

Town of Hinsdale, Mass.



The Home of Israel Bissell, Post Rider

From Watertown to Philadelphia in five days
Alerting towns of British Attack
at Lexington April 19, 1775

Annual Report 2006

On the Cover

The Home of Israel Bissell, Post Rider

Art work by local artist Teri Davis

*Special thanks to Fran Flanagan for this great idea for the cover page
and to his wife, Jan Flanagan for her creative photography.*

Town of Hinsdale

Massachusetts



1804 - 2006

ANNUAL REPORTS of the Town Officers

For the Year Ending DECEMBER 31, 2006

ADAMS SPECIALTY & PRINTING CO.
Adams, Massachusetts

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Business Hours/Directory of Town Services	3
Elected Town Officials	4
Appointed Town Officials And Employees	5
Board of Selectmen's Report	8
Town Meeting Minutes:	
Annual Town Meeting, May 17, 2006	10
Special Town Meeting, Aug. 23, 2006	21
Special Town Meeting, Nov. 29, 2006	23
Treasurer's Report	
Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2006	25
Trust Funds & Debt Balance Accounts	31
Expenditure Report	32
Beautification Committee	39
Board of Health	40
Building Inspector	41
Conservation Commission	42
Hinsdale-Peru Cultural Council	43
Emergency Management Department	44
Fire Department	45
Highway Department	46
Hinsdale Dayz Committee	47
Lake Management Committee	48
Memorial Day Committee	49
Hinsdale Public Library	50
Planning Board	51
Police Department	52
Tax Collector's Report 2006	53
Town Clerk	54
Veterans Service Officer	55
War Memorial	57
Finance Committee Report	59
Five-Year Capital Plan	61
Annual Meeting, Order of Business for ATM 2007	62

TOWN OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS

Administrative Assistant	Mon - Thurs 9-3:30, Fri 9-1:00
Assessors	Mon, Thurs, Fri, 8:30-4, Wed 2-8, Tues 11:30-4
Board of Health	Meets: 4th Tue evening of month 7:00; Open Wed 4:30-7:30 & by appointment
Board of Selectmen	Meets: Every Wed evening at 7:30
Building Inspector	Tues 4-6
Conservation Commission	Meets: 2nd Tues evening of month at 6:00
Council On Aging	Meets: 1st Wed morning of month at 10, Lunch served Wed & Fri at 11:30
Finance Committee	Meets: 1st Thurs of month at 7:00
Fire Department	Tues evening at 6:30 @ Fire Station
Hinsdale Public Library	Mon 9-1, Tues 2-6, Wed 4-8, Thurs 4-8, Fri 2-6, Sat 9-1
Lake Management Committee	Meets: 2nd Mon evening of month at 7:00
Planning Board	Meets: 1st Tues evening of month at 6:30
Police Department	Mon evening 7:30-8:30 and 2nd & 4th Wed evening of month 7:00 – 8:30
Sewer/Water Administrator	Mon-Wed 8-12:30, Wed evenings 6-7:30
Town Clerk	Wed evenings 6:30-8
Transfer Station	Tues 3-7, Thurs 2-6, Sat 9-4, Sun 11-3
Treasurer/Tax Collector	Mon-Thurs 9-3, Wed evenings 6-7:30
Youth Center	October through March, Mon-Fri 3:00 – 8:00 pm

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS - 911

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

SELECTMEN:

Bruce Marshall	655-2687
James Frambach	655-8849
Edward Goddard	655-8212

DEPARTMENTS:

Administrative Assistant	655-2245	Highway Department	655-2304
Animal Control/Dog Officer	655-0201	Hinsdale Public Library	655-2303
Assessors	655-2300	Plumbing Inspector	655-8101
Board of Health	655-2311	Police	655-0201
Board of Selectmen	655-2245	Sewer/Water Administrator	655-2307
Building Inspector	655-2309	Tree Warden	655-2304
Cemetery Committee	655-2313	Town Accountant	296-4476
Conservation Commission	655-2312	Town Clerk	655-2301
Council On Aging	655-2310	Transfer Station	655-2305
Electrical Inspector	655-0279	Treasurer/Tax Collector	655-2306
Emergency Management	684-0500	Veteran's Agent	655-8110
Fire Department	655-2533	Youth Center	655-2302
Gas Inspector	655-8101	Zoning Board of Appeals	655-2687

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 year term)

Bruce A. Marshall, Chair	Term Expires 2008
Edward A. Goddard	Term Expires 2007
James K. Frambach	Term Expires 2009

ASSESSORS (3 year term)

Laura E. Galliher, Chair	Term Expires 2009
Peter Persoff	Term Expires 2007
Harold Stengl	Term Expires 2008

CBRS D COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES (4 year term)

Richard A. French	Term Expires 2008
Alissa Goddard	Term Expires 2010

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 year term)

Shaun Galliher, Chair	Term Expires 2009
Mike Frederick	Term Expires 2007
Thomas Graham	Term Expires 2007
Dean Smith	Term Expires 2007
Vivian Mason	Term Expires 2008
Mary Rice	Term Expires 2008
Margaret Steele	Term Expires 2008
William Goddard, Jr.	Term Expires 2009
Tim Quinn	Term Expires 2009

MODERATOR (3 year term)

Richard J. Marran	Term Expires 2009
-------------------	-------------------

PLANNING BOARD (5 year term)

Claudia White	Dan Brown	Term Expires 2011
Harold Stengl		Term Expires 2009
Richard Scialabba		Term Expires 2010
David Shorey		Term Expires 2007
Paul Trova - Appointed through 2007		Term Expires 2007

TOWN CLERK (3 year term)

Dawn Friesch	Carol DeCenzo	Term Expires 2008
-------------------------	--------------------------	-------------------

TREE WARDEN (3 year term)

Pete Gallant - Appointed Through 2007	Term Expires 2007
---------------------------------------	-------------------

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

(Appointed by Selectmen unless otherwise indicated)

ACCOUNTANT

~~Nancy Hayes~~

Barbara Simken

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

~~Darlene Renzi~~

ADA COORDINATOR

Vacant

R. HAUPT

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

W. Rodney Maloney

TREE WARDEN

Peter Gallant

ASSESSOR'S ASSISTANT

(Appointed by Assessors)

~~Vacant~~

Karen Tonnelli

AUCTIONEER

Richard Marran

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Marsha Anthony

Theresa Becker

Ruth Emerson

Barb Genzabella

Laura Guerra

Linda Yarmey

BERKSHIRE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

(Appointed by Board of Selectmen)

Edward Goddard

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Jeanne Carmel

BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DELEGATE

(Appointed by Planning Board)

Vacant

R ROUSSEN

BOARD OF HEALTH

Edward Goddard, Chair & Secretary

Ken Boudreau

William Goddard, Sr.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Dawn Frissell

Holly Adams

Mary Lou Galliher

Kay Kirchner

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Richard Haupt

William Goddard, Jr., Assistant

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Select Board

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

~~Jan Flanagan, Chair~~

~~Fran Flanagan~~

Judy Huntoon

~~Polly Wheeler~~

ED Goddard

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN

Fran Flanagan

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mike Frederick, Chair

Herbert Ferry

Albert (Rick) Koch

Laurel Scialabba

Carol Pullo

COUNCIL ON AGING

Martha Freshler, Chair

Lauria Mitchell

Amy Wahl

CROSSING GUARD

Carole Forward

CUSTODIAN

Harold "Casey" Stengl

**HINSDALE/PERU CULTURAL
COUNCIL**

~~Margaret Roussin, Chair~~
~~Darlene Renzi,~~
~~Hinsdale Administrator~~
Jeanne Andrews, Hinsdale
Phil Collins, Hinsdale
Bernice Hagan, Hinsdale
John Hagan, Hinsdale
Carolyn LeComte, Peru
Vivian Mason, Hinsdale
Arlene McCauley, Hinsdale
Gerard Natale, Hinsdale
~~Robb Tolve, Hinsdale~~
Mary Cahill, Hinsdale

EARTH REMOVAL INSPECTOR
Ken Boudreau

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY**

Raymond Bolduc, Director
Brian Miner, Deputy Director
Shaun Galliher, Public Affairs
Officer
Laura Galliher
~~Richard Scialabba~~
Richard Scialabba

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF
Larry E. Turner

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
ASSISTANT CHIEFS**

(Appointed by Fire Chief)
Ralph Cormier, 1st Asst. Chief
Douglas Olds, 2nd Asst. Chief

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF ENGINEERS**
(Appointed by Fire Chief)

Dan Alderman
Mike Cornwell
Brian Hart
Dan Olds
David Shorey
Steve Surnier
Cathy Turner

FOREST WARDEN
Larry Turner

GAS INSPECTOR
William Zeitler

HEALTH AGENT
(Appointed by the Board of Health)
William M. Goddard, Sr.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
Peter Gallant
HIGHWAY CREW
Karl Dewkett
Robert Dyer

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

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Don Madison, Chair
Garrett Collins
Timothy Drake
Albert (Rick) Koch
Carol W. Rodman

LIBRARIAN
BWS Johnson, Director

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS
Tina Martin, Assistant Library
Director
Samantha Harrington
Mary Lunsford
Lauren Paro
Allison Salek
Jaqueline Salek

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Russell Parks
Arthur Rosen
~~Susan Sams~~

James D manning

MEMORIAL DAY COORDINATOR

Gloria Greb

**NORTHERN BERKSHIRE
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
REPRESENTATIVE**

~~Vacant~~

HERB FERRY

**OPEN SPACE &
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Dick Roussin, Chair
Bernie Cote
Mike Frederick
Alan Lussier
Dennis Regan
Mary Rice
Harold "Casey" Stengl
Debbie Wisner

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

William Zeitler
Timothy Martin, Assistant
Lawrence Kinney, Assistant

POLICE CHIEF

Chris Powell

POLICE OFFICERS

Nancy Daniels
Jeffrey Henault
Kenneth Kirchner, Jr.
Nicole Morris
W. Rodney Maloney
Benjamin Pigott

POLICEMAN, SPECIAL

Richard Quail, Sr.

RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Charles DeAngelus

**SEWER AND WATER
ADMINISTRATOR**

Fran Flanagan

SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION

Select Board

TAX COLLECTOR

Pauline Wheeler

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS

Riley Bates
Herbert Ferry

TREASURER

Pauline Wheeler

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
~~David Gribb, Process Control
Engineer~~

WIRING INSPECTOR

Scott Smith
John Broderick, Assistant

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Raymond Bolduc, Chair
Colleen Marshall, Secretary
~~Scott Smith~~
Amos Pike

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We have had another busy year especially with the completion of many on going projects. Outlined below are some of the highlights that occurred during the past year.

We are pleased to announce the first phase of the Ashmere Lake Remediation Project began in the spring of 2006 and was completed in July. Many thanks for the help of Lake Management, DPW, Tom Matusko, Berkshire Regional Planning and the Select Board's Office.

Special thanks to Selectman Goddard for completing all the tasks involved for the Initial Site Assessment of the Transfer Station.

The department of Conservation and Recreation ordered the Town to conduct Dam Safety Phase I inspection and Develop Emergency Action plans for Plunkett Reservoir and Belmont Reservoir Dams which are now both complete.

At the suggestion of our newest select Board member, James Frambach we began holding quarterly meetings which are working out very well.

We are looking forward to the implementation of new computer software for the Town Accountant and want to thank those involved on the Evaluation Committee. We want to thank Nancy Hewes, Town Accountant for her dedication to the town for over twenty years service. Nancy, we wish you well.

The removal of junk cars began last year and has slowed down some but will be strictly enforced by the Police Department.

Hinsdale has once again been awarded grant funds along with other towns for the housing rehabilitation program. Five qualified residents are currently participating in the program.

A new Open Space Committee was created in February 2006 and with the hard work and tireless effort of many involved the master plan was accepted this past February.

Many thanks to the Hinsdale Dayz committee for continuing year after year providing fun-filled events throughout the year.

Silt removal was not necessary from Plunkett Lake this year but will be reevaluated again next year.

Unfortunately, monies from Becket and Washington for their use of Kittredge School were not granted but I would like to thank Shaun Galliher, our Finance Committee Chair, for pursuing this issue.

Thanks to Peter Gallant, DPW Superintendent and his staff for keeping our roads in such good condition.

On behalf of myself and Selectman Goddard and Selectman Frambach we would like to thank all town personnel and committee and board members for their cooperation and hard work throughout the year. Without these people this town would not be where it is today.

Please vote and attend Town Meetings!

Bruce Marshall
Chairman

TOWN OF HINSDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

May 17, 2006

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order in Kittredge School, at 80 Maple Street, on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 7:00 PM by Town Moderator Dick Marran.

Of 1,345 registered voters, 48 (3.6%) were present

ARTICLE 1: The elected Moderator was present.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to set up the following revolving accounts, 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 2007.
- 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 2007.
- 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 2007.
- 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 2007.
- 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 2007.
- 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 2007.
- 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 2007.

- 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 2007
- 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 2007.
- J. A Fire Department revolving account; This account to be credited with fees from Fire Department permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Fire Chief for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer; from this account not to exceed **\$3,000.00** during the fiscal year 2007.

ARTICLE VOTE: *Passed Unanimously*

ARTICLE 3: Voted to appropriate the sum of **\$95,668.00** from available funds entitled "2007 Local Transportation Aid", for improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with the Chapter 90 Program, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: *Passed Unanimously*

ARTICLE 4: Voted to appropriate the sum of **\$10,196.93** from available funds entitled "FEMA Disaster Recovery Grant Program", for reimbursement for repairs from October 2005 Floods-FEMA-1614-DR as defined by 815 CMR 2.00, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE VOTE: *Passed Unanimously*

ARTICLE 5: 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	FY2006	Proposed FY2007	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,900.00	R	N R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,400.00	R	N R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,400.00	R	N R
Moderator Salary	40.00	50.00	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
Tree Warden Salary	2,200.00	1,500.00	R	R

Amended to read: FY06: Selectmen Chairman Salary 1,800, Selectman Secretary Salary 1,600 and Selectmen Member Salary 1,600. Proposed FY07: Select-

R = Recommended - N R = Not Recommended

men Chairman Salary 2,000, Selectman Secretary Salary 1,800 and
Selectmen Member Salary 1,800.

AMENDMENT VOTE: *Passed Unanimously*

AMENDED ARTICLE VOTE: *Passed Unanimously*

ARTICLE 6: To raise and appropriate the sum of **\$144,371.00** 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	FY2006	Proposed FY2007	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Legal Counsel	6,600.00	6,600.00	R	R
Moderator	40.00	50.00	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	24,960.00	29,994.00	R	N R
Finance Board Expense	500.00	500.00	R	R
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,600.00	1,900.00	R	N R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,400.00	R	N R
Assessor Member Salary	1,200.00	1,400.00	R	N R
Assessors Expense	6,650.00	5,600.00	R	R
Asst. Assessor Salary	34,313.00	35,000.00	R	R
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	400.00	800.00	R	R
Revaluation	2,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Salary	23,754.00		R	R
Treasurer/Collector Expense	5,700.00		R	R
Treasurer Salary		9,740.00	R	R
Treasurer Expense		1,805.00	R	R
Treasurer/Collector Cama	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Tax Collector Salary		14,608.00	R	R
Tax Collector Expenses		4,790.00	R	R
Tax Title Expense	8,000.00	4,000.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Expense	690.00	700.00	R	R
Town Clerk's Records	2,000.00	2,000.00	R	R
Election Officers	1,182.00	2,695.00	R	R
Board of Registrars	1,033.00	1,389.00	R	R
Conservation Comm Expense	3,200.00	3,000.00	R	R
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	139,822.00	144,371.00		

Amended to read: FY06: Selectmen Chairman Salary 1,800, Selectman Secretary Salary 1,600 and Selectmen Member Salary 1,600. Proposed FY07: Select-

R = Recommended - N R = Not Recommended

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30TH 2006

General Accounts A S S E T S

CASH ON HAND JULY 1ST, 2006

General	788,024.56
Petty Cash – Tax Collector	50.00
Petty Cash - Assessors	15.00
Petty Cash – Highway Department	100.00
Petty Cash – Police Department	100.00
Sewer Cash	605,276.35
Water Cash	263,658.15

TOTAL CASH

\$1,657,224.06

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes F2004	297.21
Personal Property Taxes F2005	301.39
Personal Property Taxes F2006	2,273.93

TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

\$2,872.53

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real Estate Taxes F1996	19.16
Real Estate Taxes F1997	265.55
Real Estate Taxes F1998	21.12
Real Estate Taxes F1999	32.40
Real Estate Taxes F2000	549.98
Real Estate Taxes F2001	946.78
Real Estate Taxes F2002	1,262.31
Real Estate Taxes F2003	839.57
Real Estate Taxes F2004	1,677.72
Real Estate Taxes F2005	4,135.84
Real Estate Taxes F2006	53,524.81

TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES

\$63,275.24

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Motor Vehicle Excise 1990	2,948.44
Motor Vehicle Excise 1991	3,747.11
Motor Vehicle Excise 1992	2,421.88
Motor Vehicle Excise 1993	1,842.55
Motor Vehicle Excise 1994	1,975.21
Motor Vehicle Excise 1995	2,372.64
Motor Vehicle Excise 1996	2,535.00
Motor Vehicle Excise 1997	2,315.42
Motor Vehicle Excise 1998	2,244.37

Motor Vehicle Excise 1999	5,717.28	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2000	2,527.21	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2001	3,039.19	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2002	3,198.26	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2003	6,134.46	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2004	4,040.24	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2005	7,327.82	
Motor Vehicle Excise 2006	38,888.02	
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES		\$92,775.10
WATER RENTS & LIENS		
Water Liens	12,673.49	
Water Rents	8,740.00	
TOTAL WATER RENTS & LIENS		\$21,413.49
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		
Income Statement Lien	50.00	
TOTAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		\$50.00
SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		
Sewer Use Fees	1,570.00	
Sewer Use Added to Taxes	2,236.47	
Betterments Added to Taxes	623.77	
Sewer Betterment III Tax Coll	5,137.96	
TOTAL SEWER USE & BETTERMENTS		\$9,568.20
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		
Tax Titles	172,195.38	
Tax Possessions	14,350.73	
TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		\$186,546.11
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
State Aid to Highways Chapter 291B	13,877.28	
Long Term Betterment Receivables	3,747,718.41	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		\$3,761,595.69
LOANS AUTHORIZED		
Loans Authorized – Water Pol Project	200,000.00	
TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED		\$200,000.00
DUE FROM TRUST FUNDS		
Due from Stabilization Fund	2,865.15	
TOTAL DUE FROM TRUST FUNDS		\$2,865.15

AGENCY		
Town Clerk Fees	92.89	
TOTAL AGENCY		\$92.89
GRANTS		
Homeland Security Grant	618.55	
TOTAL GRANTS		\$618.55
REVOLVING FUNDS		
Police Outside Detail	120.00	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		\$120.00
OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		
Bond Interest	234.00	
Mosquito Control	2.00	
Regional Transit Authority	120.00	
TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES		\$356.00
RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION		
Water Surplus	46,386.42	
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION		\$46,386.42
OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENT		
Overlay F2000	159.71	
Overlay F2004	35.33	
OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENT		195.04
APPROPRIATION BALANCES		
Assessor's Expenses	65.00	
Social Security & Medicare Taxes	485.00	
TOTAL OVERDRAWN APPROPRIATIONS		\$550.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$6,046,504.47

LIABILITIES

REVENUE		
Revenue Fiscal 2007	579,168.46	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$579,168.46

AGENCY

Payroll Withholdings	136.20	
Tax Collector Costs	20.00	
Police Permits Due State	6.25	
	<hr/>	
TOTAL AGENCY		\$162.45

GIFTS & BEQUESTS

Cemetery Memorial	25,732.63	
Depot Park Gifts	800.50	
Police Dept Gifts	250.00	
Website Gifts	160.00	
Historical Gift	76.50	
Library Gifts	7.81	
	<hr/>	
TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS		\$27,027.44

