

Annual Town Report

2009

Deerfield, Massachusetts



Deerfield Ambulance

Dedication

The Town dedicates the 2009 Annual Town Report to Frank J. Cackowski, Blanche Hukowicz, and Frank J. Moro, Jr., in recognition of their contributions to the community.

Frank J. Cackowski, affectionately known as “Chick,” served the community in a variety of ways. Mr. Cackowski was a member of the Finance Committee, Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (DEDIC) overseeing the creation and administrator of the industrial park. Chick also served for 50 years as member of the South Deerfield Fire Department, where he held the office of Moderator for 12 years and was a member of the Prudential Committee for six. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he represented fellow veterans as a member of the Holyoke Soldiers Home Board of Trustees. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post 3295 and the American Legion Post 229, as well as a life member of the Deerfield Lions Club. With his wife Helen, he also fed everyone, owning and operating Chick’s Luncheonette from 1947 through 1980!

Blanche S. Hukowicz, owned and operated Cozy Beauty Parlor on North Main Street for 23 years from 1940 - 1963. She was a member of St. Stanislaus Church and enjoyed gardening, sewing and cooking. Mrs. Hukowicz became Deerfield’s Oldest Citizen and was presented with the Boston Post Gold Cane at a ceremony on December 29, 2004. She held that honor for five years, until her passing in March 2009.



Selectboard members Carolyn Shores Ness and John P. Paciorek, Collector -Treasurer - Town Clerk Mary A. Stokarski, and Blanche S. Hukowicz at the presentation the Boston Post Gold Cane.

Frank J. Moro, Jr., owned and operated Fisher’s Garage in South Deerfield, which was opened by his father in 1912. Mr. Moro served as a member of Tilton Library Board of Trustees for the town. He also devoted much time as chairman of the Committee of Future of Hope, the finance council and as a communicant and Eucharist minister at St. Stanislaus Church. He was an avid classic and antique car enthusiast, belonging to AACA/CVR Auto Club of America and CCCA (Classic Cars of America) and traveling to classic car meets such as the fall show in Hershey Pennsylvania.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Franklin County

TOWN OF DEERFIELD

Villages of Deerfield & South Deerfield



*Report for the Year Ending
December 31, 2009*

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Memorable Minutiae

Annual Town Meeting:	Last Monday in April
Annual Election:	First Monday in May
Area:	33.57 Square Miles
Form of Government:	Open Town Meeting
Location:	Connecticut River Valley
Population:	5,284 (2008 Town Census)
Public Library:	Tilton Library
Public Schools:	Deerfield Elementary School Franklin County Technical School Frontier Regional School
Registered Voters:	3,643 (2008 Town Census)
State Highways:	17 Miles
Town Roads:	82 Miles



Ward Cemetery
River Road, South Deerfield

Town Hall Information

Municipal Offices
 8 Conway Street
 South Deerfield MA 01373

www.deerfieldma.org

Municipal Office Hours:
Main Office Number:

Weekdays, 9am - 4pm
(413) 665-1400

Town Hall Department	Staff Contact	Extension	Availability
Accountant	Janet Swem	103	T/F 11am-4pm
Assessors Office	Karen Menard	106	Contact Office
Inspections Department	Richard Calisewski	108	Regular Hours
	Debbie Gordon	108	Regular Hours
Planning Board	Karen Herold	112	By Appointment
Recreation Department	Suzanne Antonellis	107	T/Th, 10am-2pm
Selectmen's Office	Bernard R. Kubiak, MPPA	104	Regular Hours
	Kayce D. Warren	105	Regular Hours
Town Nurse	Lisa R. White, RNBS	114	Wed, 10am-2pm
Treasurer-Collector-Town Clerk	Michelle Duguay	102	Regular Hours
	Patricia Raymer	100	Regular Hours
	Mary A. Stokarski	101	Regular Hours
Zoning Board of Appeals	Patricia Kroll	111	T-F, 11am-4pm

Other Offices	Staff Contact	Telephone	Availability
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	Malcolm Cichy	665-4030	By appointment
Tilton Library	Sara Woodbury	665-4683	Contact Library
Wastewater Treatment Plants	Donald Chappell (S. Deerfield)	665-2651	By appointment
Wiring Inspector	William McGoldrick	665-4993	By appointment

<i>FOR EMERGENCIES, DIAL 9 - 1 - 1</i>			
Public Safety Departments	Staff Contact	Telephone	Availability
Emergency Medical Services	Anthony J. Muszynski		Regular Hours
	Zachary Smith	665-8814	Regular Hours
	David Zamojski		Regular Hours
Highway/Sewer Department	Harold L. Eaton, Jr., Supt.	665-2036	M-F, 7am-2pm
Police Department	Chief Michael Wozniakewicz	665-2606	24 hrs/7 days

Except for public safety departments (Emergency Medical and Police Services), the Town of Deerfield is closed on the following holidays:

New Years Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Presidents Day
Patriots Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day and the day following
Christmas Day

Municipal Officials

List reflects all changes from January 1 through December 31, 2009

ELECTED OFFICIALS

(Alphabetical order)

	<u>Term</u>
Assessors, Board of (3 yr term)	
John Coderre, M.A.A.	2010
David Rohrs, M.A.A.	2012
Bruce A. St. Peters	2011
Constables (3 yr term)	
Sharyn Paciorek	2010
Roger J. Sadoski, Jr.	2012
Deerfield School Committee (3 yr term)	
Bernadette Bean	2012
Marcia Brooks	2010
Mark A. Capuano	2010
Kenneth M. Cuddeback	2011
Albert N. Olmstead, Jr. (resigned)	
Mary Ramon	2009
Elector Under Oliver Smith Will (1 yr term)	
Andrew Rohrs	2010
Frontier Regional School Committee (3 yr term)	
Robert J. Decker, III	2011
Alexis Toy	2012
Moderator (3 yr term)	
Peter R. James	2011
Planning Board (3 yr term)	
Paul Allis	2012
Max Antes, Jr.	2012
John Baronas	2010
Peter LaBarbera (resigned)	
James Pasiecznik (resigned)	
Lynn Rose	2012
Roger Sadoski, Jr.	2011
Elizabeth Schmitt	2011
John Waite	2010
Selectboard	
Mark E. Gilmore	2010
John P. Paciorek	2011
Carolyn Shores Ness	2012
Tilton Library Board of Trustees	
Elsie Kolakoski	2010
Nancy Maynard	2012
Sharyn Paciorek	2011
Cynthia Pepyne	2012
Midori Tabery	2011
Tilton Library Board of Permanent Trustees	
Maryann Barnes	
Daniel Carmody, Jr.	

Tilton Library Board of Permanent Trustees

Pamela Oakes
Elizabeth Schmitt

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

(Alphabetical order)

	<u>Term</u>
MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS	
Deerfield Community Television	
Jane Wrisley	
Capital Improvement Planning Committee	
William J. Cummings	2010
Community Preservation Committee	
Richard Andriole	2010
Emergency Medical Services Committee	
<i>Inactive Committee</i>	
Finance Committee (3 yr term)	
Daniel L. Blanchard	2010
Thomas Clark	2011
David Dacyczyn	2010
Carol A. Moro	2012
Albert N. Olmstead, Jr.	2010
Mark Russo	2011
David Sheehan	2011
John J. Stobierski (resigned)	
Franklin County Technical School Committee (3 yr term)	
Edward Pepyne, Jr.	2011
Open Space Committee	
Judith Kundl	2010
Dan Laroche	2010
DEERFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS	
Capital Improvement Planning Committee	
Kenneth M. Cuddeback	2010
Albert N. Olmstead, Jr. (resigned)	
Representative to Frontier	
Mary Ramon	2010
School Crossing Guards	
Elsie Kolakoski	2010
Carole Giusto, Alternate	2010
Sharyn Paciorek	2010
Superintendent of Schools	
Regina Nash, Ed.D.	2010

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APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

(Alphabetical order)

	<u>Term</u>
Agricultural Commission	
John Baronas, Alternate	2010
Thomas Clark	2010
Elizabeth Clarke	2010
Peter Melnik	2010
Francis Sobieski	2010
Stephen Taylor	2010
Kenneth Williams, IV	2010
Americans with Disabilities Coordinator	
Harold L. Eaton, Jr.	2010
Animal Inspector	
Michael Raffa	2010
Assistant Dog Officers	
All Police Officers	2010
Board of Health (3 yr term)	
Mark E. Gilmore	2010
John P. Paciorek	2011
Carolyn Shores Ness	2012
Board of Health Agents	
Richard Calisewski	2010
Harold L. Eaton, Jr., Assistant	2010
Deborah Gordon, Assistant	2010
Zachary Smith, Assistant	2010
David Zamojski, Assistant	2010
Building Code Board of Appeals (3 yr term)	
Stephen Barrett, Clerk	2011
Ronald Bohonowicz	2010
Robert J. Decker, III	2012
Jamie Hartwright, Alternate	2012
William McGoldrick	2010
Francis Olszewski (resigned)	
Roger Sadoski, Jr.	2010
Building Commissioners	
Richard Calisewski, Building Commissioner	2010
David Rohrs (resigned)	
Burial Agent	
Patricia Raymer, Assistant	2010
Mary A. Stokarski	2010
Eileen F. Strzegowski (resigned)	
Cable Advisory Committee	
Melody Friedrich	2010
Mark E. Gilmore	2010
Karen Herold	2010
Janet Uden	2010
Jane Wisley (DCTV Member)	2010

