contain up to two burials. Flush stones only may be used in this section as it is on a slight hill. Information may be obtained at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Flanagan
Fran Flanagan
Judy Huntoon
Pauline Wheeler

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is appointed by the Board of Selectman 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, 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 residents to attend. We strongly urge any one located near a water resource to contact us for information, prior to disturbing any soil and vegetation 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 acted on 1 Request for Determination of Applicability, 13 Notices of Intent, and accordingly issued 13 Orders of Condition and 1 Determination. Additionally 2 Requests for Extension of Conditions, three Requests for Certificates of Compliance and five Enforcement Orders were issued. We also conducted numerous site visits on various properties as well as conducting a great many consultations with applicants and various property owners. We anticipate that activity in 2005 will continue to be as brisk as it was during the past year.

At present there are three members (Herb Ferry, Don Madison, and Mike Frederick) on the Commission, thus leaving two vacancies. We invite prospective members to contact us and attend one of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward M. Frederick, Chair

COUNCIL ON AGING

Council on Aging had a very busy year as well as a trying year. In September, we lost a faithful servant to the senior population with the death of Barbara Callahan. Barbara was always busy behind the lines helping wherever she could, as well as a tremendous Meal Site Director. She is sorely missed by many.

Amy Wahl has done a very capable job as Meal Site Director with the assistance of Lauria Mitchell and Madeline Emerson.

Senior meals are served every Monday and Wednesday in the Community Room. All are welcome, especially those 60 and over. A \$2.00 donation is suggested. Attendance has been variable this year due to illness but we remain optimistic.

The Hinsdale-Peru Senior Club enjoyed 4 lunches this past year. They were held at Country Charm, Kneebone's Steakhouse, Lakeside Restaurant and Williams Inn. A bus trip was taken to Lake Champlain in Burlington, VT where the seniors cruised on the Ethan Allen with a buffet lunch. They ended the year with dinner at Ozzie's and entertainment. It was a great success.

The Senior Club also paid for the piano in the Community Room to be tuned. Council funds helped pay the bus trips.

Amy Wahl and I are senior representatives to Hinsdale/Washington TRIAD. One of our most notable activities was hosting the TRIAD picnic on July 21 as part of the Hinsdale Bicentennial Days. Everything turned out to be rather successful including ideal weather conditions. It was held under a huge tent behind the firehouse. Members of TRIADS in Berkshire County as well as seniors in Hinsdale enjoyed the day with a picnic lunch prepared by the Sheriff's Department. Many door prizes were given to those in attendance, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and individuals.

Some of our council money is used to support Hinsdale/Washington TRIAD. Among programs they have presented are File of Life, AARP Safe Driving and Adult CPR. All TRIAD members were in attendance at the annual meeting at the Log Cabin in Holyoke in May.

A few requests for transportation have been met. No one has been turned down as far as I know. Lending Library in the COA continues to be a popular spot.

We will continue to serve the seniors to the best of our ability. We encourage more to be involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Freshler, Chair
Amy Wahl
Lauria Mitchell

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The volunteers of this department have had another productive year maintaining and upgrading the equipment and capabilities of this department as well as assisting other departments. We were able to help the Highway Department locate and acquire a replacement for their utility truck. We refurbished our truck (acquired from surplus last year) and have made this vehicle available to other town departments as needed.

We are pleased that the excess property program is being reinstituted. This program has been the source for much equipment currently in use by numerous departments in town.

We have spent many hours attending various meetings and in training in order to remain current on continually changing state and federal requirements. Most recently I have been pursuing certification as an Incident Commander. By achieving this certification, the town becomes eligible for numerous state and federal grant programs.

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

BICENTENNIAL MEMORIES...



Enjoying Native American folklore.