GRANTS

State Aid to Libraries	1,664.03	
Septic System Repair Grant	295.36	
Arts Lottery Grant	5,302.05	
Council on Aging – State	8,285.18	
Emergency Management Grant	900.00	
FEMA Disaster Recovery. Grant	10,196.94	
Community Policing Grant	5,735.93	
Fire Environmental Grant	1,000.00	
Tr. Of Reservations Grant	1,027.90	
Capital Project – Sewer	26,424.10	
Sewer Rate Relief Grant	8,644.00	
Water Loan Proceeds	7,549.93	
	<hr/>	
TOTAL GRANTS		\$77,025.42

53E 1/2 REVOLVING FUNDS

Building Inspector Revolving	535.70	
Planning Board Revolving	43.30	
Zoning Board Revolving	1,610.22	
Board of Health Revolving	544.00	
Library Revolving	4.30	
	<hr/>	
TOTAL 53E 1/2 REVOLVING FUNDS		\$2,737.52

REVOLVING FUNDS

Mowing Tractor Maintenance	2,006.56	
Property Insurance Damage	1,280.70	
Conservation Commission Revolving	11,722.76	
	<hr/>	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		\$15,010.02

LOANS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED

Loans Authorized and Unissued	\$200,000.00
-------------------------------	--------------

TOTAL LOANS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED**\$200,000.00****OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES**

RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	\$20.00
---------------------------	---------

TOTAL OVER-UNDER ESTIMATES**\$20.00****RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION**

Sale of Cemetery Lots	24,497.00
Sewer Receipts Reserved	190,923.37
Sewer Betterment Reserved	129,053.64

**TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED
FOR APPROPRIATION****\$344,474.01****OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENT**

Overlay Fiscal Year 1992	173.70
Overlay Fiscal Year 1993	615.83
Overlay Fiscal Year 1994	172.40
Overlay Fiscal Year 1996	19.16
Overlay Fiscal Year 1997	265.55
Overlay Fiscal Year 1998	1,368.84
Overlay Fiscal Year 1999	27.40
Overlay Fiscal Year 2001	22,543.95
Overlay Fiscal Year 2002	30,211.84
Overlay Fiscal Year 2003	40,641.00
Overlay Fiscal Year 2005	45,021.11
Overlay Fiscal Year 2006	67,372.17

**TOTAL OVERLAYS RESERVED
FOR ABATEMENT****\$208,432.95****REVENUE RESERVED**

Petty Cash Revenue	265.00
Tax Title & Possession Revenue	186,546.11
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	92,775.10
Income Statement Lien Revenue	50.00
Sewer Usage Revenue	3,806.47
Sewer Betterments Revenue	623.77
Sewer Betterment III Revenue	5,137.96
Water Rents & Liens Revenue	21,413.49
Long Term Betterment Revenue	3,747,718.41

TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED**\$4,058,336.31****WARRANTS PAYABLE**

Warrants Payable	33,763.72
Warrants Payable – Water	55.90

TOTAL WARRANTS PAYABLE**\$33,819.62**

SURPLUS REVENUE

Surplus Revenue	309,626.36
-----------------	------------

TOTAL SURPLUS REVENUE**\$309,626.36****APPROPRIATION BALANCES**

ATB Legal Contingency	5,000.00
Finance Board Expense	310.00
Tax Title Expenses	2,526.20
Town Clerk's Records	1,079.93
Highway Chapter 291B	13,877.28
Bridges	15,078.34
Beaver Control	1,700.00
Street Lights	1,162.91
School Litigation	2,227.50
Veteran's Agent Expenses	326.89
Veteran's Aid	1,854.00
War Memorial	300.00
Cemetery Expansion Project	20,901.97
Equipment Replacement	2,000.00
Lake Management Comm Exp	3,856.69
Plunkett Lake Management	1,600.00
Sec 319 Grant	57,757.90
Compactor Repairs	17,610.52
Health Board Expenses	92.00
Audit	4,000.00
Health Contingency	4,275.64
Town Mapping	700.00
Sports/Recreation Comm	72.00
Youth Center Maintenance	1,000.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Sewer Operating Expenses	545.53
Sewer Maintenance	2,000.00
Sewer Department Wages	52.77
Sewer III Operating Expense	13,872.01
Sewer III Dept. Wages	4,749.57
Sewer III Maintenance	15.20
Sewer III Loans	5,785.82
Water Dept. Wages	352.27
Water Dept. Operating Expense	3,780.17

TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES**\$190,663.91****TOTAL LIABILITIES****\$6,046,504.47**

TRUST FUNDS

	Assets	Liabilities
TRUST FUNDS		
Trust Cash	448,386.82	
Stabilization		\$386,931.91
Stabilization-Capital		58,589.76
Due to General Fund		2,865.15
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$448,386.82	\$448,386.82

DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS

	Assets	Liabilities
DEBT BALANCE ACCOUNTS		
Inside Debt Limit	97,235.07	
Fire Truck Loan		97,235.07
TOTAL INSIDE DEBT LOANS	\$ 97,235.07	\$ 97,235.07
Outside Debt Limit	5,059,793.13	
Town Hall Loan		295,952.95
Sewer		
Sewer – Plunkett Lake		777,937.40
Sewer – Ashmere Lake		2,459,815.65
Water Rehabilitation		1,526,087.13
TOTAL OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT LOANS	\$5,059,793.13	\$5,059,793.13
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	\$5,157,028.20	\$5,157,028.20

**TOWN OF HINSDALE'S ANNUAL REPORT
FY2006 YTD EXPENSE REPORT**

Expense Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Legal Counsel		6,600.00	2,500.00	9,100.00	8,856.04	243.96
ATB Legal Contingency	5,000.00			5,000.00		5,000.00
Moderator		40.00		40.00	40.00	
Selectmen's Salaries		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
Selectmen's Expenses		3,400.00		3,400.00	2,296.71	1,103.29
Administrative Assist		24,960.00		24,960.00	24,960.00	
Finance Board Expense		500.00		500.00	190.00	310.00
Assessors Salaries		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	
Assessors Expenses		6,600.00		6,600.00	6,665.00	(65.00)
Asst. Assessors Salary		34,313.00		34,313.00	33,353.43	959.57
Motor Vehicle Excise Bill		400.00		400.00	400.00	
Revaluation	352.10	2,000.00	117.00	2,469.10	2,469.10	
Treasurer/Collector's Salary		23,754.00		23,754.00	23,754.00	
Treasurer/Collector's Expense		6,165.00		6,165.00	6,162.77	2.23
Tax Title Expenses	2,182.14	8,000.00		10,182.14	7,655.94	2,526.20
Treas/Coll CAMA System		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Clerks Salary		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	
Town Clerks Expenses		690.00		690.00	689.62	.38
Town Clerk's Records		2,000.00		2,000.00	920.07	1,079.93
Election Officers & Bal		1,182.00		1,182.00	1,166.75	15.25
Board of Registrars		1,033.00		1,033.00	1,032.75	.25
Conservation Commission		3,200.00		3,200.00	2,789.24	410.76
FY05 Zoning Board Expense			1,121.62	1,121.62	1,121.62	
Total General Government	7,534.24	140,837.00	3,738.62	152,109.86	140,404.27	11,705.59

Expense Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
HIGHWAYS						
Highway Chapter 291	96,319.00			96,319.00	96,319.00	
Highway Chapter 291B			96,045.00	96,045.00	82,167.72	13,877.28
Highway Chapter 246	15,391.18			15,391.18	15,391.18	
Highway Chapter 246B	27,585.80			27,585.80	27,585.80	
Summer Wages		44,357.00		44,357.00	44,337.71	19.29
Highway Administration		1,000.00		1,000.00	600.14	399.86
Sick & Personal Time		899.20		899.20	866.32	32.88
Bridges	15,078.34			15,078.34		15,078.34
Summer Road Maintenance		38,000.00		38,000.00	34,064.39	3,935.61
Town Garage Maintenance		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,006.57	993.43
Road Machinery Maintenance		30,000.00		30,000.00	25,964.70	4,035.30
Street Signs		250.00		250.00	238.31	11.69
Beaver Control	2,000.00			2,000.00	300.00	1,700.00
Hwy Dept. Uniform Rental		2,150.00		2,150.00	1,467.70	682.30
Winter Roads Maintenance		45,000.00	1,164.66	46,164.66	46,164.66	
Winter Road Wages		56,092.00		56,092.00	56,027.35	64.65
Snow Removal – Sidewalks		2,200.00		2,200.00	1,670.00	530.00
Street Lights		13,900.00		13,900.00	13,883.97	1,162.91
Total Highways	156,374.32	239,848.20	97,209.66	493,432.18	452,055.52	41,376.66
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES						
C.B.R.S.D. Assessment		1,635,472.00		1,635,472.00	1,635,472.00	
C.B.R.S.D Capital		198,320.00		198,320.00	196,705.00	1,615.00
Vocational Transportation		46,805.00		46,805.00	45,540.00	1,265.00
Vocational Ed. Tuition		135,930.00		135,390.00	85,628.27	50,301.73

Expense Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
School Litigation	1,437.50	2,500.00		3,937.50	1,710.00	2,227.50
Library Director's Salary		14,957.00		14,957.00	14,957.00	
Library Asst. Salary		20,567.00		20,567.00	17,191.25	3,375.75
Library Expenses		19,233.00		19,233.00	19,217.90	15.10
Total Schools & Libraries	1,437.50	2,073,784.00		2,075,221.50	2,016,421.42	50,800.08
VETERANS						
Veteran's Agent Salary		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Veteran's Agent Expense		1,000.00		1,000.00	773.11	326.89
Veterans Aid		6,000.00	2,500.00	8,500.00	6,646.00	1,854.00
War Memorial	300.00			300.00		300.00
Grave Flag Holders		300.00		300.00	256.95	43.05
Memorial Day Observance		265.00		265.00	199.27	65.73
Total Veterans	300.00	8,665.00	2,500.00	11,465.00	8,875.33	2,589.67
CEMETERIES						
Cemetery Commission		200.00		200.00	12.98	187.02
Cemetery Expansion Project	23,627.97			23,627.94	2,726.00	20,901.97
Total Cemeteries	23,627.97	200.00		23,827.97	2,738.98	20,901.99
PROTECT, PERSONS & PROPERTY						
Police Chief's Salary		10,000.00		10,000.00	9,999.96	.04
Police Dept. 's Wages		38,450.00		38,405.00	31,269.90	7,180.10
Police Dept's Expenses		10,886.00		10,886.00	10,515.68	370.72