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Thomas Clark (Finance Committee)	2010
Bernard R. Kubiak (non-voting)	2010
David A. Rohrs (Board of Assessors)	2010
Roger J. Sadoski, Jr. (Planning Board)	2010
Carolyn Shores Ness (Board of Selectmen)	2010
Mary A. Stokarski (non-voting)	2010

Civil Defense - Emergency Manager

Mark E. Gilmore	2010
Zachary Smith, Assistant	2010

Community Preservation Committee

Stephen Barrett (Conservation Commission)	2010
Jack Cavacco (Historical Commission)	2010
Karen Herold (Board of Selectmen)	2010
Bruce Hunter (Regional Housing Authority)	2010
Liam O'Brien (Recreation Committee)	2010
Roger Sadoski, Jr. (Planning Board)	2010
Bruce St. Peters (Board of Assessors)	2010
Robert Underhill (Open Space Committee)	2010

Conservation Commission (3 yr term)

Stephen Barrett	2010
Brian Dejnak	2012
Louis Misiun, Jr.	2010
Philip Savage	2010
Paul Sokoloski	2012

Council on Aging (upon resignation or replacement)

Janet Filarey (resigned)	
Mark E. Gilmore	
Marcia M. Gobeil	
Elsie Kolakoski	
Heidi M. Olmstead	
John P. Paciorek	
Nancy Paciorek	
Sharyn Paciorek	
Stephen Perkins	
Carolyn Shores Ness	
Elizabeth Turner	
Wallace Turner	

Cultural Council (allowed 3 terms, 2 years each)

Rachel Blain	2011
Julie Cavacco	2011
Allen Fowler	2011
Judith Kundl	2010
Reba-Jean Shaw Pichette	2011

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (3 yr term)

Frank Cackowski	
John Ciesla	2010
Robert J. Decker, III	2011
Paul Olszewski (resigned)	
Frank Sherburne	2010

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Emergency Medical Services Committee

Eve Brown-Waite	2010
C. Blake Gilmore	2010
Matthew Russo	2010
David Zamojski	2010
<i>Vacancy</i>	

Emergency Medical Technicians

Jeffrey Belanger	2010
Kathleen Belanger	2010
Suellen Bellows	2010
Benjamin Clark	2010
Michael Currie	2010
Jeffrey Dabkowski	2010
Jason Dorval	2010
Mark Fortier	2010
Christopher Goshea	2010
Robert Grant	2010
Michael Herbert	2010
Louise Kelley	2010
Steven Kolakoski	2010
Laurie J. Lankowski	2010
Matt Marchand	2010
Anthony Muszynski	2010
Sara Parrott	2010
John Raymer	2010
Matthew Russo, Director	2010
Sarah Samson	2010
Zachary Smith	2010
Sharon Van't Land	2010
Jonathon Van't Land	2010
John Whitney	2010
Matthew Wolkenbreit	2010
David Zamojski, Assistant Director	2010
Melanie Zamojski	2010
Jeffrey Zamojski	2010

Emergency - 911 Coordinator

Gary Stokarski	2010
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Energy Resources Committee

Karen Herold	2010
Kristan Bakker	2010
Amy Gazin-Schwartz	2010
David Gilbert-Keith, Associate	2010
Barbara Krolick	2010
Kathleen Melnik	2010
M.A. Swedlund	2010
Jay Stryker	2010

Fence Viewers

Frank Sherburne	2010
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Forest Warden

Thomas Clark, Deputy	2010
Harold L. Eaton, Jr., Deputy	2010
Gary Stokarski	2010
Chester Yazwinski, Jr., Deputy	2010

Franklin County Solid Waste Committee

Timothy Fannin	2010
Mark E. Gilmore	2010
M.A. Swedlund, Alternate	2010

Franklin County Transit Authority Representative

Robert J. Decker, III	2010
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Franklin Regional Council of Governments

John P. Paciorek	2010
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Hazardous Waste Coordinator

Lynn Rose	2010
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Health Insurance Subcommittee

Bernard R. Kubiak	2010
Carolyn Shores Ness	2010
Mary A. Stokarski	2010
Janet Uden	2010

Highway Garage Building Committee

Ralph Healy	2010
Bruce Hunter	2010
William McGoldrick	2010
Eric Ness	2010
John P. Paciorek	2010
Stanley Stokarski	2010

Historic Commission (3 yr term)

Jack Cavacco (resigned)	
David A. Driver (resigned)	
Matt Jakutowicz (resigned)	
Patricia M. Karkut (resigned)	
Henrietta Kocot	2010
Edith C. Lipp	2012
Helen Petrovic (resigned)	
Patricia Potter	2012
Jane Trigère	2010

Industrial Development Financing Authority (3 yr term)

Frank Cackowski	
John Ciesla	2010
Robert J. Decker, III	2011
Paul Olszewski (resigned)	
Frank Sherburne	2010

Keeper of the Cemetery Maps

Harold L. Eaton, Jr.	2010
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Keeper of the Town Clock

Robert Ouellette	2010
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Local Census Director

Mary A. Stokarski	2010
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Open Space Committee (3 year)

Benjamin Clark	2010
Lynn Rose	2010

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Open Space Committee (3 year)		Recreation Committee	
Robert Underhill	2010	Jodi Olmstead	2010
Oxford Redevelopment Committee (until completion)		Karen Hebert (resigned)	
Daren Gray		Gretchen Law	2010
Ralph Healy (Alternate)		Liam O'Brien	2010
Carol Katz		Robert Swasey	2010
Kevin Moore		Rod Warnick	2010
John P. Paciorek		Right-to-Know Coordinator	
David Sheehan		Harold L. Eaton, Jr.	2010
Carolyn Shores Ness		Registrar of Voters (3 yr term)	
Jane Trigère (Alternate)		William H. Leno	2011
Steve Upton		Linda Parker, Democrat	2010
John Waite		Mary A. Stokarski, Clerk	2012
Satu Zoller		Senior Center Director (Council on Aging)	
Personnel Board (4 year)		Lisa Ballou	
Doris Bilodeau (resigned)		Karen Herold (resigned)	
Daniel L. Blanchard	2010	Senior Housing Ad Hoc Committee	
Terrie McGoldrick	2011	Regina Boron	2010
Jay A. Wallace	2011	Cynthia Burrill	2010
<i>Vacancies (3)</i>		Frank Cackowski	2010
Plumbing & Gas Inspector		Leslie (Lili) Dwight	2010
Steven Baranoski, Alternate	2010	Nancy Maynard	2010
Malcolm Cichy	2010	Elizabeth Turner	2010
<i>Vacancies (1)</i>		Sewer Advisory Committee	
Police Department		<i>Inactive Committee</i>	
Jennifer D. Bartak	2010	Social Worker (Council on Aging)	
Nathan J. Coffin, Officer	2010	Karen Desantis	2010
Carole Giusto, Clerk/Dispatcher	2010	Streetscape Subcommittee (Planning)	
Michael A. Krusiewski, Officer	2010	Ralph Healy	2010
Mark W. Puchalski	2010	Carolyn Shores Ness	2010
Harry S. Ruddock III, Officer	2010	Elizabeth Schmitt	2010
Adam P. Sokoloski	2010	John Waite	2010
Robert C. Warger, Officer	2010	Stormwater & Erosion Control Committee	
Michael Wozniakewicz, Chief of Police	2010	Stephen Huntley	2010
Police Department, Special Officers		Paul Kozikowski	2010
Gregory Boyce	2010	Kathleen Melnik	2010
Kurt A. Gilmore	2010	William Melnik	2010
Laurie J. Lankowski	2010	Chester Ostrowski	2010
David F. Leuschner	2010	Carolyn Shores Ness	2010
Joseph F. Mieczkowski	2010	<i>Vacancies (2)</i>	
Noah H. Pack	2010	Stormwater Bylaw Committee (Planning)	
Christopher J. Redmond	2010	John Baronas	
Roger Sadoski, Jr.	2010	Daren Gray	
Michael S. Thomas	2010	Peter LaBarbera	
Police Department, Special Appointees		Bridget Mitchell	
Kathleen Belanger, Matron	2010	Jim Pasiecznik	
Harold L. Eaton, Jr.	2010	Roger J. Sadoski, Jr.	
Mark E. Gilmore	2010	Robert Underhill	
Carole Giusto, Matron	2010		
John P. Paciorek	2010		
Carolyn Shores Ness	2010		