HINSDALE/PERU CULTURAL COUNCIL

Funded by the Communities arm of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Hinsdale-Peru Cultural Council in October, 2004, awarded \$4,500 in grants to projects that directly benefit the citizens of Hinsdale and Peru. Listed below are the eleven grant recipients and amounts:

Kittredge School:	\$2,000 for Berkshire Theater Festival school-residency fee
Nessacus School:	\$600 to PTO for cultural enrichment programs \$500 to Mass. Audubon for Housatonic River Watershed Project
Hinsdale Library:	\$400 for supernatural author visit 25 June, 2005
Hinsdale Bicentennial:	\$250 for Eagles Band Gazebo performance \$250 for TriCounty Banjo Band Gazebo performance
Hilltown Choral Society:	\$150 for Dec. 2004 concert at First Congregational Church
Becket Arts Center:	\$100 for workshop offered free to Hinsdale/Peru students \$100 for Performing Arts Camps (low fee or scholarship) \$50 for Art & Storytelling free to Hinsdale/Peru students
Berkshire Talking Chronicle:	\$100 daily radio news for print handicapped citizens

This committee welcomed Jeanne Andrews, Mary Louise Beaudin, Patricia Eagar and Arlene McCauley as members in 2004 bringing total membership to ten. Carolyn LeComte and Colleen Lussier are from Peru. Remaining members from Hinsdale are: Kathleen Dudziak, Colleen Marshall, Nancy Rice, and Margaret Roussin, Chair. Aimee Casey is council administrator.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Roussin, Chair

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the year 2004 the Hinsdale Fire Dept. received and responded to a total of 59 calls, representing a total of 586 man hours.

The type and total of calls are as follows:

Fires In Structures	4
Chimney Fires	1
Grass & Brush	5
Motor Veh. Accidents	20
Car Fires	1
Service Calls	9
False Alarms	12
Mutual Aid	7
Total	59

MUTUAL AID BREAKDOWN

Dalton	2	Peru	1
Becket	1	Middlefield	1
Windsor	1	Worthington	1

This past year saw about the average number of calls with auto accidents still being our largest number of calls. The number of false alarms continues to grow with the higher number of alarm systems being installed in new and existing homes. As I have noted in the past these false calls have become somewhat of a problem for the Fire as well as the Police Departments. Therefore I have discussed with the Select Board and the Finance Committee the implement of a rapid entry system regulation and the purchase of a secured entry key system for homes with automatic alarm systems.

The fire station and fire equipment are all in good shape. The fire station roof will be painted in the spring, and our 1986 punper will also be refurbished this spring.

The Firemen's Association has replaced our 1985 light duty rescue truck with a 1985 MACK heavy duty rescue truck, giving us the ability to carry more equipment and more importantly more manpower to each rescue situation. We have purchased and taken on the total restoration of a 1929 Buffalo Fire Pumper, which is identical to the first fire truck the Town of Hinsdale purchased in 1929. We hope to finish this project in time for this year's parade season.

On behalf of all the members of the Hinsdale Fire Dept. I would like to thank the people of Hinsdale for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry E. Turner, Fire Chief

HINSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

This past year has been an extremely busy year for the Department and its members. During 2004, 35 arrests were made, up from 17 the previous year. In all, 2,409 requests for information and assistance passed through our dispatch center of varying importance and urgency. To put it bluntly, our workload has increased. I was very happy that existing personnel remained the same, for without the dedication of my officers, the job would be impossible.

At the present time the actual status of the Community Policing Grant that we have been awarded for a number of years remains in question. This additional revenue, \$12,000.00 in 2004, has been of tremendous assistance to the Department in the past and its potential loss would put financial strain on the financial status of the Department. We have continued to support community services, sponsoring sports teams, school activities and other endeavors, which I feel has been beneficial to all involved.

I would like to once again thank the Fire Department and the Selectboard for their continued assistance and support. A special thanks goes to Emergency Management Director, Raymond Bolduc for his assistance with funding for projects that would otherwise been unobtainable. In closing I would like to thank the members of the community for their continued support and encouragement, which is appreciated more than you will ever know, not only by myself but the officers. We again look forward to serving you in 2005.

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

A whole lot happened in 2004, it was truly a banner year for the Library. Thanks to a successful annual fundraiser, we were able to repaint the exterior of the Library. Few people in town could recall the last time that the Library was painted. Our hearty thanks to all who donated!