Expense Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
Crossing Guards		2,590.00		2,590.00	2,513.00	77.00
Police Full-Time Salary		27,682.00		27,682.00	26,352.93	1,329.07
Dalton Communications		10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	
FY2005 Dalton Communications			196.73	196.73	196.73	
County Sheriff Communications		500.00		500.00	500.00	
Fire Chief's Salary		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	
1 st Asst. Chief's Salary		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	
2 nd Asst. Chief's Salary		2,200.00		2,200.00	2,200.00	
Fire Dept. Stipends		15,000.00		15,000.00	12,625.00	2,375.00
Fire Dept. Expenses		23,000.00	549.67	23,549.67	23,549.67	
Equipment Replacement	2,000.00			2,000.00		2,000.00
Gas Inspector's Salary		200.00		200.00		200.00
Emergency Management		2,750.00		2,750.00	2,531.20	218.00
Dog Officer's Salary		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Dog Officer's Expenses		500.00		500.00	268.48	231.52
Tree Warden's Salary		2,200.00		2,200.00	2,199.45	.55
Tree Warden's Expenses		4,352.00		4,352.00	4,352.00	
Total Prot. Persons & Property	2,000.00	158,310.00	746.40	161,056.40	147,074.00	13,982.40
HEALTH & SANITATION						
Ashmere Lake Management	190.88	8,800.00		8,990.88	8,800.00	190.88
Lake Management Comm.	6,856.69	1,000.00		7,856.69	4,000.00	3,856.69
FY05 Lake Management			73.70	73.70	73.70	
Plunkett Lake Management	2,800.00	600.00		3,400.00	1800.00	1,600.00
Maintenance Plunkett Lake		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,346.81	653.19
Sec 319 Grant	6,792.96		91,763.82	98,556.78	40,798.88	57,757.90

Expense Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
24-Hour Ambulance Service		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	
Animal Inspector's Salary		200.00		200.00	200.00	
Town Waste Disp. Wage		9,950.00		9,950.00	8,856.66	1,093.34
Town Waste Disposal		40,000.00	17,000.00	57,000.00	53,127.44	3,872.56
Compactor Repairs	19,817.89			19,817.89	2,207.37	17,610.52
FY2005 Town Waste			1,904.55	1,904.55	1,904.55	
No. Berkshire Waste District		3,306.94		3,306.94	1,653.48	1,653.46
Health Inspector's Salary		700.00		700.00	700.00	
Visiting Nurse Assn.		2,591.00		2,591.00	2,516.04	74.96
Health Board Expenses		1,400.00		1,400.00	1,308.00	92.00
Total Health & Sanitation	36,458.42	73,747.94	110,742.07	220,948.43	132,492.93	88,455.50

DEBT & INTEREST

Town Hall Loan	3,931.49		3,931.49	3,931.49	
Fire Truck Loan	13,622.14		13,622.14	13,622.14	
Int. Long-Term Debt	19,787.37		19,787.37	19,787.37	
Int. Short-term Debt	3,000.00	1,342.24	4,342.24	4,342.24	
53 E1/2 Grave Opening		5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	
53 E1/2 Plumbing Inspector		1,728.00	1,728.00	1,728.00	
53 E1/2 Electrical Inspector		2,525.00	2,525.00	2,525.00	
53 E1/2 Building Inspector		12,268.95	12,268.95	12,268.95	
53 E1/2 Dog Officer		124.05	124.05	124.05	
53 E1/2 Planning Board		100.00	100.00	100.00	
53 E1/2 Zoning Board		4,000.00	4,000.00	2,616.78	
53 E1/2 Board of Health		1,554.00	1,554.00	1,554.00	

Expense Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
53 E1/2 Library Revolving			80.00	80.00	80.00	
Total Debt & Interest	(23.00)	40,341.00	28,922.24	69,240.24	72,118.29	
UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES						
Audit	2,000.00	15,000.00		17,000.00	13,000.00	4,000.00
Accounting Services		13,500.00		13,500.00	13,500.00	
Heating-Garage & Firehouse		8,000.00	4,770.00	12,770.00	10,739.12	2,030.88
Town Insurances		35,163.00	17,605.24	52,768.24	50,965.00	1,803.24
Health Contingency	5,000.00	5,000.00		10,000.00	5,724.36	4,275.64
Town Hall Custodian		7,800.00		7,800.00	7,627.50	172.50
Town Hall Operating		10,000.00	6,150.00	16,150.00	13,186.44	2,963.56
Centrex Telephone		7,000.00		7,000.00	6,302.24	697.76
Computer Staff Salary		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	
FY05 Town Hall Operating			680.74	680.74	680.74	
Gasoline-Hwy, Fire, Police		15,000.00	6,200.00	21,200.00	19,650.98	1,549.02
Office Machine Maintenance		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Refinish Town Hall Floor		1,000.00		1,000.00	993.94	6.06
Town Mapping	500.00	200.00		700.00		700.00
Printing/Delivery Town Report		2,300.00		2,300.00	2,300.00	
Council on Aging		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,487.00	513.00
Recreation Association		6,000.00	3,350.00	9,350.00	7,413.23	1,936.77
Sports/Recreation Commission		500.00	69.31	500.00	496.51	72.80
Youth Center Maintenance		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
CRA		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Town Wide Mowing		16,210.00		16,210.00	16,210.00	
FY05 Town Lawn Mowing	2,026.25			2,026.25	2,026.25	
Historical Commission	200.00			200.00		200.00

Expense Account	Previous Balance	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Actual Expended	Balance
Beautification Committee		500.00		500.00	500.00	
County Retirement Association		41,613.00		41,613.00	41,613.00	
Social Security & Medicare		6,000.00		6,000.00	6,485.00	(485.00)
Health/Dental Insurance		25,141.00		25,141.00	25,141.00	
Berkshire Planning Commission		1,105.33		1,105.33	1,105.33	
Reserve Fund		12,000.00	(10,508.91)	1,491.09		1,491.09
Sewer Administrator		4,750.00		4,750.00	4,750.00	
Sewer Operating Expense		31,000.00		31,000.00	30,454.47	545.53
Sewer Maintenance		2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
Sewer Department Wages		1,882.00		1,882.00	1,829.23	52.77
Sewer III Adm Salary		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,500.00	
Sewer III Operating Expense		22,000.00	7,025.00	22,000.00	15,152.99	13,872.01
Sewer III Sewer Department		7,666.00		7,666.00	2,916.43	4,749.57
Sewer III Maintenance		6,000.00	3,525.00	6,000.00	9,509.80	15.20
Sewer III Loans		153,437.35		153,437.35	147,651.53	5,785.82
Water Dept. Adm. Salary		4,750.00		4,750.00	4,750.00	
Water Dept. Adm. Expense		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Water Dept. Wages		15,808.00		15,808.00	15,455.73	352.27
FY05 Water Dept. Wages	(1,820.53)		1,820.53	1,820.53	1,820.53	
Water Dept. Operating		52,500.00	3,650.93	52,500.00	52,370.76	3,780.17
FY05 Water Dept. Expense			2,112.11	2,112.11	2,112.11	
Water Rehabilitation Project		125,834.16		125,834.16	125,834.16	
Total Unclassified Expenses	\$7,905.72	\$672,159.84	\$46,449.95	\$714,065.80	\$674,295.38	\$54,080.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$235,615.17	\$3,407,892.98	\$290,308.94	\$3,921,367.38	\$3,646,476.12	\$283,892.27

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Hinsdale Beautification Committee would like to acknowledge all of the volunteers that contribute their time and labor to maintain the many planters and baskets on display to enhance the charm of our lovely town. This program is funded by the town. The planters are created and cared for, by Theresa Becker, Linda Yarmey, Barb Genzabella, Deb Hopmans, Ruth Emerson, Laura Guerra and Marsha Anthony.

With **special thanks** to those people who so generously made contributions for the cost of planting the large pots in front of the town hall. Thank you to Al and Tracy Lussier of Ozzie's Steak and Eggs, Joe Renzi of Renzi's Country Store, Keith Beebe of Wahconah Veterinary Services and Barb and John Genzabella.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Emerson, Coordinator

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Hinsdale citizens and any other interested parties:

In 2006 the local health department continued to maintain and monitor the health needs of the community. With longtime members William M. Goddard Sr., Kenneth Boudreau and I serving the Hinsdale community our goal of an active and viable board is maintained.

The most significant health event of 2006 was the high e-coli bacterial reading at the Plunkett Lake Beach area which occurred in July. A timely and well coordinated response by this health department prevented any adverse reaction to the public. This event clearly demonstrates how the many hours of training received by your health officials clearly paid-off in a proactive and proper response to such an event.

Private well and septic permits continued to be active in 2006 with new homes being located in many outlying areas of the town. The board continues to work in conjunction with other boards to ensure all laws and regulations are being followed in the development of new homes.

Businesses that service the public with ready-to-eat foods are subjected to annual inspections and I am happy to report that all owners have been positive and proactive to insure only the finest quality and care in their service to the public. This outstanding response is also maintained at the five summer camps within town where the owner's diligently maintain high quality food-services for their staff and campers.

My thanks to the board's entire membership for their many hours of devoted service to your community; we are very fortunate to have such dedicated persons on staff.

2006 HEALTH PERMITS ISSUED

Residential camps	5
Food services	5
Private well	12
Septic designs	6 (new) 4 (up grades)
Septic Installer permits	5
Tobacco Permits	3

I myself thank the community and the select board for their confidence in the position in which I enjoy giving something back to our town.