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Superintendent of Sewers & Streets	
Harold L. Eaton, Jr.	2010
Surveyor of Lumber & Wood and Tree Warden (3 year)	
Henry J. Kocot	2011
Swim Program Committee	
Dana Lavigne	2010
Edith Ostrowski	2010
Sharyn Paciorek	2010
Tilton Library Director (Library Trustees)	
Sara Woodbury	2010
Town Accountant (3 yr term)	
Janet Swem	2010
Town Counsel	
Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead, LLC (Special)	2010
Edward Pepyne, Jr., Esquire (resigned)	
Sullivan, Hayes & Quinn (Special)	2010
Town Memorial Forest Committee	
Mark E. Gilmore	2010
Henry J. Kocot	2010
John P. Paciorek	2010
Carolyn Shores Ness	2010
Milton Williams, Sr.	2010
Tri-Town Beach Commission (3 yr term)	
Dana Lavigne	2012
Edith Ostrowski	2010
Sharyn Paciorek	2011
Veteran's Agent - Director of Veteran's Services	
Leo Parent, Jr.	2010
Veterans' Grave Officer	
Douglas Tierney	2010
Wells, Fred W. Fund, Trustee	
Henry Zukowski	2010
Wiring Inspector	
William McGoldrick	2010
Wayne Shaw, Alternate	2010
Bruce St. Peter, Alternate	2010
Workers & Unemployment Compensation Agent	
Mary A. Stokarski	2010
Eileen F. Strzegowski (resigned)	

Zoning Board of Appeals (3 yr term)	
Stephen Barrett	2011
Ronald Bohonowicz	2010
Robert J. Decker, III	2012
Jamie Hartwright	2012
William McGoldrick	2010
Francis Olszewski (resigned)	
Roger Sadoski, Jr.	2010

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

(Alphabetical order by Department)

Assessors Office

Karen Menard, M.A.A., Clerk

Highway Department - Transfer Station

Roger Baker, Mechanic
 Brian Chyz, Equipment Operator
 Jason Miller, Equipment Operator
 Michael Phillips, Foreman
 Stephen Taylor, Equipment Operator
 Dennis Welcome, Equipment Operator

Inspections Department

Richard Calisewski, Building Commissioner - Health Agent
 Deborah Gordon, Administrative Assistant

Planning Board

Karen Herold, Administrative Assistant

Recreation Department

Suzanne Antonellis, Director

Selectmen's Office

Bernard R. Kubiak, MPPA, Town Administrator
 Kayce D. Warren, Administrative Assistant

Tax Collector - Treasurer - Town Clerk's Office

Michelle Duguay, Assistant Collector - Treasurer
 Patricia Raymer, Assistant Town Clerk
 Mary A. Stokarski, Tax Collector-Treasurer-Town Clerk
 Eileen Strzegowski (resigned)

Wastewater Treatment Plants

Donald Chappell, Chief Operator
 John Kaczynski, Certified Operator
 Keith Milne, Certified Operator

Zoning Board of Appeals

Patricia Kroll, Secretary

Functions of Municipal Officials

Assessors: The Board of Assessors consists of three members. One member is elected each year for a three-year term. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – noon. The Assessors meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise posted) in the Municipal Offices, Assessors’ Office, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield.

The Assessors are required by Massachusetts law to value all real and personal property, based on “full and fair cash value” and are responsible for setting the tax rate; committing real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise tax to the Tax Collector; updating records for new construction; all abatements and motor vehicle excise; updating town tax maps; changes of address for tax billing purposes; reviewing all applications for abatements, exemptions and special land use qualifications.

Abatements

Real Estate and Personal Property – An abatement application must be filed within thirty days of the first date of mailing of the tax bills.

Motor Vehicle Excise – Applications must be filed within three years after the excise is due, or one year after the excise is paid, whichever is later. An abatement cannot be granted for less than \$5.00, nor can it reduce the tax to less than \$5.00.

Personal Exemptions

Clause 17D – (Surviving spouse, minor or taxpayer over seventy) Exemption is \$175.00 of actual taxes due. Surviving spouse must have owned and occupied domicile on July 1st for the year to which the tax relates. A person over age seventy must have owned and occupied domicile for not less than five years. The total estate (excluding domicile, if non-income producing) cannot exceed \$40,000, plus a cost-of-living adjustment.

Clause 41C – (Elderly over seventy) Exemption is \$500.00 of actual taxes due. Applicant must have been domiciled in Massachusetts for preceding ten years, and must have owned and occupied domicile for five years. Gross receipts cannot exceed \$20,000* if single, or \$30,000* combined, if married. The total estate (excluding domicile, if it does not exceed two dwellings) cannot exceed \$28,000* if single, or \$30,000* combined, if married.

**Plus a cost-of-living adjustment.*

Clause 22A through 22E – (Veteran’s with 10% or greater service related disability or with certain medals - and their spouses) Exemptions range from \$250.00 of actual taxes due to 100% of actual taxes due. Applicants must have lived in Massachusetts at least six months prior to entering the service or have resided in the Commonwealth for five years prior to date of filing.

Clause 41A (Tax Deferral), Clause 37 (Blind Person) Exemption must be filed annually with the Board of Assessors, on or before December 15th. If the bills are mailed after September 15th, the taxpayer has three months from the date of mailing to apply.

Property Exemptions

Chapter 61 (Forest Land) Land must consist of ten contiguous acres to qualify as Forest Land. Owner must obtain approved ten-year management plan from the State Forester and submit to the Assessors a written application, forester’s certification and management plan prior to September 1st.

Functions of Municipal Officials

Chapter 61A (Agricultural/Horticultural Land) Land must consist of at least five contiguous acres actively devoted to agricultural use. Gross sales from land use must be at least \$500.00 per year (or intent must be shown to produce this amount). Land must have been actively devoted to this use in the preceding two years. Applications must be filed annually on or before October 1st of the year preceding the year for which classification is sought. EXAMPLE: Application filed in 2004, by October 1st, will be for the Fiscal Year 2006.

Board of Selectmen: The Board of Selectmen is a three-member board wherein one member is elected each year for a three-year term. They meet every other Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Offices, unless otherwise posted.

The Selectmen are the Chief Administrative Officers of the Town acting in various authoritative capacities as the Board of Health, Sewer Commissioners and Local Licensing Authority for all liquor licenses in town. They are authorized to sign all contractual agreements on behalf of the town, approve all payment of bills and payroll for employees, and receive and act upon requests and complaints from citizens.

One of the most important functions of the Selectmen, however, is the preparation of the Town Meeting Warrant. An Annual Warrant is composed of articles outlining each subject on which the town meeting must vote. Examples of Warrant Articles include bylaw changes, acceptance of funds and grants, disposal of property and the Omnibus (town) Budget items. Once Town Meeting has voted, it is the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen to implement the wishes of the voters.

Building Commissioner & Health Agent: This is a combined Selectmen's appointment.

Building Commissioner: The Building Commissioner oversees all construction permitting in town. Construction projects vary, but some examples are outdoor deck installations, roofing projects, housing construction and alterations, and demolition of buildings.

An important responsibility of the Building Commissioner is to clarify and enforce all zoning laws. This includes both the Code of Massachusetts Regulations and any town bylaws. Acting as the Zoning Enforcement Officer, the Commissioner may determine allowable use (i.e., residential/agricultural, commercial, and industrial) for property in town.

Conservation Commission: The Commission is appointed by the Selectmen and serves a three-year term. They work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to implement and enforce both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wetlands Act as well as any regulations set forth by the Town.

Gas & Plumbing Inspector: This appointment is made by the Selectmen. The Gas & Plumbing Inspector oversees all plumbing and heating, as well as all gas projects. The Inspector, acting independently under the auspices of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, receives all permit applications, conducts inspections, and issues permits accordingly.

Health Agent: Acting on behalf of the Board of Health, the Health Agent is responsible for implementation of all state and local health regulations. In addition to the normal activity of food service permits and inspections, disposal works installers' permits, and Title V oversight, the Agent regularly attends training seminars to maintain certifications and stay abreast of changes to the laws.

Planning Board: This is an elected board of seven members each serving a three-year term. The responsibilities of Planning Board are future physical growth of the town, approving new development, and recommending changes to the zoning bylaws to Town Meeting.

Functions of Municipal Officials

Recreation Department: The Recreation Department is run by a Director, overseen by the Recreation Committee, which is appointed annually by the Selectmen. The Recreation Director plans and coordinates all recreational activities sponsored by the Town of Deerfield. Programs include: Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball/softball curriculums for children, as well as adult courses such as Jazz, Pilates and computer training classes for seniors.