We kept our doors open as long as possible during the Bicentennial. This was a great experience, and it showed us that our patrons would really love it if we were open more hours a week. The Library got a Cultural Council grant that allowed sponsorship of a Jazz Quartet that was well received by the audience on Community Day.

We now have 1,305 registered borrowers, an increase from 1,058. Our borrowers are starting to realize that we are here for them, and are placing an increasing number of requests for materials. We are also working diligently to ensure that we keep up with the New York Times Bestseller list.

We finished installation of new insulation above the false ceiling in the adult room in order to save taxpayer money, and many patrons have commented that it's much warmer in the Library this year. We received more than \$7,000 in shelving for our collection, which has really made our collection more viable as there is now more shelf space for our collection. More importantly, the new shelving configuration in the Children's Room allows children to be able to reach materials easier and grants an open space to hold storytime. We replaced two public access computers at the Library so that we can keep up with technology.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
BWS Johnson, 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

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Lake Management Committee is a formally established Town Committee with representation and participation from the two major lakes in Hinsdale, other town boards and state agencies. Our Mission is to improve the water quality and environmental and recreational aspects of the lakes and to protect these important water resources for the Town and the residents surrounding the lakes. The Committee would like to thank former Chairman John Eagar for his dedication and service since its formation.

Respectfully submitted
Don E. Madison, Chairman

Members:
Garrett Collins
Paul Francese
Peter Frissell
Albert Koch, Jr.
Don Madison
Dale Prindle
Carol Rodman

PLANNING BOARD

The planning board is a five member board and 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 by-laws at that time. It is also responsible for initiating changes to those by-laws. The planning board reviews selected request for special permits and variance applications. Also, the planning board is the evaluation and the approval agency for the proposed partitioning of property along established roads.

In the summer of 2004, three of the five members on the planning board resigned. For the betterment of the Town of Hinsdale these three positions need to be filled. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the planning board should contact a Selectman or the Town Clerk for details.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold (Casey) Stengl, Member
Claudia White

TOWN CLERK

DOG LICENSES

Male	23@\$10.00	230.00
Female	10@\$10.00	100.00
Neut. Male	73@\$4.00	292.00
Spd. Female	78@\$4.00	312.00
Transfer	1@\$1.00	1.00
Kennel	2@\$20.00	40.00

Total		975.00
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VITAL STATISTICS

Births	21
Marriages	8
Deaths	13

TOWN LICENSES

Selling used cars	8@20.00
All Alcohol Restaurant	4@\$300.00
All Alcohol Package	2@\$175.00
Beer and Wine	1@\$125.00
Selling on Sunday	2@\$5.00
Selling Milk	2@\$2.00
Selling Oleo	2@\$2.00

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Frissell, Town Clerk

BICENTENNIAL MEMORIES...



A glimpse of Hinsdale 200 years ago.

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Another healthy free cash figure of \$205,893.00 was received for fiscal 2004 and we have also received a larger amount of state aid than we originally anticipated. Also the school budget for the year was decreased by a little over \$36,000.00. Interest rates have started to climb by tiny increases each month, and I have been keeping a close eye on them so I can reinvest the town's cash where the market is the strongest. For the past couple of years, the money markets have been paying the highest yield over certificates of deposit accounts. I am seeing some hope for the future in finance for the town, if the trends keep to the same steady growth.

We are very actively working on tax titles and land in foreclosure. I have had a very productive and successful year in collections in this respect. Twelve properties have been paid up that were in tax title and two properties in land court have been paid in full and redeemed for a total of \$50,959.48. I also have started a payment plan for three of the accounts in tax title and one account in land court and three more are close to this decree.

In the next year I am hoping to put a new plan into place for the collection of tax titles, but I am still in the planning stages, so I won't go into any further detail now. More news on this project next year.

My best wishes to you all for the new year of 2005, may you stay healthy and warm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline B. Wheeler, Treasurer/Tax Collector

BICENTENNIAL MEMORIES...