Yours,
Edward A. Goddard
BOH Chairman & Secretary

BUILDING INSPECTOR

This has been a good year for home construction here in Hinsdale. In addition to the expansion of the facilities at the children's camps and a modest amount of commercial construction, there were 9 houses started this year. Permits issued were as follows:

New Homes	9
Home Improvement	47
Accessory Buildings	7
Residential Garages	4
Commercial Renovation	6
Commercial New Construction	3
Demolition	2
Solid Fuel Appliances	12
Pools	4
Signs	1
Fence	1

Total Declared Value \$3,069,302

Currently there is a narrative available at Town Hall. This explains the process for obtaining a building permit for new construction, additions and remodeling. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

Most, if not all, construction regulations administered by the Building Department are mandated by state law. We are currently using CMR 780 - Version Six of the Building Code and CMR 521, which specifically addresses accessibility issues for commercial and public buildings. Again, if you have questions about the code and its interpretation, please feel free to ask.

One of the most common questions asked of me is "do I need a permit for..." The answer is usually yes due to the current state interpretations of the code. In order for a homeowner to be covered under the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund, there must be a permit for the work involved and the contractor must be registered with the state. Even a single replacement window requires a permit to ensure compliance with the state energy code.

Zoning questions have become epidemic with the completion of the sewer systems around the lakes. If you have questions about specific lots please come to the office and we will try to sort out the laws and regulations that apply.

Hours for the Building Department office are from four to six on Tuesdays and by appointment.

Office Phone # 413-655-2309

Richard G. Haupt
Building Inspector

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is appointed by the Board of Selectmen to uphold the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (GL. 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 anyone located near a water resource to contact us prior to disturbing any soil and vegetation or starting any building project, to determine how the Wetlands Protection 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 5 Requests for Determination of Applicability, 12 Notices of Intent, and 1 Amended Notice of Intent. We accordingly issued 5 Determinations, 12 Orders of Condition, 4 Certificates of Compliance, 3 Extensions of Orders, and 4 Enforcement Orders. In addition the DEP issued 1 Superseding Order of Conditions.

We also conducted numerous site visits on various properties as well as conducting a great many consultations with applicants and property owners. We anticipate that activity in 2007 will continue to be as brisk as it was during the past year.

The Commission presently consists of 5 members: Herb Ferry, Mike Frederick, Rick Koch, Carol Pullo, and Laurel Scialabba. Again, we invite anyone interested in the Commission to contact us and attend one of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward (Mike) Frederick, Chair.

HINSDALE-PERU CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hinsdale-Peru Cultural Council is part of a grass-roots network of 329 local councils that serve every city and town in the state. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which then allocates funds to each local council. This year the Hinsdale-Peru Council received \$8000 from the MCC, an increase of \$3000 over last year, thanks to the support of the Berkshire legislative delegation and Hinsdale-Peru representative Denis Guyer. An additional \$1650 came from our local account bringing the total awarded in 2006 to \$9650. The Council met in October 2006 to review applications and award grants to arts and cultural programs that benefit the citizens of Hinsdale and Peru. Listed below are the grant recipients and amounts:

Kittredge School:	\$3,550: \$2000 for Berkshire Theater Festival school residency fee \$1150 for Colonial Theatre: Charlotte's Web \$ 400 for Square Dance lessons
Nessacus School:	\$400 to PTO for cultural enrichment programs
Wahconah High:	\$800 for sculpture program including Hinsdale/Peru students
St. Agnes School:	\$200 for Tony Vacca performance
Hinsdale Library:	\$480 for Celtic Music and Language with Caera
Hinsdale Dayz:	\$2650: \$700 for Movie Night \$850 for Zoe Darrow & Fiddleheads concert \$650 for Eagles Band Gazebo concert \$450 for Bobbie Sweet & Trio concert
Gerard Natale:	\$500 for subsidized Lessons in Landscape Oil Painting
Hilltown Choral Society:	\$150 for concert at First Congregational Church of Hinsdale
Bernice Lewis:	\$200 for Sugar Hill Folk Festival
IS183 Art School:	\$100 for Making Art Together for Families
Bill Cawley:	\$45 for Lenox Contra Dance
Becket Arts Center:	\$575: \$175 for BTF Plays! Summertime \$150 for Marty Lasker Lecture Series \$100 for SHAKESPEARE IN BECKET \$ 50 for Art and Storytelling with Nature \$ 50 for Creating in the Visual Arts \$ 50 for Marmalade Production's Puppet Day

We welcomed the following new members in 2006: Mary Cahill, Phil Collins, Diane Eulian, Bernice Hagan, John Hagan, Vivian Mason of Hinsdale, and Carlene Dargi and Chris Richards of Peru. Diane Eulian will become the new chair of this Council in March 2007. Other members are: Jeanne Andrews, Arlene McCauley, Gerard Natale and Margaret Roussin of Hinsdale and Carolyn LeCompte of Peru. Darlene Renzi is council administrator.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Roussin
Chair

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

This Department spent numerous hours interpreting the requirements imposed by the state for safety plans covering Plunkett Lake and Belmont Reservoir dams. The volume of information and the types of data required to be responsive to this unfunded new mandate ultimately forced the town to raise additional funds and hire a professional engineering firm. We hope that this is not how the state will operate going forward as it is impossible to meet their requirements without employing these types of outside consultants. This is an expense to the town that is unfair and unwarranted.

We continued to pursue grant funds for this department as well as the Police, Fire and Highway departments. We are also working on developing a Shelter in Place plan that may be incorporated in the overall Emergency Response Plan for the town.

We have spent many hours in training in order to remain current on continually changing state and federal requirements and to keep our certifications current.

We have had another productive year maintaining and upgrading the equipment.

It is only through the many hundreds of hours spent by the volunteers of this department that we are able to retain the capabilities the Town of Hinsdale has at its disposal.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Raymond R. Bolduc
Director
Hinsdale Emergency Management

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2006 the Hinsdale Fire Department received and responded to 59 emergency Calls, representing a total of 500 man hours.

The number and type of calls are as follows;

STRUCTURE FIRES	9
BRUSH/OUTSIDE FIRES	7
VEHICLE FIRES	1
M.V.A.s	18
SERVICE CALLS/WIRES DOWN	11
CHIMNEY FIRES	1
FALSE ALARMS SMOKE & Co	7
MUTUAL AID	4
	<hr/>
TOTAL	59

MUTUAL AID BY TOWNS

DALTON	3
WORTHINGTON	1

Another year has passed and we find that our call volume has remained steady with MVAs being our most frequent type of call. Mother Nature kept us very busy with a dry and windy spring causing more grass and brush fires than normal, and many severe thunder and rain storms throughout the summer causing many tree and wire down calls.

The replacement of our air-light truck project is progressing with hopefully a spring completion date.

Crane & Co. has donated to the Firemen's Association a 1988 Mack tandem axle, diesel truck chassis which will replace our present 1976 Ford single axle, gas engine tanker chassis. This allows for a much grater gross vehicle weight, giving the vehicle more stability and stopping power.

All other vehicles and equipment are in good working order as is the Fire station.

Two recent calls has shown the need for a smaller off-road vehicle to access wooded areas and unplowed areas in the winter for fire protection and rescue purposes. Because of this the Firemen's Association has ongoing fund raising events to purchase such a vehicle which will cost around \$19,500.

We hope to raise the funds so the purchase can be made this summer.

Again, we would like to thank the residents of Hinsdale for their continued support.

Larry Turner
Fire Chief

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department spent this past summer performing drainage projects and built catch basins around Ashmere Lake.

So far this winter, snow accumulation has been very mild compared to last year which has given us extra time to concentrate on the repair and maintenance of our trucks and equipment. With the addition of our new sander there does not appear to be a need for replacement of heavy plow trucks.

We continue to do our best maintaining the roads especially during the snowy season.

This spring we will begin getting roads ready for paving.

We look forward to serving the citizens of Hinsdale in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Gallant, Highway Superintendent

HINSDALE DAYZ COMMITTEE

2006 was yet another success for the Hinsdale Dayz committee events for our town.

We were very busy preparing and organizing for the many activities planned throughout the year. The second annual Chili Cook-off proved to be a lot of fun with both adults and children as contestants.

Fall Harvest Festival and the Israel Bissell Road Race sponsored by the Hinsdale Dayz, was yet another success. The day continued with music dancing and games for the children. In July there was once again excitement amongst the children and their families under the big tent for the annual outdoor movie night, with free popcorn and prizes. We also were busy during the summer holding bake sales, cars washes and a tag sale.

In December, a large Happy Holiday bear, Christmas tree, garland and bows decorated Gazebo Park. Wreaths decorated the pole lights along Main and Maple Street.

My committee is always looking for anyone who would like to join a fun filled group of people who enjoy planning wonderful events through the year.

On behalf of the Hinsdale Dayz committee we would like to thank you all, and also include our Fire Department, Police Department, Hinsdale Muster Team and Select Board. A special thanks to our local businesses and banks, for your continued support and donations.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Forward, Chair
Hinsdale Dayz Committee

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, environmental and recreational aspects of the lakes and to protect these important water resources for the Town and the residents surrounding the lakes.

2006 was a busy year for the committee with the continued maintenance of the aquatic vegetation for Plunkett Reservoir and Ashmere Lake. Two additional projects scheduled were the maintenance work performed on the sediment pond at Plunkett Reservoir and the 319 Grant for the Storm Water Remediation project at Ashmere Lake. The following areas were completed in 2006. Areas 1- 4 and area 5. The construction work was performed by Adams Trucking. Due to increased cost when the project went to bid we were only able to complete those three areas.

Current members of the committee are: Garrett Collins, Albert Koch Jr., Carol Rodman, Tim Drake and Don Madison.

Respectfully submitted
Don E. Madison, Chair.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

The Memorial Day Celebration in the town of Hinsdale was held on Monday, May 29, 2006.

The day started with a parade at noon beginning from the Maple Street Cemetery. The route proceeded to Taylor Street, down to Route 8 and ended at the Hinsdale Library and War Monument. The march included the Anthony DeAngelus Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Benjamin Sullivan Post of the American Legion.