Tax Collector – Treasurer – Town Clerk: This is a combined Selectmen’s appointment, including the Treasurer and Town Clerk, as well.

Tax Collector: The office of the Tax Collector obtains assessments of property from the Assessors who also set the rates. Bills are mailed out and collected by this office. Any changes have to be made through the Assessors’ office.

Personal Property Tax Bills – Value set by Assessors and mailed and collected by the Tax Collector. Payments are due and payable thirty days from the mailing date.

Real Estate Tax Bills – Value of property is set by the Assessors and is billed for the fiscal year on a January 1st assessment. Bills are presently issued in two halves and are due and payable on November 1st and May 1st. Because of the delay by the Assessors in setting the tax rate, bills are not always ready for mailing on October 1st. The first half of the bill is then due and payable thirty days after the mailing date, and the second half is due and payable on May 1st. Although every effort is made to see that all property owners receive tax bills, failure to receive a bill does not relieve the owner of the responsibility of payment nor of any interest, fees or penalties which may be levied for late payments.

Taxes for the Deerfield Area Fire Protection District, South Deerfield Fire District and South Deerfield Water District are payable in the Tax Collector’s office thirty days from mailing date.

Excise Tax Bills – Value set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is due and payable to the Town Tax Collector thirty days after mailing. Data and bills are compiled by the Commonwealth and may be corrected for minor items by the Assessors. Other items may be corrected through the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. Unpaid bills are referred to the Deputy Tax Collector and if uncollected, may result in suspension of license and/or registration, by the Registry.

Sewer Use Bills – Rates are set by the Board of Selectmen. Bills are sent to users on the sewer system only, twice a year, and are due and payable, in the Tax Collector’s office, thirty days after mailing.

District Property Tax Bills – Value set by the Assessors and mailed and collected by the Tax Collector. Payments are due and payable the same as the Real Estate Tax Bills.

Note: District User Fees are established and collected by the Districts. These Districts are: Deerfield Fire District and the South Deerfield Water District.

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk is responsible for recording Town Meetings and Elections; maintaining records of Registered Voters, Dog Licenses, Fishing and Hunting Licenses, Street Listings, Town Census, Births, Deaths and Marriages; certification of all vital records. Duties and responsibilities are clearly set by Massachusetts General Law.

Treasurer: This appointment is combined with the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. The Treasurer is responsible for all town funds. The Treasurer oversees the payment of payroll and departmental

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bills and is empowered by town meeting vote to borrow funds if necessary. These duties are clearly set by Massachusetts General Laws.

Wiring Inspector: The Wiring Inspector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and acts under the Massachusetts Regulations governing electrical wiring activities in the Commonwealth. The Wiring Inspector operates on an independent basis, under the jurisdiction of the Board of State Examiners of Electricians.

Zoning Board of Appeals: This is a six-member Board, with one alternate, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Zoning Board of Appeals is empowered to act in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A and 40B, as well as the zoning bylaws detailed in the Code of the Town of Deerfield. They are responsible to issue Variances, Special Permits, and comprehensive permits, as well as perform site plan and Architectural reviews and comprehensive permits.

Meeting Schedules				
<u>Board/Committee</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Agricultural Commission	No set schedule			
Board of Assessors	Weekly	Tuesday	7:00 PM	117
Board of Selectmen/Health	Bi-weekly	Wednesday	7:30 PM	107
Community Preservation Committee	Monthly, 2nd Thurs.	Thursday	7:00 PM	130
Conservation Commission	Monthly, 4th Thurs.	Thursday	7:00 PM	107
Energy Resources Committee	Monthly, 4th Fri.	Friday	3:30 PM	130
Finance Committee	Weekly, Dec-May	Tuesday	7:30 PM	121
Historical Commission	Monthly	Tuesday	6:30 PM	121/130
Planning Board	Monthly	Monday	6:00 PM	107
Open Space Committee	Quarterly, 4th Mon.	Monday	7:00 PM	130
Recreation Committee	No set schedule			
Zoning Board of Appeals	Monthly, 1st & 3rd Thurs.	Thursday	7:00 PM	107

All other board, committee and commission meetings are posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board at least 48 hours (excluding weekends or legal holidays) prior to the time and date of the meeting. Meetings are also posted on the website and to the Community Access Channel, Channel 15. Meetings are public and citizens are encouraged to attend.

Additional Community Facts

PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The Bement School	Co-Educational, Grades K – 9
Eaglebrook School	Boys only, Grades 6 – 9
Deerfield Academy	Co-Educational, Grades 9 – 12, Post-Graduate

WATER & FIRE DISTRICTS *(Not Affiliated with the Town of Deerfield)*

Public Water Supply and Fire Services to the Villages of Deerfield and South Deerfield are provided by the independent political entities, which are each managed by Prudential Committees and/or Commissioners. Some information about these districts is provided below.

Fire Districts

Deerfield Area Fire Protection District	413-773-7527
Commissioners:	Patricia Kelly 2010
(3 yr. term)	Ted Pennock 2009
	Patrick O'Bryan 2011
<u>Fire Chief:</u>	<u>Chester Yazwinski, Jr.</u>

South Deerfield Fire District	413-665-2313
Commissioners:	William Swasey 2010
(3 yr. Term)	Donald Sadowsky 2009
	Stanley Stokarski 2011
<u>Fire Chief:</u>	<u>Gary Stokarski</u>

Water Districts

Deerfield Fire District (Water Dept.)	413-773-3359
Commissioners:	Bret Gewanter 2011
(3 yr. Term)	Stanley Yazwinski 2010
	Kenneth Williams, III 2009
<u>Superintendent:</u>	<u>Brian Nartowicz</u>

South Deerfield Water District	413-665-3540
Commissioners:	Kim R. Crossman 2009
(3 yr. Term)	Bruce Hunter 2011
	William Leno 2010
<u>Superintendent:</u>	<u>Roger Sadoski, Jr.</u>

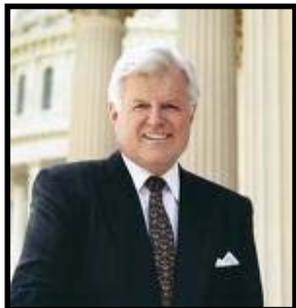
Federal & State Representatives

Calendar Year 2009

In Memoriam

Served Massachusetts for 47 years
Elected from 1962 - 2009

Edward M. Kennedy



February 22, 1932 - August 25, 2009

United States Senator *Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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Cider Days,
Clarkdale Farm, West Deerfield.

PART I

Boards, Committees & Departmental Reports

Agricultural Commission

2009 Annual Report



Balloon over Cornfield

Courtesy of Bernard R. Kubiak

The Deerfield Agricultural Commission remains active serving our agricultural community. In the past two years that the Commission has been active we have written and passed the Right-To-Farm Bylaw, approved one Agricultural Preservation Restriction land sale with the Franklin Land Trust, a resolution of a dispute between a farm and neighbor, participated in the Cost of Community Services Study with American Farmland Trust and First Pioneer Farm Credit.

We hosted our first public forum and presented the results of the Cost of Community Services Study. We received great feedback from the public on what the community would like to see in the future.

Members of the Agricultural Commission have participated in regional and state-wide conferences with other Ag Commissions and groups, alike, to keep us up-to-date on information in the agricultural community.

I would like to thank all of the Agricultural Commission members and the other departments that have worked with us for all of their hard word.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen D. Taylor, Chairman

Committee Members:

Beth Clark (Vice Chair)
Skip Sobieski (Clerk)
Peter Melnik
John Baronas, Jr.
Chip Williams
Tom Clark

Board of Selectmen & Board of Health

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The past year was a challenging one for the town as for most municipalities in the Commonwealth, given the economy and the continued reduction in state aid that put pressure on our budget and threatened our ability to deliver services to the community. Despite the turndown, the Board was able to manage the situation and participate in a number of efforts for the benefit of the town.

The adverse financial situation prompted the state to encourage communities to take a regional approach to providing services. Deerfield is well ahead of this trend and participates in a number of regional organizations, including the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) which provides us with a range of technical assistance, enabling us to obtain grants, conduct land use and emergency planning, provide public health nursing and keep our purchasing costs for highway supplies and fuel low. The Franklin County Regional Solid Waste District helps with solid waste management, grant opportunities and recycling efforts. Our membership in the Hampshire Insurance Trust has kept our health insurance costs well below the double digit increases experienced in the private sector. Our affiliation with Hampshire Power resulted in a 13% savings in electricity costs.