Happy campers pose for a picture on Kid's Day.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

There were forty-seven equerries this past year, for records, decorations, benefits, etc. Nineteen of these are still active. We have one person on Chapter 115 assistance.

The Veteran Service Officer attended the Training Conference in Sturbridge, from June 21 through the 24th. This covered such topics as: the Holyoke Soldiers Home, the Shine Medicare Prescription Program, the VA Hospitals, Veterans License Plates, forms and reports to both state and federal governments, etc.

The Veteran Service Officer attended the opening of the newest Veterans Homeless Shelter in our area, in Pittsfield. It is located in the former nursing home at 360 West Housatonic Street. This facility can house over 70 residents. There are about 35 there now. It is operated by United Veterans of America, the same organization that operates the shelter at the VA Medical Center, in Leeds, Massachusetts. They offer residents addiction counseling, medical care, job placement, etc.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has recently computerized the Veterans records for the state. These records appear to be mostly accurate. In time, with input from the V.S.O.'s around the state, they will be an excellent tool. They are accessible only by Veteran Service Officers and the state officials. I am cross-referencing their list of the Korean War era veterans with the list being created here for the plaque.

For marines and former members of the Marine Corps, there is a new program of support. In Massachusetts, there is a Veteran Service Officer in all towns and cities in the state. But that is not the case in most states. To fulfill the need for helping marines throughout the United States, the Marine Corps has started a program called "Marine for Life." Marines and former members of the Marine Corps can contact this program at :www.M4L.usmc.mil; or at 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, Virginia 22134.

If any veteran wishes to reserve a plot in the Veterans Cemetery in Agawam, please do so now. They are going quickly.

This past year, the Massachusetts Legislature passed a law creating a new definition of the word "veteran" as it pertains to benefits from the state. Now the definition of this term is the same as that of the federal government. Any Massachusetts resident, who served in the Armed Forces with an Honorable discharge for the minimum number of days, is a veteran. Prior to this, there were time periods of service not recognized by Massachusetts.

Thanks again to Charlie DeAngelus and his helpers for putting the flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day.

There are informational leaflets of interest to veterans at the town hall. They are located in a wall rack on the upper level, in the center of the building.

The Vet Tech School has been closed due to the elimination of funding. This program served veterans in Massachusetts for several years, training them in new skills so they could find jobs.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Collins, V.S.O.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

Calendar year 2004 was fairly uneventful. The Water Treatment Plant is still being operated by Mr. Bernie St. Martin. Our highway employee Mr. Karl Dewkett is the secondary operator. The sewer systems at the lakes are running smoothly and without odor complaints as the Town had installed a chemical injection system at Camp Taconic. The Town installed an additional hydrant for flushing on the road from the Water Treatment Plant at Belmont Reservoir. This will help remove brown water before entering into the water mains on Longview Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis Flanagan, Water/Sewer Administrator

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Formed by the Selectboard in 2001 for the express purpose of bringing about the restoration of Hinsdale's antique Weights & Measures Cabinet, this committee concluded its activity the evening of July 22nd, 2004, with a cabinet dedication ceremony. In the presence of town citizens, town dignitaries, and benefactors from Berkshire Bank and the Hinsdale-Peru Cultural Council, committee members Margaret Roussin and Pauline Wheeler spoke and introduced presenters Shane Cassavant, John Stritch, Raymond Rousseau, and Dick Roussin. Their respective topics were Cabinet Restoration, History of Times, Balance Scale Theory & Use, and Typical Measurement Tasks. The restored cabinet and contents were dedicated to "volunteers....who give service beyond measure to the town of Hinsdale." This Hinsdale treasure may be viewed in the Selectboard Conference Room in Hinsdale Town Hall during normal operating hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Flanagan
Margaret Roussin
Pauline Wheeler, Members

FINANCE COMMITTEE

As this report is written the fiscal year 2006 town budget is still being finalized. Because of the inability of our state legislature and governor to adopt a budget or even release joint preliminary estimates, we are again forced to make assumptions regarding anticipated state revenues and expenses in preparing for town meeting.