Also marching; the Hinsdale Selectmen, the Hinsdale Fire Department, Hinsdale Police Department and Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Troop 21 with Memorial wreaths placed at the war monument. The Nessacus Middle High School Band under the direction of Andrew T. Garcia, Director of Music, played Stars and Stripes Forever during the parade march.

At the conclusion of the parade a short program was held on the Hinsdale Library lawn.

Selectman Bruce Marshall, was Master of Ceremonies. James Army, past Department Commander of the Massachusetts American Legion was the keynote speaker.

Reverend Caroline Peck said the Invocation and benediction. John Skidmore and Baraq Polston read poems. Also read were the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the Constitution and a reading of the question; "Where was God on Sept. 11, 2001?"

William Kudlate sang the National Anthem. During the service the Cub & Boy Scouts laid the wreaths at the monument. Nessacus Middle High School band members William Henderson played Taps and Rachael Hambro played the echo.

Wendy Kowalczyk joined us with horses and riders. John Williams again provided the sound system.

We are grateful to all those who participate in the march and services each year. It is right that we honor our soldiers alive and dead who have fought valiantly to preserve our freedoms. You make us proud to be Americans.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gloria J. Greb



HINSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library enjoyed another wonderful year! Our fundraiser to help us with new windows continues. Our hearty thanks to all who donated! L.P. Adams has been very kind in working with Marvin to get a special discount for us. Thank you so very much.

Our Local Cultural Council brought us a wonderful magician to kick off summer reading season. The Library was packed to capacity for this event, which everyone enjoyed. Dr. Leonard Swift was kind enough to speak to the Ashmere Heights Association for another well attended program in August.

The Western Massachusetts Regional Library System thanks to LSTA funding conducted a Small Library Study using nationally recognized library consultants. This study was cited as an exemplary program by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. I served on the committee overseeing this landmark study. The data included in the report is key to serving this town to the best of my abilities. Thanks to the skills I built here and in other endeavors with the Region, the Library completed a Long Range Plan with the help of the community.

We now have 1,508 registered borrowers, a large increase from last year, which in large part was a result of the wonderful grant. Our DVD collection is getting added depth as we can add new popular titles in addition to our solid core of AFA listed flicks. The results of the Small Library Study point to increased use of non fiction and DVDs in Western Massachusetts, so we'll be on the look out for documentaries. We have a strong teen collection in addition to a great selection of adult fiction.

Our Friends of the Library organization donated a large portion of the price of the photocopier at the Library. We enjoy a large membership for a Library of our size. The Friends have also been instrumental in publishing a newsletter so our residents can be apprised of Library events. The school children at Kittredge took part in a writing contest that was featured in this Winter's newsletter. Thank you for all that you do, Friends!

We received a sizable donation that allowed us to purchase a scanner. Lauren worked to digitize the Vital Records until 1850, which is a document that is now accessible on our website and shall allow many people the ability to research their genealogy from afar.

This summer, I was appointed to the State Aid Review Committee for public libraries in Massachusetts. I was one of 15 library directors selected to serve statewide. In the fall, I was elected President of the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System.

Once again, please feel free to stop by the Library. We're here for you!

Respectfully Submitted,
BWS Johnson
Library Director

Our Board of Trustees are:	
Lois Murray, President	Russell Parks
Laura Galliher, Treasurer	Mary Rice
Dawn Frissell	Arthur Rosen
Mary Lou Galliher	Susan Sauvé

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is a five member board and is elected by the citizens of Hinsdale to deal with various land matters. The board meets at 6:30 pm 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 requests for special permits and variance applications. Also, the Planning Board is the evaluation and approval agency for the proposed partitioning of property along established roads.

During the past year the town has gained two new members to the board. Mr. Richard Scialabba, who has past experience working on the ZBA in Connecticut and Mr. Paul Trova. The board is still one member short of fulfilling our five member board. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact a Selectman or the Town Clerk for details.

The Planning Board held a very well attended Public Hearing on 11/14/06 concerning a proposed by-law, overlay district, restricting any Adult Entertainment business that would want to establish such a business in the Town of Hinsdale. A Special Town Meeting will be held in April of 2007, where a 2/3 majority will be needed to pass this article.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold (Casey) Stengl, Chair

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This past year was a very busy year for the Department in many ways. Criminal activity was certainly on the increase with 33 arrests being made compared to 15 in 2005, that year being an appreciated "lull" in the action. A total of 2875 calls were handled during 2006, an increase from the 1933 handled in 2005. As I have indicated in the past, these calls vary in importance from a telephone request for information to a serious criminal act in progress and are received 24 hours a day. Certainly criminal activity is on the rise. Our attitude and mission is to attack it aggressively. The dedication not only to the Department but to the Town exhibited by all the officers during the past year was greatly appreciated, for without this dedication the level of service provided would not be obtainable. We continue to provide 24 hour a day coverage, with the exception of 1 full time officer and part time officers.

During the year a new officer was added, Benjamin Pigott, who has proven to be an asset to the Department. With this addition the Department has a total of 7 members.

Once again the Department was awarded \$11,299.00 in the form of a Community Policing Grant which greatly assists us in objectives we could not normally afford. Also during the year the ongoing investigation involving past activities within the Department was completed by the District Attorney's office and addressed in Superior Court. This brings to a close a sad chapter for the Department that has been very difficult over the past 3 years, not only for the Department but for its officers also. After many delays and even the interference of Mother Nature, work was completed on the radio communication improvements that have been underway for some time. These improvements will improve officer safety and service to the community. I must thank Emergency Management Director Raymond Bolduc for his perseverance with this project.

As always I would like to thank the Selectmen for their continued support, the Finance Committee, for without their support nothing would be possible, the Fire Department and Highway Department for their assistance under unusually difficult circumstances.

Finally, I must thank the taxpayers and members of the community for their support and understanding, their encouragement has been greatly appreciated. We look forward to serving you in 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher K. Powell
Chief of Police

Christopher K. Powell, Chief
Nicole Morris
Nancy Daniels
W. Rodney Maloney
Jeffrey Henault
Kenneth Kirchner Jr.
Benjamin Pigott

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT 2006

Total amount of taxes committed to the Tax Collector for fiscal year 2006 are as follows:

	Committed 2006	Outstanding on 6/30/06
REAL ESTATE	2,359,667.16	53,579.99
PERSONAL PROPERTY	97,189.55	2,273.93
WATER LIENS	12,670.00	2,740.00
SEWER LIENS	5,630.00	1,072.08
SEWER BETTERMENT	146,364.45	3,326.65
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE 2006	204,525.75	33,888.02
TOTALS	2,826,046.91	96,880.67

There was a 3% balance left for collection and as of this writing, these figures have decreased by at least half.

Have a healthy and prosperous 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pauline B. Wheeler, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK

VITAL RECORDS

Births	17
Marriages	7
Deaths	15

DOG LICENSES SOLD

Male	@ \$10.00	18
Neutered Male	@ \$ 4.00	59
Female	@ \$10.00	1
Spayed Female	@ \$ 4.00	50
Multi-Pet:		
	@ \$20.00	3
	@ \$40.00	1
Transfer Licenses	@ \$ 1.00	5

TOWN LICENSES

Selling Used Cars		
Class II & III	@ \$20.00	6
Selling Milk	@ \$ 2.00	3
Selling Oleo	@ \$ 2.00	3
Selling on Sunday	@ \$ 5.00	5
Selling Gas	@ \$ 5.00	1
Selling Ice Cream	@ \$10.00	1
Amusement	@ \$ 5.00	1

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

1. The Veterans Service Officer (VSO) processed over forty-seven requests for assistance during 2006. We have two people on Chapter 115.
2. Mr. Dennis Rindone of Erving has been assembling on "Honor Roll of Liberty." This is a collection of photos of the veterans memorials throughout Massachusetts. It also includes researching of Medal of Honor recipients. Hinsdale's memorial on the library lawn has been photographed and our Medal of Honor recipients researched. Hinsdale has two Medal of Honor recipients; Pvt. Henry T. James and Cpl. Francis E. Warren. Corporal Warren later was promoted to Captain. He moved to Wyoming, where he became Governor and later a U.S. Senator. Both medals were awarded for action in the Civil War. The men were members of the 49th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company C. Mr. Rindone has produced a slide show of his work and is working on a book.
3. The VSO attended the Western Massachusetts VSO Association's meeting on April 5, at the Holyoke Soldiers Home. A tour of the Home and admission information was included in the agenda.
4. The VSO attended the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services annual training in Marlborough, MA during June 19-22. This included training in Annuities, VS-5's, VS-6's, VS-21A's, Determination of Eligibility, State Veterans Cemeteries, Notices of Intent, Notices of Action, Death Benefits, War Bonuses, Monthly Reports, State Auto and Motorcycle license plates, etc.
5. On behalf of the town I wish to again thank Charlie DeAngelus and his team for again placing the American flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day.
6. The State Veterans Cemetery in Agawam is not accepting any more pre-registrations. You can still request burial there at the time of death on an availability basis. There are plans to expand this cemetery with 7,000 additional grave sites. The State Cemetery in Winchendon is still accepting pre-registrations. Pre-registering does not oblige you to be buried there.
7. The VSO wishes to thank the United Veterans of America for donating a new fax/copier/scanner/printer to better serve veterans in Hinsdale. It makes possible quick communication of documents between the VSO and the Department of Veterans Services in Boston, the Veterans Administration in Washington, other veteran's organizations, etc. This organization, led by Mr. John F. Downing, C.E.O., is doing a wonderful job of caring for veterans who need a place to stay. Veterans in the home in Pittsfield and in the homes in Leeds, MA are provided with all the help, counseling, training, etc. they need to become independent again.
8. New American flags were purchased for the Town Hall and the Maple Street cemetery. A new POW/MIA flag was purchased for Town Hall.