Deerfield River Embankment Reconstruction Project
Mill Village Road, Deerfield

The Emergency Dispensing Site drill held November 21st highlights one of the benefits to regional collaboration. Working with the towns of Conway, Sunderland and Whately along with the Medical Reserve Corps, Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition, Frontier Regional School and the Department of Public Health we were able to hold the fourth annual drill which offered H1N1, seasonal flu and other vaccines to both adults and children. As a result hundreds of citizens from our communities

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received free preventative health care and the town was able to hone our emergency response capabilities. The EDS drill and vaccination clinics are detailed in the Frontier Regional EDS Planning Group statement which you'll find in this volume. The Board engaged in some important capital projects and purchases. The town's ambulance was replaced with a newer, larger and more effective unit (pictured on the front cover) as part of our continuing effort to upgrade our equipment and capabilities. We began the reconstruction of the Deerfield River embankment along Mill Village Road, funding in large part through a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, to protect the road and the adjacent farmland. The Board also named a committee to plan the construction of a new highway garage to replace the present outmoded structure. Relocating the highway garage is a key part in allowing the sale of the Oxford Foods parcel.

The Board continues to address environmental concerns in the town. Working with the Energy Resources Committee, Deerfield agreed to become part of the Green Communities program promoted by the Massachusetts Office of Energy Resources. We moved forward with energy conservation plans for our public buildings working with Siemens Corporation and applying for grant funds. Working with the Department of Environmental Protection, we were able to promote an audit of pollution sites at the East Deerfield rail yard and Pam Am Rail agreed to begin the public involvement process (PIP) to give Deerfield citizens both information and a voice in remediation of contamination on the site.

The Board worked with the American Farmland Trust and our local Agricultural Commission to produce a cost of community services study that illustrates the value of preserving farmland and validates our efforts through the state Agricultural Preservation Restriction program. The study demonstrates that farms and conserved farmland produce a positive economic benefit to the town, in terms of property tax paid, employment, and spending on supplies and equipment.

Other initiatives this year include a reorganization of the Senior Center and a new emphasis on providing for older residents, in cooperation with Sunderland and Whately, the start of a comprehensive study of employee classification plan and the compensation tied to it and the launch of a new website. The website (www.deerfieldma.us) will become a "virtual" town hall that's open all the time. It's intended to become a place where people can go for information, forms, reports, meeting minutes, an events calendar and emergency notification. It has a bill pay feature to make payments online safely and securely. The website allows you to subscribe to updates (news and announcements) or recreation schedules that are sent to you via email whenever the site is updated.

Despite the current economic situation we are confident that the Town will, as it has so many times in the past, come together in common interest and successfully meet the challenges ahead. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the citizens who volunteer on our many boards and committees, the organizations and clubs that work on behalf of the town. We encourage you to become involved, attend town meeting and vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark E. Gilmore
Carolyn Shores Ness
John E. Paciorek

Community Preservation Committee

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The Town of Deerfield adopted the Community Preservation Act in 2007, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44B. The Deerfield Community Preservation Bylaw authorizes the Town to levy an annual real estate tax surcharge for use for preservation purposes. The surcharge revenues may be supplemented with a distribution from a state trust fund; the distribution in FY08 and FY09 equaled a 100% match of local revenues. Deerfield will have over \$760,000 for community preservation projects in FY11.

The Community Preservation Act specifies that the expenditure of Community Preservation Funds shall be authorized by Town Meeting on the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Deerfield's CPA Bylaw specifies which committees and boards must be represented on the CPC and sets appointments for the fiscal year. The members of the FY10 Deerfield Community Preservation Committee are as follows:

Rick Andriole, Town Meeting Moderator
Steve Barrett, Conservation Commission
Karen Herold - Chair, Select Board
Bruce Hunter, Regional Housing Authority
Edith Lipp, Historical Commission
Liam O'Brien - Vice-Chair, Recreation Committee
Roger Sadoski, Planning Board
Bruce St. Peters, Board of Assessors
Bob Underhill, Open Space Committee

Town Meeting may only appropriate funds for purposes and amounts not greater than amounts recommended by the CPC, and may also reject or reduce the amounts recommended by the CPC. A CPA article for the rehabilitation of the school tennis courts was included on the August 2009 Special Town Meeting Warrant without a recommendation from the CPC and was not considered by Town Meeting. The project would not have been eligible for funding under current law, because the tennis courts were not originally funded with Community Preservation Funds; nevertheless, the rehab of the tennis courts would benefit the whole community and would be eligible under pending CPA legislation: SB90. The CPC has encouraged the applicant to resubmit the request after passage of the legislation.

2009 Annual Town Meeting authorized the CPC to use 5% of CPA funds for administrative purposes, such as duplication and distribution of the application and other documents and for legal consultations, and for membership in the Community Preservation Coalition, a state-wide organization that provides guidance and advocacy on matters related to the CPA.

The CPC updated its application form in 2009, retaining a requirement for applicants to seek match funds from other sources and adding a pre-application which allowed applicants to submit proposals for an eligibility review in November. Three eligible applications were submitted by the December 3, 2009 deadline, all for historical preservation projects. The committee will review the applications and present recommendations to the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Herold, Chair
Deerfield Community Preservation Committee

Emergency Medical Services

On behalf of Deerfield Emergency Medical Services, thank you for your continued support. With your support, our dedicated members continue to provide high quality pre hospital care. In these challenging economic times, your continued support for our service has not waived and is truly appreciated.

Our current staff includes a full time staff of 3 to ensure staffing 16 hours a day/7 days a week. That staff is augmented by staff of 25 on-call EMT's. Of this staff, there is a smaller group of highly active members that responded to more than 4 calls per month or 50 plus calls per year.

Emergency Services continues to be fortunate to have the full support of the Deerfield Police. The Deerfield Police continue to actively respond to our calls and are typically the first people you will see during an emergency. During an Emergency Situation, seconds can seem like an eternity. The assistance of the police has helped to put a friendly person on the doorstep in a time of need. Their assistance has been invaluable in helping to triage calls and better prepare our EMT's as they arrive. Once on scene, the police have been actively involved in assisting us to help you. We have a number of officers that are EMT's. This is not commonly seen in the law enforcement field and is a compliment to the leadership and dedication of this group to serve our community. Their efforts make a difference in patient care every day. The little things that are done quickly can have a high impact on patient outcome and reduced recovery times. In some cases, the quick actions of our Police Officers have meant the difference between life and death. We are appreciative for their continued support.

We would also like to acknowledge the South Deerfield Fire District who continues to be quite hospitable in providing a home for our staff as well as our equipment, with no additional cost to the town. Both the Deerfield Fire District as well as the South Deerfield Fire District assist us with rescue situations with their specialty equipment and knowledge of how to best utilize that equipment. Our gratitude goes to the Highway Department for providing space to store our rescue boats and their assistance in helping us clear the snow at the fire station, so we can respond when called upon during inclement weather.

This past year, we responded to 496 requests for medical assistance. This number is up 2.5% or 11 calls from the previous year. Of the 485 calls, we transported 342 patients. Of these 342 transports, 131 required assistance from Paramedics. The other calls that we did not transport a patient include refusals on-scene, requests for stand-by, or being cancelled en route.

Thanks to your support, we recently took delivery of our new ambulance. The new ambulance is larger than our previous ambulance. As regulations continue to change, we are carrying more equipment today than in the past. When researching ambulances, we were advised that Ford was not going to continue to build van bodies for ambulances any longer. We decided to go with a Freightliner chassis, which is a heavier duty chassis and built to handle the weight and demands of an ambulance.

There have been many questions about the stripes or chevrons on the back of the ambulance. Drivers today are more distracted than ever. From drinking beverages, texting and talking on cell phones, to answering emails, programming GPS's, changing dvd's for children, and selecting music, paying attention to driving has become less of a priority until its too late. Studies are showing that driver distractions are contributing to additional accidents. In the past couple of years, the Federal

Emergency Medical Services

Government has directed that all personnel on federally funded highways must wear greater amounts of reflective material when they step out of their vehicles onto the highway. To this end, we decided to add the chevrons as an additional way to focus the attention of drivers as they approach the scene of an emergency. This has been done in Europe for years and is gaining acceptance in America. The chevrons are a high visibility differentiation in emergency vehicles and assist in visibility for our ambulance and staff. With impending construction on Interstate 91 to replace bridges in the next few years as well as our coverage of this road, we wanted to be sure that we were doing all we could to alert drivers to an emergency on the highway. Our goal is to promote safety for our staff and other emergency workers as well as have passing traffic slow down and move over. I would like to acknowledge our ambulance committee led by David Zamojski, Zack Smith, and A.J. Muszynski for their time and effort in working through this process.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions and support from the town offices as well. Bernie Kubiak continues to provide sound guidance and advice. Janet Swem and Mary Stokarski assist in providing monthly reports of income and expenses so that we may stay on top of our budget. Kayce Warren assists in helping to track down information, keeping me current on meetings, and answers to a multitude of questions that we have through the year. Our Select Board has been very supportive in providing guidance and support for our organization. This team of people works tirelessly in an effort to serve the entire community and I am thankful for being a part of this team. It is truly a pleasure to work with such a great group of professionals.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the dedicated members of Deerfield Emergency Medical Services. I am fortunate to work with such a talented team. Our full time staff has been instrumental in meeting the demands of the state by completing and submitting required paperwork, working with our billing agency, and taking care of the daily needs of the service. The dedication of our entire team to serving the community, no matter the time of day, weather conditions, or personal obligations is amazing. I am happy to report that we have a number of new members during the past year whose contributions have already made a difference. It is not uncommon to stop by the fire station and find some of these members sitting with our full time staff, reviewing skills, equipment, or waiting for the next call to come in. I thank these folks for their commitment to our community and their desire to serve. The requirements for maintaining credentials as an EMT require nearly 80 hours of training every two years as well as a financial investment. This dedicated group provides a great level of care that is acknowledged by the number of thank you notes that we receive from patients we have cared for.