For the past three years we have either reduced or level funded the adjusted town budget (expenses less water, sewer and school costs) in order to partially offset increases in school spending. This year the school committee is requesting an increase in operating assessment of approximately 14%. Since fiscal year 2003, school operating assessments have increased by over 36%. The total increase during that time is approximately \$466,284.00. We also anticipate vocational tuition and transportation costs to increase by approximately 10% in FY2006. As school spending makes up approximately 70% of the total town budget, it is impossible to fully offset increases of this magnitude. We have been very fortunate that new building growth has helped avoid even greater increases in property taxes.

This year's adjusted town budget reflects an increase of less than 1%. Increased costs include insurances, fuel, electricity and wages. These increases have been partially offset by reducing various expense accounts where possible and reducing the salary and hours for the administrative assistant position.

The proposed budget includes requests for the establishment of two new permanent accounts totaling \$1,500.00. These are for contributions to the Dalton CRA (\$1,000.00) and creation of a Town Beautification Committee account (\$500.00). We are recommending limited appropriation of free cash reserves (approximately \$18,000.00). We continue to recommend the appropriation of free cash reserves only for short term or non-reoccurring expenses or to fund contingency accounts.

There are no capital expenses anticipated for FY2006. The attached capital plan includes no new capital items until FY2008 when we may need to replace both a police cruiser and the highway department backhoe. In anticipation of these expenses we are again recommending that the town allocate \$25,000.00 from free cash reserves to the capital stabilization account. This would increase the balance in this account to approximately \$57,000.00.

As we have stated for the past few years, the water department surplus has been exhausted and expenses continue to exceed revenues. We have again made a recommendation to the Selectmen that water user fees be increased. We have also recommended to the Selectmen that the Phase I sewer user fees be decreased as a result of making the final loan payment for this project. We are continuing to track Phase III sewer expenses and may recommend an adjustment to Phase III sewer user fees in the future.

Overall your town remains in good financial health. The anticipated FY06 levy is below the levy limit. The levy limit will be exceeded in the future if school costs continue to increase.

In March of this year we provided the Selectmen with a long range plan which addresses issues that effect town finances. Included in this plan are various options and recommendations to reduce overall town expenses. We will continue to work with the Selectmen on these issues.

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 and their diligence in managing their budgets throughout the year.

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

Dept.	Project	Estimated Cost \$	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10
Projected Costs:							
Police	Cruiser	60,000	0	0	30,000	0	30,000
Highway	Backhoe	70,000	0	0	70,000	0	0
Highway	Garage Addition	52,500	0	0	0	52,500	0
Total		\$182,500	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$52,500	30,000

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	

Projected Receipts based on yearly transfer of \$25,000 from Free Cash to Capital Stabalization Account

	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10
	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total \$125,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Approximate Starting Balance as of 4/1/05 - \$32,000

Changes from FY04 - FY08 Plan

- Added Police Cruiser in FY10 based on anticipated replacement
- Added Highway Department Backhoe in FY08

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 18, 2005 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.

FY04

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of **\$72.49** from available funds "Certified Free Cash" to pay an FY04 heating bill, 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 the amount of **\$2,000.00** from available funds "Certified Free Cash" to pay an FY04 winter roads maintenance bill, 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 transfer the amount of **\$1,706.73** from available funds "Certified Free Cash" to the Lake Management Committee Expense account to correct an accounting error, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

FY06

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to allow the select board to create the appointed position Process Control Engineer to maintain the process control equipment at the water treatment plant at Belmont Reservoir, or take any other action thereon.

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 stone settings 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 2006.
- 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 2006.
- 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 2006.
- 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 2006.
- 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 2006.
- F. A Planning Board Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees from permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Planning Board for legal ads and other expenses, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures not to exceed **\$3,000.00** during the fiscal year 2006.
- G. A Zoning Board of Appeals Fees revolving account, this account to be credited with fees from permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Zoning Board of Appeals for legal ads and other expenses, as approved by the Town Treasurer; with expenditures not to exceed **\$6,000.00** during the fiscal year 2006.
- 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 **\$3,000.00** during the fiscal year 2006.
- 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 **\$500.00** during the fiscal year 2006.