9. Veterans, who have been awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit, or the Bronze Star, can obtain free car, truck or motorcycle registration plates. Also, a veteran of Pearl Harbor on 12/7/41 and ex-Pow's can have free plates. These plates are not available for silver or bronze service stars used in conjunction with campaign medals.
10. The VA Home Loan Program has raised the limit to \$417,000. This means now a veteran can get a home loan to that amount, with no down payment, at a competitive rate. For more information, go to www.homeloans.va.gov, or call 800-827-1000. You must first obtain a copy of your discharge form, DD-214. You also need a Certificate of Eligibility. For that, write to Eligibility Center, PO Box 20729, Winston-Salem, NC 27120.
11. If any veteran in Hinsdale left high school during the 1940's to serve the Armed Forces, and never received his/her high school diploma, please contact me with information.
12. VetFran is a project of the International Franchise Association to help veterans obtain a franchise 10%-50% less than normal costs. Over 100 companies are involved, including Dunkin Donuts, Midas, UPS Store, etc. For information, go to www.allbusiness.com.
13. The cemetery on East Washington Road is being cleaned up and the history of those buried there is being researched. This includes the two veterans buried there. The work is being performed by Thomas Hoffman of Washington, MA as part of an Eagle Scout project.
14. At this time, there are 82 confirmed veterans for the Korean War Memorial Plaque, with another 90 names to check. To make the Vietnam Plaque easier, when a veteran is found eligible for that plaque, the name is being put into a folder for future reference.
15. Under the Welcome Home Bill, members of the Massachusetts National Guard can now attend any Massachusetts state college with tuition fees and lab costs waived. At this time, it is only for National Guard members. The member must be on active duty, that is, reporting for monthly drills and summer training. The Guard member must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility, form TAGMA 621-3, from his/her Commanding Officer. Often, the fees constitute as much as 40% of the cost of attending a state college. All veterans can get a tuition waiver, but not fees. We are working to get this for all veterans.
16. The US House of Representatives just passed a Senate bill that, once the President signs it, will make a felony for anyone to claim unearned military decorations, etc. Any false verbal, written or physical claim of any award or commendation of Armed Forces would be punishable by six months in jail and a \$5,000 fine. The punishment is doubled in cases of heroism awards. It is called the Stolen Valor Act.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip Collins

WAR MEMORIAL

On May 17 2006, the voters at the Annual Town Meeting voted to authorize funding to replace the carriage on the cannon at the War memorial on the library lawn. Paulson Bros. Ordnance Corp. of Wisconsin (a supplier for the National Park Service) was contracted to provide the much needed carriage. A powder coated cast marine aluminum carriage with steel hardware was recommended for outdoor display. This carriage has an estimated life span of over a hundred years.

The barrel was refinished to its original condition when it left the Hooper foundry in Boston



in 1864. This cannon served in the Battle of Port Hudson La., which was where Francis E. Warren received the Medal of Honor for action in that battle. Mr. Warren was a Hinsdale resident who went on to become the Governor of Wyoming and the first U.S. Senator from that state. Sen. Warrens' daughter Frances married John J. (Blackjack) Pershing, who was to become a General in WW I. Sen Warren arranged for the cannon to be donated to the town. It was dedicated in 1923.

The cannon is a Model 1857 Napoleon (12-pounder bronze field gun) of which only about 80 survive. The barrel alone weighs 1220 lbs and is made of "Gunmetal" bronze (a mixture of 90% copper and 10% tin).

I would like to thank the Selectmen and the Finance Committee for their support with this project and Pete Gallant and his crew for their help with the installation of the new carriage. Also Peter Derby for his knowledge of metals and the fabrication of the anchors. Most of the credit goes to the voters of the Town of Hinsdale for approving this project which will be with us for years to come.

Thank You
Richard Eastland
War Memorial Curator

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The first three quarters of fiscal year 2007 have presented many challenges. Our longtime Town Accountant, Nancy Hewes was unexpectedly forced to resign due to ill health. We wish for Nancy a full recovery and offer our sincere thanks for many years of dedicated service to the town. The Selectmen have appointed Barbara Simken as the new Town Accountant. We welcome Barbara and are enjoying working with her.

As Ms. Hewes used software licensed to her, the town has had to procure accounting software. Various commercially available municipal software packages were reviewed and a number of potential suppliers were invited to town to demonstrate their products. The final proposals were then reviewed and a recommendation to the Selectmen was made. The selected software should be installed and operational for the start of fiscal year 2008.

The state also required the town to incur additional costs that were unknown at the time of town meeting. An initial site assessment of the transfer station as well as engineering studies of the Plunkett Lake and Belmont Reservoir dams and associated emergency action plans were mandated and cost the town over \$33,000.

The fiscal year 2008 initial adjusted town budget (expenses less water, sewer and school costs) reflects an increase of approximately 4.2%. Primarily increases are to the heating, electrical and fuel accounts as well as increased school assessments, town insurances and wages. This year the school committee is requesting an increase in operating assessment of \$115,681 or approximately 6.55%. We also anticipate vocational tuition and transportation costs to increase by 10%. As school spending makes up approximately 70% of the total town budget, it is impossible to offset increases of this magnitude. We have held a number of meetings with the School Superintendent and School Committee Chairperson to better understand the causes for these yearly increases and to communicate the impact this has on the town.

The initial budget requests the establishment of new permanent accounts for Town Accountant salary and expense accounts, annual accounting software maintenance and for rental costs of land where the new gazebo was located.

Capital expense anticipated for FY2008 is for replacement of the highway department backhoe. The attached capital plan anticipates the potential replacement of a police cruiser, procurement of new turn out gear for the fire department (contingent on receipt of grant funds) and an addition to the highway department garage in fiscal year 2009.

Water department revenues now cover expenses but continued increases in energy costs may force another increase in the future. Increases in sewage treatment costs as well as a number of grinder pump failures (Phase III sewer) early in the year used up the entire allotted budget. We will continue to track expenses and will most likely recommend an adjustment to Phase III sewer user fees in the future.

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. We are also concerned that the growth experienced for the past several years in new building is flattening out. This growth in building has been the main reason we have not had even greater increases in property taxes. The anticipated fiscal year 2008 levy is very close to the levy limit as defined under Proposition 2 1/2. The final budget may require an override, and if so, will be stipulated in the annual town meeting warrant.

The lawsuit regarding the application of capital assessments in accordance with the school district agreement was dismissed. The court essentially ruled that towns cannot sue school districts and did not comment on the merits of the actual complaint. We urged the Selectmen to appeal this decision.

In March 2005 we provided the Selectmen with a long range plan which addresses issues that affect town finances. We are pleased to see that some of the recommendations contained in that plan have been implemented and others are under consideration. Ongoing areas of concern include cost of the operation of the transfer station as well as rising costs for the Dalton Communications Center. We have urged the Selectmen to closely monitor transfer station expenses and to implement various cost reduction strategies. Even with these efforts, another increase in user fees will most likely be required. We will be doing further research into potentially changing emergency dispatch services for the town and will make a recommendation to the Selectmen later in the year. We also are finding it harder to attract and retain qualified people for various town jobs. We expect we will have to adjust salaries upward in an attempt to alleviate this issue.

Overall your town remains in good financial health. We continue to build the stabilization and capital stabilization reserve accounts. We recommend the appropriation of free cash reserves only for short term or non-reoccurring expenses or to fund contingency accounts. The independent audit of town finances resulted in no significant findings and made minor recommendations for improvements which are being incorporated where possible.

We encourage anyone with questions or concerns about any area of town finances to either contact a member of the Finance Committee or attend a Finance Committee meeting. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at the Town Hall.

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 DATED 4/02/0

Department	Project	Estimated Cost \$	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12
Projected Costs:							
Police	Cruiser	60,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	0
Highway	Backhoe	70,000	70,000	0	0	0	0
Highway	Garage Addition	80,000	0	80,000	0	0	0
Highway	Small Dump Truck	50,000	0	0	80,000	0	50,000
Fire Dept.	Turn Out Gear	15,000	15,000	0	0	0	0
Total		\$275,000	\$85,000	\$110,000	\$80,000	\$30,000	\$50,000

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 \$50,000 from Free Cash to Capital Stabilization Account

	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12
	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total	\$250,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

Approximate Starting Balance as of 4/02/07 - \$37,000

Changes from FY07 – FY11 Plan

- Added Fire Department turn out gear in FY08
- Moved police cruisers from FY08 to FY09 and FY10 to FY11
- Added small dump truck for FY12

TOWN OF HINSDALE - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY 16, 2007

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 actual Warrant is available one week before Town Meeting from the Selectmen's Office. The actual Warrant is also posted one week prior to Town Meeting at the Post Office, Partridgefield Trading Co., and Renzi's Variety Inc. It will also be made available at the Annual Town Meeting.

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 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to 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 2007.
- 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 2007.
- 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 2007.
- 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 2007.

- 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 2007.
- 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 2007.
- 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 2007.
- 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 2007
- 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 2007.
- J. A Fire Department revolving account; This account to be credited with fees from Fire Department permit applicants; and to expend payments to the Fire Chief for inspection services, as approved by the Town Treasurer; from this account not to exceed **\$3,000.00** during the fiscal year 2007.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$151,000 from available funds entitled "2007 Local Transportation Aid," for improvements on Hinsdale town roads in accordance with the Chapter 90 Program, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 4: 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	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,900.00	2,100.00		
Assessor Member Salary	1,400.00	1,600.00		

R = Recommended - N R = Not Recommended

Assessor Member Salary	1,400.00	1,600.00
Moderator Salary	50.00	50.00
Selectmen Chairman Salary	1,800.00	2,000.00
Selectmen Secretary Salary	1,600.00	1,800.00
Selectmen Member Salary	1,600.00	1,800.00
Town Clerk's Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00
Tree Warden Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$148,408.44** 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	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Legal Counsel	6,600.00	6,600.00		
Moderator	50.00	50.00		
Selectman Chairman Salary	1,800.00	2000.00		
Selectman Secretary Salary	1,600.00	1800.00		
Selectman Member Salary	1,600.00	1800.00		
Selectmen Expense	3,400.00	3,400.00		
Administrative Asst. Salary	25,709.00	26,564.00		
Finance Board Expense	500.00	500.00		
Assessor Chairman Salary	1,900.00	2100.00		
Assessor Member Salary	1,400.00	1600.00		
Assessor Member Salary	1,400.00	1600.00		
Assessors Expense	5,600.00	6,000.00		
Asst. Assessor Salary	35,000.00	36,575.00		
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	800.00	800.00		
Revaluation	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Treasurer Salary	9,740.00	10,032.20		
Treasurer Expense	1,805.00	1,880.00		
Treasurer/Collector Cama	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Tax Collector Salary	14,608.00	15,046.24		
Tax Collector Expenses	4,790.00	5,045.00		
Tax Title Expense	4,000.00	8,000.00		
Town Clerk's Salary	6,000.00	6,000.00		
Town Clerk's Expense	700.00	700.00		
Town Clerk's Records	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Election Officers	2,695.00	1,877.00		
Board of Registrars	1,389.00	1,439.00		
Conservation Comm Expense	3,000.00	3,000.00		
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	140,086.00	148,408.44		

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$261,049** as follows for the purpose of Town Highways, or take any other action thereon.