In closing, I am happy to say that this has been a very positive year for Deerfield Emergency Medical Services. We look forward to continuing to improve our service as we meet the needs of our community. We are always looking for new members. Please feel free to contact us at 665-8814 if you have any interest in serving your neighbors and your community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Russo, Director
Deerfield Emergency Medical Services

Energy Resources Committee

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Students at Frontier Regional School participate in efforts to encourage public officials to try to meet the worldwide goal of lowering carbon emissions to 350 parts per million. Groups were asked to take a picture incorporating the number “350” into the photograph. For more information, check out the website www.350.org.

Members: Kristan Bakker, David Keith, Barbara Krolick, Kathy Melnik, Amy Gazin-Schwartz, Jay Stryker, M.A. Swedlund, Chair

The Energy Resources Committee would like to thank all the Deerfield residents who donated to the New England Wind Fund. Not only did you buy green energy but you helped Deerfield receive a matching funds Clean Energy Choice Grant for over \$1000. The Selectmen agreed to spend the funds on educational solar projects for the Elementary School and Frontier. David Hale and Kevin Murphy will be supervising students building model solar cars and Julie Webster and students will be cooking up a storm with the new solar oven. Tim Austin also purchased several games.

In October we joined with over 5200 groups from 180 countries in sponsoring the 350.org events at Deerfield Elementary, Frontier and Eaglebrook School. Students in each school made a huge “350” on the playing fields to send the message to world leaders that we all must work together to bring the level of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere down to 350 parts per million.

We have also been working with the Deerfield Elementary School’s Environmental Action Club to encourage recycling at the school. Currently the school recycles plastic, glass, and metal containers and composts paper, cardboard and food waste. They are among the top schools in the valley for reducing the amount of their trash.

Two other exciting programs that the Energy Resources Committee is working on with the Selectmen are the energy audit of all the town and school buildings and qualifying as a Green Community under the Massachusetts Green Communities Act. Both of these will reduce the energy the town uses, save the town money, and encourage the use of alternative energy sources. The town received two grants worth more than \$150,000 for energy efficient improvements.

Don’t forget to watch Deerfield TV for energy conservation tips.

Respectfully submitted,

M.A. Swedlund (Chair)

Energy Resources Committee



THE "YES AND NO" OF WHAT CAN GO IN THE RECYCLING BOXES



YES	NO		
<p style="text-align: center;">Aluminum <i>Empty and rinse.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ cans ➤ aluminum foil ➤ pie pans, aluminum trays 	<p>Siding and tools scrap metal foil-wrapped beverage pouches (Capri Sun) pots & pans utensils</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Steel (tin) cans <i>Empty and rinse. Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food and beverage cans (metal lids OK) ➤ pet food, soup cans (metal lids OK) 	<p>scrap metal, pipes tools car parts fuel tanks</p>	<p>hangers toys appliances pots & pans, utensils</p>	<p>aerosol spray cans paint cans</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Glass <i>Empty and rinse. Discard lids in trash. Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food and beverage bottles and jars 	<p>baking and dishware, cookware (Pyrex) drinking glasses coffee mugs</p>	<p>medicine bottles broken glass, mirrors eye glasses wine corks</p>	<p>light bulbs, fluorescent lights windows, plate glass glass art, vases, ceramics</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Plastics <i>ONLY containers smaller than 2.5 gallons are recyclable. Empty and rinse. Discard caps in trash.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food containers: margarine, yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter ➤ beverage bottles and jugs: soda, water, juice, milk ➤ detergent bottles ➤ personal care bottles: shampoo, soap, etc. 	<p>plastic bags plastic wrap/sheeting Styrofoam (polystyrene) take-out food containers cups, plates, utensils, straws cartons/trays (berry containers, cookie trays) liners from food packaging cellophane food bags (e.g., candy bars, cookies, pasta) frozen food bags/pouches meat trays</p>	<p>egg cartons medicine & pill bottles "packing" peanuts foam packing packaging of any kind laundry baskets toys flower pots black plastic, tarps 5-gallon pails; buckets VCR, CD cases</p>	<p>bottles that contained motor oil, anti-freeze, pesticides, pool chemicals or other hazardous substances curbside/other plastic bins dry cleaner/garment bags indoor/outdoor/patio furniture swimming pools hoses; PVC piping or tubing containers bigger than 2.5 gallons, Nalgene water bottles</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cartons <i>Empty, rinse, & flatten. Throw away caps & straws. Recycle with containers, not with paper.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ milk and juice cartons (plastic spout OK) ➤ soy milk, soup and drink boxes (remove straws) 	<p>foil-wrapped pouches (Capri Sun) frozen juice cartons frozen food packaging plastic straws</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Paper <i>Clean paper only. Flatten boxes. "Windows" in envelopes, staples, paper clips, tape OK</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail, phonebooks ➤ white, colored, glossy, and construction paper ➤ shredded paper (put in paper bag), paperback books ➤ corrugated cardboard, clean pizza boxes (<i>no grease or food</i>) ➤ boxboard (for example, cereal boxes) ➤ gift wrap, gift bags, cards, gift tissue paper (no metallic inks, foil, wire, glitter) 	<p>soda, beer cartons cups frozen juice cartons egg cartons take-out containers</p>	<p>butter, margarine boxes paper towels, napkins tissues Tyvek or padded envelopes hardcover books stickers & sticker sheeting</p>	<p>glossy boxes that show white strands when torn (frozen food boxes) blueprints dirtied paper (pet waste, paint) copy paper packaging</p>

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

Annual Report 2009 Lynn Rose, Hazardous Waste Coordinator

My Role: as Hazardous Waste Coordinator since 2000 has been to both prevent contamination of some of our town's resources, and to identify and ensure the clean-up of some of the existing pollution. This role has involved establishing the town's participation in the FCSWMD annual HHW collection, and identifying and overseeing the investigation and mitigation of state superfund sites at the East Deerfield Railroad. This volunteer work involves; writing grants for the town to hire technical expertise, helping to hire and oversee technical consultants, meeting with regulators, overseeing Pan Am Railway's compliance with regulations, developing technical and educational materials, educating town officials and the community about these issues, coordinating public participation in the investigation and mitigation of hazardous waste site activities, and coordinating efforts with other towns and environmental groups.

Town oversight of state superfund sites (MA Contingency Plan Regulations) at the East Deerfield Railyard: we had obtained our 3rd \$10,000 grant from MA Dept of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to hire Geoinsight, Inc., a consultant who reviewed and provided technical comments to the town on documents from the East Deerfield railyard investigation.

The Railyard: property is approximately 129 acres. It is bounded to the north and east by land and the Connecticut River, to the south by River Road, and to the west by the Deerfield River.

Our Successes: This year has bore the fruit of almost a decade of our persistent efforts to obtain Pan Am's compliance to environmental regulations and to make them accountable to Town. We have seen major progress on many fronts, providing reason to celebrate the following successes:

1. MassDEP has assigned a site manager to oversee Pan Am's compliance with state and some federal environmental regulations. This was done in response to Pan Am's ongoing blatant lack of compliance, which the Town consistently brought to MassDEP's attention.
2. MassDEP has audited Pan Am's previous and recent documents submitted to address multiple new and old hazardous waste sites. Based on this review, MassDEP has required Pan Am to redo both work conducted in the past that was noncompliant as well as redo their current reports. This requirement for Pan Am redo past work will address some concerns voiced earlier by the town, which they had not adequately addressed, including chlorinated solvents in a source of potential drinking water for the town and adequate clean-up of several feet of petroleum floating on groundwater in the aquifer under the railyard.
3. The new hazardous waste sites at the railyard are now designated as "Public Information Plan Site", which is the regulatory vehicle that enables the community to comment on investigation and clean-up activities. We fought extremely hard these past 2 years for this.

Summary of Contaminated Sites at the Railyard: Please note that the frequency of releases at the site as well as how long it takes to address the contamination. Also, there are a number of older, closed sites not listed here.