- J. A Selectmen's revolving account; This account to be credited with fees for liquor permits; and to expend payments for legal ads and other expenses, as approved by the Town Treasurer; from this account not to exceed \$500.00 during the fiscal year 2006.

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 \$96,319.00 from available funds entitled "2004 Transportation Bond Issue," for improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004, or take any other action thereon.

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	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	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	1,800.00	R	R
Selectmen Secretary Salary	1,400.00	1,600.00	R	R
Selectmen Member Salary	1,400.00	1,600.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Salary	23,754.00	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 \$133,817.00 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	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Legal Counsel	6,600.00	6,600.00	R	R
Moderator	40.00	40.00	R	R
Selectman Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,800.00	R	R
Selectman Secretary Salary	1,400.00	1,600.00	R	R
Selectman Member Salary	1,400.00	1,600.00	R	R
Selectmen Expense	3,400.00	3,400.00	R	R
Administrative Asst. Salary	31,263.00	21,840.00	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	6,650.00	6,600.00	R	R
Asst. Assessor Salary	33,313.00	34,313.00	R	R

Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	400.00	400.00	R	R
Revaluation	1,000.00	2,000.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Salary	23,754.00	23,754.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Expense	5,700.00	6,165.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Cama	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Tax Title Expense	12,000.00	8,000.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Expense	672.00	690.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Records	2,000.00	2,000.00	R	R
Election Officers	2,771.00	1,182.00	R	R
Board of Registrars	933.00	1,033.00	R	R
Conservation Comm Expense	3,600.00	3,200.00	R	R
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	149,996.00	133,817.00		

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$240,403.48** as follows for the purpose of Town Highways, or take any other action thereon.

	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance Selectmen Action	Comm Action
HIGHWAYS				
Summer Road Wages	43,856.00	45,190.00	R	R
Highway Admin.	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Sick and Personal Time	872.00	1,764.48	R	R
Bridges	1,500.00	0.00	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	55,462.00	57,149.00	R	R
Street Lights	12,500.00	13,900.00	R	R
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	236,590.00	240,403.48		

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,665.00** as follows for the purpose of Veterans, or take any other action thereon.

	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance Selectmen Action	Comm Action
VETERANS				
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	300.00	R	R
Memorial Day Observance	265.00	265.00	R	R
War Memorial	0.00	0.00	R	R
TOTAL VETERANS	8,665.00	8,665.00		

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$182,735.00** as follows for the purpose of Vocational Education, or take any other action thereon.

	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance Selectmen Action	Comm Action
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS				
Vocational Education Tuition	124,524.00	135,930.00	R	R
Vocational Transportation	42,750.00	46,805.00	R	R
TOTAL VOCATIONAL	167,274.00	182,735.00		

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2006 as adopted by a two thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and raise and appropriate the amount of **\$1,751,721.00** for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

Not Recommended by the Finance Committee

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2006 and raise and appropriate the sum of **\$198,320.00** for said budget, or take any other action thereon

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,002.00** as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property, or take any other action thereon.

	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance Selectmen Action	Comm Action
PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY				
Dalton Communication	10,500.00	10,000.00	R	R
Berk Cnty Sheriff Communication	515.00	500.00	R	R
Gas Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	R	R
Emergency Management	3,000.00	2,750.00	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	0.00	R	R
Tree Warden's Expense	4,352.00	4,352.00	R	R
TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS	23,867.00	22,002.00		

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$46,700.00** as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Fire Department), or take any other action thereon.

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY (Fire Dept.)	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Fire Chief's Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	R	R
1st Assistant Chief's Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00	R	R
2nd Assistant Chief's Salary	2,200.00	2,200.00	R	R
Fire Department Expense	22,000.00	23,000.00	R	R
Fire Department Stipends	15,000.00	15,000.00	R	R
TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS	45,700.00	46,700.00		

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$89,608.00** as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Police Department), or take any other action thereon.