R = Recommended - NR = Not Recommended

HIGHWAYS	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Summer Road Wages	47,458.00	47,458.00	R	R
Highway Admin.	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Sick and Personal Time	1,824.00	1,824.00	R	R
Bridges	.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	31,500.00	31,500.00	R	R
Street Signs	350.00	350.00	R	R
Highway Department Uniforms	2,150.00	400.00	R	R
Winter Roads Maintenance	55,000.00	55,000.00	R	NR
Winter Roads Wages	60,017.00	60,017.00	R	R
Street Lights	18,070.00	19,500.00	R	R
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	261,369.00	261,049.00		

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,965.00** as follows for the purpose of Veterans, or take any other action thereon.

VETERANS	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Veterans Agent Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Veterans Agent Expenses	1,100.00	1,400.00	R	R
Veterans Aid	8,000.00	8,000.00	R	R
Grave Flag Holders	300.00	300.00	R	R
Memorial Day Observance	265.00	265.00	R	R
TOTAL VETERANS	10,665.00	10,965.00		

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$255,791.00** as follows for the purpose of Vocational Education, or take any other action thereon.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Vocational Education Tuition	139,946.00	200,891.00	R	R
Vocational Transportation	50,130.00	54,900.00	R	R
TOTAL VOCATIONAL	190,076.00	255,791.001		

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 as adopted by a two thirds vote of the Regional School Committee, and raise and appropriate the amount of **\$1,881,385.00** for said budget, or take any other action thereon.

R = Recommended - NR = Not Recommended

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

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to approve the Central Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 and raise and appropriate the sum of **\$168,300.00** for said budget, or take any other action thereon

Recommended by the Finance Committee
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$34,377.00** as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property, or take any other action thereon.

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Dalton Communication	12,000.00	20,000.00	R	R
Berk Cnty Sheriff Communication	875.00	875.00	R	R
Gas Inspector Salary	200.00	200.00	R	R
Emergency Management	2,750.00	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	1,500.00	1,500.00	R	R
Tree Warden's Expense	5,052.00	5,052.00	R	R
Beaver Control	300.00	2,000.00	R	R
TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS	24,677.00	34,377.00		

ARTICLE 12: 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.)	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Fire Chiefs Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	R	R
1st Assistant Chiefs Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00	R	R
2nd Assistant Chiefs Salary	2,200.00	2,200.00	R	R
Fire Department Expense	23,000.00	23,000.00	R	R
Fire Department Stipends	15,000.00	15,000.00	R	R
TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS	46,700.00	46,700.00		

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$139,876.00** as follows for the purpose of Protection of Persons and Property (Police Department), or take any other action thereon.

R = Recommended - NR = Not Recommended

PROTECTION of PERSONS & PROPERTY (Police Dept.)	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Police Chiefs Salary	10,000.00	11,000.00	R	R
Police Full-time Officer Salary	31,200.00	66,300.00	R	R
Police Department Expenses	10,275.00	15,986.00	R	R
Police Department Wages	41,500.00	44,000.00	R	R
Crossing Guards Wages	2,590.00	2,590.00	R	R
TOTAL PROTECT PERSONS	95,565.00	139,876.00		

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$88,598.00** as follows for the purpose of Health and Sanitation, or take any other action thereon.

HEALTH & SANITATION	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Ashmere Lake Management	9,800.00	10,000.00	R	R
Plunkett Lake Management	3,400.00	4,000.00	R	R
Lake Mgt. Committee Expense	1,000.00	0.00	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	55,000.00	55,000.00	R	R
No. Berkshire Waste District	3,556.80	3,557.00	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	1,400.00	1,400.00	R	R
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	88,722.80	88,598.00		

ARTICLE 15: 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.

DEBT & INTEREST	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Town Hall Loan, Principal	4,118.23	4,313.85	R	R
Fire Truck Loan, Principal	14,303.25	15,018.41	R	R
Interest Long Term Debt	18,919.52	18,008.74	R	R
Interest Short Term Debt	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	40,341.00	40,341.00		

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$281,334.00** for the purpose of Unclassified Town Government Expenses as follows, or take any other action thereon.

R = Recommended - NR = Not Recommended

UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Audit	15,000.00	15,000.00	R	R
Accounting Services	14,000.00	14,000.00	R	R
Town Insurances	58,295.00	60,630.00	R	R
Health & Dental Insurance	34,700.67	37,000.00	R	R
County Retirement	33,602.00	36,409.00	R	R
Social Security & Medicare	6,000.00	6,600.00	R	R
Reserve Fund	12,000.00	12,000.00	R	R
Town Hall Operating Expenses	13,500.00	14,000.00	R	R
Centrex Telephone	7,000.00	7,000.00	R	R
Printing/Delivery Town Reports	2,300.00	2,300.00	R	R
Town Hall Custodian	7,800.00	8,034.00	R	R
Office Machine Maintenance	1,475.00	1,500.00	R	R
Computer Staff Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
Heating-Garage-Fire House	10,400.00	11,400.00	R	R
Gasoline-Highway-Fire-Police	19,500.00	20,000.00	R	R
Council on Aging	3,000.00	3,000.00	R	R
Recreation Association	6,000.00	6,600.00	R	R
Sports/Recreation Comm.	500.00	500.00	R	R
Youth Center Maintenance	1,000.00	1,500.00	R	R
Town Wide Mowing	16,705.00	17,000.00	R	R
Town Mapping	200.00	0.00	R	R
Berkshire County Reg. Planning	1,132.96	1,161.00	R	R
Cemetery Commission	200.00	200.00	R	R
Beautification Committee	500.00	1,500.00	R	R
CRA	1000.00	1,000.00	R	R
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	268,810.63	281,334.00		

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$56,900.00** as follows for the Hinsdale Public Library Operating Expenses, or take any other action thereon.

PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSES	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Finance	
			Selectmen Action	Comm Action
Library Director's Salary	14,957.00	15,557.00	R	R
Library Assistant Salary	20,067.00	20,067.00	R	R
Library Expenses	20,563.00	21,276.00	R	R
TOTAL LIBRARY	55,587.00	56,900.00		

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$42,873.00** as follows for the Hinsdale Sewer Commission Operating Expenses from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

R = Recommended - NR = Not Recommended

HINSDALE SEWER OPERATING EXPENSES	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Sewer Phase I & II				
Administrator Salary	4,750.00	5,750.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Dept.				
Operating Expenses	31,000.00	33,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & TI Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase I & II Department Wages	2,013.00	2,123.00	R	R
TOTAL	39,763.00	42,873.00		

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$55,489.00** for Sewer Phase III Operating Expenses, from available funds, "Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation", or take any other action thereon.

HINSDALE SEWER OPERATING EXPENSES	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Sewer Phase III				
Administrator Salary	5,500.00	6,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Oper. Expenses	22,000.00	35,000.00	R	R
Sewer Phase III Maintenance	6,000.00	6,000.00	R	R
Phase III Sewer Dept Wages	8,051.00	8,489.00	R	R
TOTAL	41,551.00	55,489.00		

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds Sewer Betterment Reserved, the sum of **\$148,625.35** for Sewer Phase III Loan payments; or take any other action thereon.

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

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote the sum of **\$198,003.24** to the following Water Department Operating Expenses:

HINSDALE WATER DEPARTMENT	FY2007	Proposed FY2008	Selectmen Action	Finance Comm Action
Water Administrator Salary	4,750.00	5,750.00	R	R
Water Dept. Admin. Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	R	R
Water Dept Operating Expense	55,750.00	55,750.00	R	R
Water Dept. Wages	16,906.00	13,472.00	R	R
Water Bond Payments	123,932.70	122,031.24	R	R
TOTAL	202,338.70	198,003.24		

R = Recommended - NR = Not Recommended

and to provide such sums by transferring \$ \$198,003.24 from available funds "Water Surplus" or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Capital Planning Fund the amount of \$ 70,000 for the purchasing of a new backhoe for the DPW, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the town will vote to transfer from Certified Free Cash the amount of \$ \$650.00 for the CSX rental of park property, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 24: 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

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the sum of **\$4,425.00** to an account entitled "Fire Department Physicals", or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 26: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the amount of **\$9,000.00** to the Health Insurance Contingency account, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Finance Committee

ARTICLE 27: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" the amount of **\$50,000.00** to the Stabilization Capital Account, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 28: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds "Certified Free Cash" a sum to the Stabilization Account, or take any other action thereon.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 29: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 30: To choose and elect the following Town Officers:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| (1) Selectman | for a 3 - year term |
| (1) Assessor | for a 3 - year term |
| (3) Finance Committee member | for a 3 - year term |

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| (1) Planning Board member | for a 5 - year term |
| (1) Planning Board member | for a 1 - 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 19, 2007 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to bring in their votes for Town Officers per Article 30 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

Hinsdale Police Officer

Respectfully Submitted,

HINSDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bruce A. Marshall
Edward A. Goddard
James K. Frambach

Date

RETURN OF SERVICE
TOWN OF HINSDALE
BERKSHIRE COUNTY, SS:

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

Hinsdale Police Officer