2009: 6 new Sites – some will continue to be worked on in 2010 and some have been closed:

1. **SITE # 1-17334** –Release of approximately 10 gallons of lubricating oil from a pump mechanism 1/09. Snow contaminated with lubricating oil was scraped from the railroad ballast. This investigation is closed.

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2. **SITE # 1-17354** - *Release of 100 pounds hydrochloric acid* from a top seal on railroad tanker to the air and soil 2/09. The spill was cleaned up and the investigation closed.
3. **SITE # 1-17432** - *Release of 20 gallons of fuel from a train* during transfer of the locomotive between tracks 4/09. The release occurred at each of three adjacent switch locations. Investigations are ongoing.
4. **SITE # 1-17480** - *Release of 20 to 40 gallons of fuel* from a failed valve on a locomotive engine 6/09. They excavated and removed most of the contaminated soils.
5. **SITE # 1-17519** - *Release of approximately 40 gallons of hydraulic oil* 7/09. They excavated and removed most of the contaminated soils.
6. **SITE # 1-17606** – *200 gallon diesel spill* from an overflow of a locomotive in October 2009. ½ of the diesel was contained in the fueling area containment system and processed in the site’s waste water treatment plant. The other ½ of the diesel contaminated the soil, which has been partially excavated and will excavate more in 2010. The groundwater is being monitored for contamination.
7. **SITE # 1-16603** - *Lake Asphalt* - This property was previously leased from Pan Am for use as an asphalt plant and then abandoned for more than 20 years. It is located along the southwestern boundary of the railyard across from residences. Pan Am removed 4 buildings, 18 above ground storage tanks, 1 vault and approximately 60 drums. Contaminants found but were not limited to; asbestos, PCPs, petroleum products and lead. Although they removed the contaminants from the site, they completely failed to conduct the public involvement process as required by state law. Thus, the town has not participated in the investigations.

Older Sites that continue to be addressed in 2009-2010

8. **SITE # 1-12430** – *Historical release of petroleum to soil* in the vicinity of the fueling island identified during another investigation. Also a *chlorinated solvent release* which has migrated outside of the railyard boundaries into a Potential Drinking Water Source Area.
9. **SITE # 1-12501** - *releases of #2 fuel diesel* from an underground storage tank 8/98.
10. **SITE # 1-13006** - *former fueling island generating petroleum contamination* floating on the groundwater 7/99.
11. **SITE # 1-15823** –*Release of 750 gallons of fuel* during from a train during an incident in 7/05. The contaminated soil will be excavated in spring 2010.
12. **SITE # 1-17029** –*Release of 250 to 500 gallons of fuel* during from a fuel tank during an incident 6/08. A Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment is due in June 2010.
13. **SITE # 1-17125** – *Leaking 100K aboveground storage tank (AST)* 8/08 - In addition to removing the contamination, Pan Am will decommission the AST once they complete the construction of a new tank farm this spring which will have better containment.

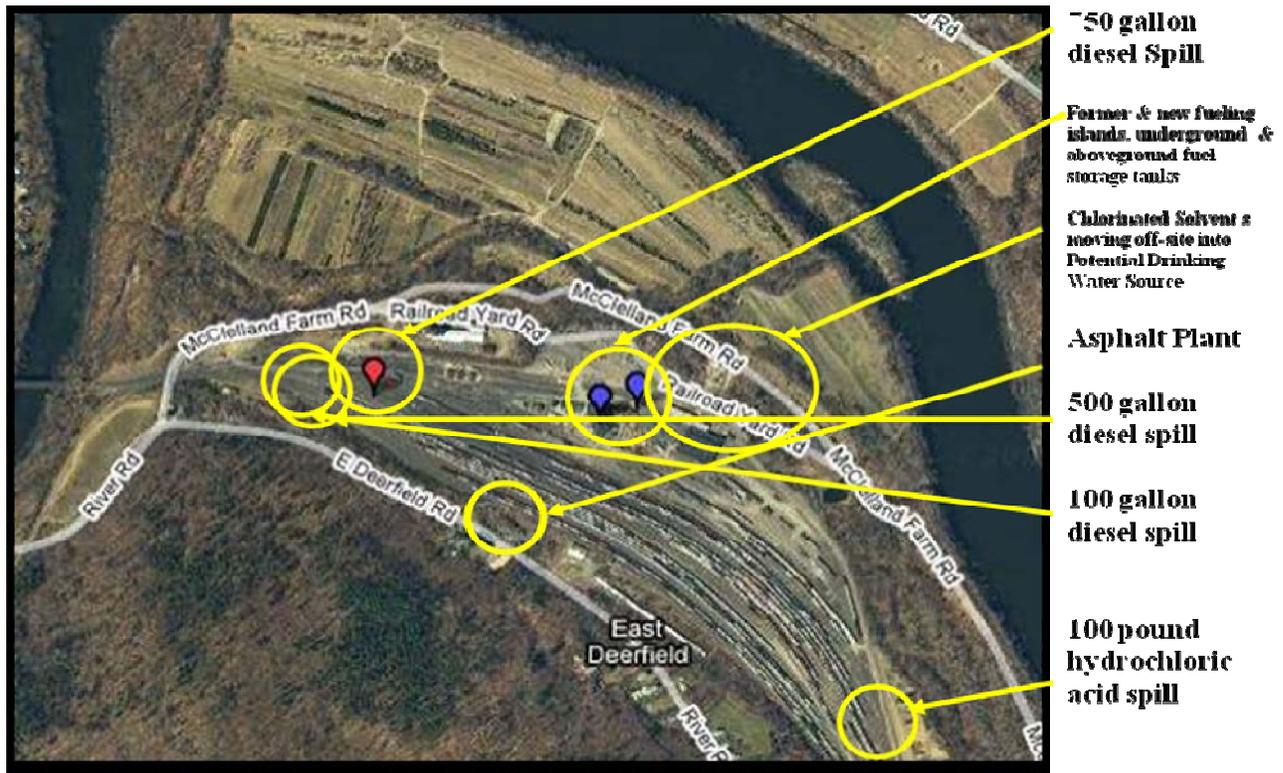
Please contact Lynn Rose if you would like more information.

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

All site documents can be reviewed at the site repository at Lynn Rose's House or on-line at <http://Eastdeerfieldrailyard.erm.com>.



**Lake Asphalt, River Road (adjacent to East Deerfield Railyard)
Removed: 4 buildings, 18 above ground storage tanks, 1 vault and approx. 60 drums**



Location of some of the contaminated sites.

Inspections Department

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

Building Activity

Type of Permit	Number of Permits	Total Permit Fee	Total Value of Project
Commercial	76	\$84,417.80	\$9,143,808.00
Single Family Dwelling	2	\$3,591.40	\$767,000.00
Miscellaneous	214	\$27,812.85	\$2,130,490.48
TOTAL	292	\$115,822.05	\$12,041,298.48
Annual Inspections	119	\$10,770.00	
GRAND TOTALS			



Old Deerfield Craft Fair, Fall 2009

Board of Health Activity

Type of Permit	Number of Permits	Total Permit Fees
Recreational Camps	8	\$800.00
Food Service	49	\$4,900.00
Temp Food Service	6	\$150.00
Ice Rinks	2	\$70.00
Installers	17	\$850.00
Tobacco	10	\$0.00
GRAND TOTALS	92	\$6,770.00

Historical Commission

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South Deerfield Village, around 1910

The Deerfield Historical Commission has made progress this year identifying some Town preservation needs and pursuing important initiatives.

A first Commission priority is to inventory and restore historically important town-owned cemeteries. Over the years, efforts have been made to document and clean some aging gravestones, though no over-arching restoration plan for all cemeteries has governed this work. To initiate a thorough evaluation of town-owned cemeteries, the Historical Commission has applied this year for funds through the Community Preservation Act to inventory and repair gravestones in the Sugarloaf Street Cemetery. This site was purchased from the Graves family in 1803, and it is at the heart of the Village of South Deerfield. As a second phase of the Sugarloaf Street Cemetery Restoration Project, we hope to secure funding for landscape improvements, fence repair or replacement, and signage to inform and encourage visitors. Eventually we hope to develop a website containing gravestone information that would be accessible to families and other researchers. If anyone has expertise to help develop such a website, please contact us.

In 1990, *A Preservation Plan: Deerfield, Massachusetts*, was completed through the Preservation Studies Program at Boston University and the Department of Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts. One finding of that study was that Deerfield has “historic resources that have gone unnoticed and unprotected.” (p. 5) The Center Village area of South Deerfield is one section of town noted in the 1990 report as meriting attention. The streets branching off the

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town common contain residences, farms, and commercial buildings that reveal much about the architectural styles and the history of Deerfield from the late 1700's through the early 1900's.