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY (Police Dept.)	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Police Chief's Salary	10,000.00	10,000.00	R	R
Police Full-time Officer Salary	26,875.00	27,682.00	R	R
Police Department Expenses	9,886.00	10,886.00	R	R
Police Department Wages	33,450.00	38,450.00	R	R
Crossing Guards Wages	2,590.00	2,590.00	R	R
TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS	82,801.00	89,608.00		

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$69,747.94** as follows for the purpose of Health and Sanitation, or take any other action thereon.

HEALTH & SANITATION	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Ashmere Lake Management	8,000.00	8,800.00	R	R
Plunkett Lake Management	3,000.00	600.00	R	R
Lake Mgt. Committee Expense	0.00	1,000.00	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	3,306.94	R	R
Health Inspector's Salary	700.00	700.00	R	R
Visiting Nurse Assn.	2,516.00	2,591.00	R	R
Health Board Expense	1,300.00	1,400.00	R	R
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	69,674.00	69,747.94		

ARTICLE 19: 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.

	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
DEBT & INTEREST				
Town Hall Loan, Principal	3,753.21	3,931.49	R	R
Fire Truck Loan, Principal	12,973.47	13,622.14	R	R
Interest Long Term Debt	20,614.32	19,787.37	R	R
Interest Short Term Debt	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	40,341.00	40,341.00		

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$244,532.77** for the purpose of Unclassified Town Government Expenses as follows, or take any other action thereon.

	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES				
Audit	5,500.00	15,000.00	R	R
Accounting Services	13,500.00	13,500.00	R	R
Town Insurances	46,305.00	47,463.00	R	R
Health & Dental Insurance	24,184.02	25,141.44	R	R
County Retirement	40,581.00	41,613.00	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	10,000.00	R	R
Centrex Telephone	7,000.00	7,000.00	R	R
Printing/Delivery Town Reports	3,100.00	2,300.00	R	R
Town Hall Custodian	7,800.00	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	8,000.00	R	R
Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police	13,000.00	15,000.00	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	500.00	R	R
Youth Center Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Town Wide Mowing	16,210.00	16,210.00	R	R
Community Day	3,150.00	0.00	R	R
Historical Commission	0.00	0.00	R	R
Town Mapping	200.00	200.00	R	R
Berkshire County Reg. Planning	1,078.37	1,105.33	R	R
Cemetery Commission	0.00	200.00	R	R
Beautification Committee	0.00	500.00	R	R
CRA	0.00	1000.00	R	R
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	231,108.39	244,532.77		

ARTICLE 21: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$54,757.00** as follows for the Hinsdale Public Library Operating Expenses, or take any other action thereon.

PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSES	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Library Director's Salary	14,245.00	14,957.00	R	R
Library Assistant Salary	20,567.00	20,567.00	R	R
Library Expenses	19,233.00	19,233.00	R	R
TOTAL LIBRARY	54,045.00	54,757.00		

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$39,667.00** as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

HINSDALE SEWER COMMISSION OPERATING EXPENSES	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Sewer Phase I & II Administrator Salary	4,750.00	4,750.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Dept Oper. Exp.	33,000.00	31,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Debt Obligations	4,280.00	0.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Depart. Wages	1,860.00	1,917.00	R	R
TOTAL	45,890.00	39,667.00		

ARTICLE 23: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$41,166.00** for Sewer Phase III Operating Expenses, from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

HINSDALE SEWER COMMISSION OPERATING EXPENSES	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Sewer Phase III Administrator Salary	5,500.00	5,500.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Oper. Expenses	22,000.00	22,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Maintenance	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Phase III Sewer Dept. Wages	7,440.00	7,666.00	R	R
TOTAL	40,940.00	41,166.00		

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds Sewer Betterment Reserved, the sum of **\$153,437.35** for Sewer Phase III Loan payments; or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote the sum of **\$200,034.16** to the following Water Department Operating Expenses:

HINSDALE WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSES	FY2005	Proposed FY2006	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	52,500.00	52,500.00	R	R
Water Dept. Wages	11,680.00	15,950.00	R	R
Water Bond Payments	117,486.00	125,834.16	R	R
TOTAL	187,416.00	200,034.16		

and to provide such sums by transferring **\$134,163.00** from available funds "Water Surplus" and raise and appropriate **\$65,871.16**, this amount to be fully offset by Fiscal 2006 Water Rent fees, or take any other action thereon

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to accept a mutual aid agreement for the Hinsdale Board of Health. This agreement will allow Boards of Health within the county to assist other Boards of Health in the event of a large-scale health emergency, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to allow the select board to sell at public auction or take other action thereon, the town owned property on Goodrich Street commonly known as Goodrich Street Park. This +/- .77 parcel of land, has been inactive for a number of years. This is a non-binding vote.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to prepare and submit to Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council a certified project application for designation of the property owned by Brian Smith on Maple Street in Hinsdale Massachusetts and shown on Assessors Map 103, Lot 97 as an economic opportunity area, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 23A of the General Laws, and further to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a tax increment financing plan with Brian Smith pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40, §59 of the General Laws, in connection with the renovation and addition to said building located on said property, and to authorize the Selectmen to take such actions as are necessary to obtain approval of the certified project application and to implement the tax increment financing plan, or take any other thereon.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to allow the select board to enter into a tax abatement agreement of the 16 Maple Street property owned by Mr. Brian Smith. This agreement would allow the abatement of property taxes over a 5-year period as described herein. Upon the complete renovation of the property as validated by a certificate of occupancy from the building inspector the abatement would begin in the next fiscal year as follows; year 1, 100% abatement; year 2, 75% abatement; year 3, 50% abatement; year 4, 25% abatement; year 5, 0% abatement, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote upon a town *Noise Ordinance* as reviewed and recommended by the Board of Health, if approved this ordinance would become effective on August 1, 2005, or take any other action thereon.

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 **\$2,500.00** for a decibel meter, 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 raise and appropriate **\$2,200.00** for the snow removal from all town sidewalks, or take any other action thereon.

Not Recommended by the Finance Committee

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 33: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipality to enter into an inter-municipal joint purchasing agreement pursuant to G.L. Ch.40 S 4A for the provision of technology solutions and related consulting and support services with the Community Software Consortium, preserving the rights and privileges established in prior agreement(s), or take any other action thereon. The duration of this agreement, in accordance to statute, shall be for no more than 25 years, with the ability of the community to withdraw from this agreement at any time. The annual obligation of the municipality under this agreement will be paid from the participating departments' expense appropriations. The annual obligation is determined by membership vote pursuant to the consortium's bylaws.

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 **\$4,000.00** for materials sampling and maintenance at the Plunkett Lake settling pond, 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 **\$2,500.00** 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 36: 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 37: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds “Certified Free Cash” the sum of **\$1,000.00** for refinishing of floors in the town hall, or take any other action thereon.

*Not Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

ARTICLE 38: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds “Certified Free Cash” the amount of **\$25,000.00** to the Capital Stabilization account, or take any other action thereon.

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

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Public Works, to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise interest in property shown on plans entitled “Town of Hinsdale Massachusetts Lake Management Committee Ashmere Lake Storm Water Remediation” for the purpose of installing grass swales and drainage pipes in the ways shown on said plans, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to rescind action taken by a previous Town Meeting and vote to separate the positions of Treasurer and Collector of Taxes effected upon the expiration of the current elected term of the Treasurer/Collector or the termination of her services to the Town, whichever occurs first, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, §1B, to have its elected Treasurer become an appointed Treasurer of the Town, or take any other action relative thereon.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, §1B, to have its elected Collector of Taxes become an appointed Collector of Taxes of the Town, or take any other action relative thereon.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 43: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 44: 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) Finance Committee member | for a 3-year term |
| (1) Planning Board member | for a 5-year term |
| (1) Town Clerk | for a 3-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 21, 2005 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to bring in their votes for Town Officers per Article 44 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

BICENTENNIAL MEMORIES...



Hinsdale's birthday cake floats down Maple Street.