Restoration of the Sugarloaf Street Cemetery is just one way the Historical Commission hopes to highlight the rich heritage of this section of Deerfield. Our long-range goal is to preserve the historical integrity the Center Village area. Research is underway to develop a walking tour that would educate town residents and visitors about interesting Center Village buildings and about important chapters in Deerfield history, from the Bloody Brook battle in 1675, to the era of railroads, trolleys, and fine hotels, to the immigration in the early 1900's of eastern European farmers who transformed the landscape and economy of the town.

That immigrant experience is a subject of vital interest. Another initiative of the Historical Commission this year is to record interviews with elders in our community whose life experiences in Deerfield tell the story of that era. Whether they are tales of hours on knees in the onion fields, work at the Arms Manufacturing Company, or young women in the 1930's leading the high school to victory long before Title IX gave all girls such opportunities, these stories are treasures we want to preserve.

The Historical Commission members are excited about this work, and we hope that town residents will join us in preserving the history of our fascinating town. Please contact us if you would like to be interviewed as part of the oral history project. Please talk with us if you know the history of your own property and would like that history to be documented and shared. Please let us know your own ideas about how best to honor and preserve Deerfield's historical assets. You can leave messages for the Deerfield Historical Commission at the Town Hall by calling 665-1400, Ext. 336, or by emailing us at deerfieldhistoricalcommission@town.deerfield.ma.us.

Finally, the Historical Commission would like to thank Mary Lou Fortier for her donation of news articles and photographs about Deerfield. This gift is in the name of her husband Gerald Fortier whose interest in Deerfield history ran deep.

We would also like to recognize the contributions and service of former Historical Commission members Bud Driver, Matt Jakutowicz, Jack Cavacco, and Helen Petrovic.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henrietta Kocot, Chair

Deerfield Historical Commission:

Henrietta Kocot, Chair
Edie Lipp, Clerk
Andrea Krawczyk
Marilyn McArthur
Pat Potter
Jane Trigère

Local Cultural Council

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The Deerfield Cultural Council continued to focus on awarding the grant funds from the state to local venues within Deerfield and South Deerfield. Though the Massachusetts budget was not finalized when our decisions had to be made, necessitating 'promissory' notes to those applicants that we hoped to grant, we were able to confirm the awards once the state budget had been voted and the MCC honored our town with ample support (although there is no longer enough to meet the requests!). We nominated our Tilton Library's Monday Night Summer Music family program for a Gold Award to the state and though it did not win the accolades WE are confident that it deserved them for the community building and art appreciation that it encourages, especially cross-generationally. We invite everyone to be sure to make the most of the many free programs that the LCC brings to the community and also to support those that enrich our town.

The Last High Queen of Ireland

Irish High King Brian Boru and his son, Donnacha, played by Thom Griffin and Jonathan Naughton.

Name of Organization	Project	Discipline	Grant Amount
Arcadia Players	Music Concert	Music	\$100.00
Ashfield Community Theater	Play Production	Theater	\$100.00
Richard Clark	Mark Twain	Multidisciplinary	\$300.00
Deerfield Recreation Department	Shea Swing Orchestra	Music	\$600.00
Deerfield Recreation Department	Roger Tincknell	Music	\$300.00
Deerfield Recreation Department	Janet Ryan	Music	\$300.00
Frontier Community Enrichment Prog.	Coffee House	Multidisciplinary	\$150.00
Lady of the Lake Productions	My Antonia	Theater	\$500.00
Mohawk Trail Concerts	40th Anniversary Concert	Music	\$100.00
Music In Deerfield	White Church Concert	Music	\$100.00
Old Deerfield Productions	The Viking Queen	Theater	\$500.00
Pioneer Valley Institute	All Aboard the Freedom Train	Multidisciplinary	\$200.00
Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Assoc.	4th of July Concert	Music	\$400.00
Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Assoc.	Young Artists Concerts	Music	\$600.00
Tilton Library	Monday Night Music	Music	\$300.00
Tilton Library	A Tale for 7 Towns - Deerfield Reads	Multidisciplinary	\$500.00
Springfield Symphony Orchestra	Youth Orchestra Performance	Music	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Funds Expended			\$5,150.00

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Stephanie Carlson as Gormlaith, *The Last High Queen of Ireland*, with her Chorus of Crows.



My Antonia, performed in the Blue & White Room at Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association by Lake of the Lake Productions.

Police Department

The Police Department remained active in 2009. As Deerfield continues to be a major destination in the Pioneer Valley, we serve a diverse population of residents, visitors, students and employees that travel in, to and from Deerfield daily. We strive to maintain strong relationships with our schools, businesses, tourist attractions and community organizations.

We regularly monitor school related traffic and make safety improvements. Additional 'No Parking' signs were placed along North Main Street near the entrances to Frontier School prohibiting parked vehicles from obstructing pedestrian view to oncoming traffic. Improvements have also been made at Bement School on Old Main Street, while remaining on a public way, additional signage and a more regimented school protocol have been implemented. We are again looking at ways to improve Pleasant Street at the Elementary School and the heavy volume that occurs at arrival and departure time.

Motor vehicle crashes totaled 163 for 2009 down from 187 the previous year. Fortunately, no fatalities occurred on Deerfield Roads for the year 2009. Traffic enforcement grants continued; federally funded, they are administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. Traffic related arrests climbed to 127 from 85 the previous year.

Department arrest activity peaked in 2009, a total of 222 adult and 12 juvenile arrests were made in comparison to 161 and 6 respectively in 2008. Assaults increased to 41 from 26 the previous year. Many of these are of a domestic nature, none of which resulted in serious personal injury. The Department investigated 10 sex offenses, a much higher number than ever investigated in the past. These investigations are lengthy, many times requiring crime lab analysis and working with specialists from the District Attorneys Office.

April 2009 ballot initiative or Question 2 relative to de-criminalizing possession of marijuana (less than 1 ounce) commenced and eighteen civil citations were issued in the remaining 9 months. Drug investigations were on-gong but without the traditional support of the Drug Task Force. Funding that supported the Hampshire/Franklin Drug & Gang Task Force was cut. We pursue our work with our neighboring police agencies in a scaled down manner to complete these complex investigations. Twenty-nine investigations resulting in 11 arrests were carried out this year.

The Department is now working with \$20,000.00 less in financial resources with the complete loss of the 'Community Policing Grant', which was cut from the FY 2010 budget. Our first grant award was received in 1995 and we have been consistently awarded funds until this year. Other cuts looming from State Government include their portion of the police officer educational incentive program commonly known as the 'Quinn Bill'. This state law is 37 years old, although Deerfield just joined in 2001. This provides Police Officers with an annual financial incentive for obtaining a higher education degree in law enforcement/criminal justice.

Officers kept up with training with annual patrol in-service at the regional academy located at Springfield Technical Community College. Specialized classes which officers attended this year include: Evidence Collection, Ground Defense Training, Stop Stick (use and instructor training for tire deflation), Narcotics Investigations and Domestic Violence. Also Officers participated in the necessary re-certifications for Breath Test Operator, the use of LEAPS/NCIC computers and annual

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firearms training. In addition, Deerfield native and three year veteran Mark Puchalski graduated from the full-time police academy at New Braintree in December.

The Officers of the Department work in partnership with Deerfield Ambulance, responding to medical calls, both injury and illness, assisting the medical technicians. Deerfield continues with a waiver that allows Officers to drive the ambulance to the hospital when two technicians are not available. One medical call stands out in 2009 when a young woman was injured from a fall while walking the cliffs along the Deerfield River north of the Stillwater Bridge. Officer Michael Krusiewski (off duty) and Medical Technicians Kathy Belanger and her son Jeffrey Belanger swam across the river to administer first aid while awaiting the arrival of rescue boats from Greenfield and Northfield to bring her to an awaiting ambulance and on to Baystate Medical in Springfield. The immediate, selfless response and care by these three dedicated responders resulted in a quicker recovery from serious, potentially life-threatening, injuries.

Community programs with our senior population were ongoing. Officer Jennifer Bartak attended monthly meetings with Deputies of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department addressing topics of concern and interest to our seniors. Our partnerships with the Recreation Department and Kiwanis Club remain popular with our annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo and Child Identification Program during Deerfield's Old Homes Day in May. Our officers are committed to working with our four town regional Boards of Health, Police and Fire Departments with our emergency dispensing sites for seasonal and H1N1 vaccination clinics.

The Department received a new police sedan in October replacing a 2006 sedan that had accumulated 140,000 miles in its years of service on the Department.

The Department remains the primary animal control response in the absence of an Animal Control Officer. The shared full-time position ended in June 2008 when Montague did not fund it. We continue a dialogue toward a regional plan to this regional problem. We currently share a kennel and the related expenses with Greenfield and Montague.

The Deerfield Police Relief Association sponsored the Halloween Hayride for the 26th year; we also assist the Deerfield Fire Districts Halloween events annually for the children of our two villages. The Association's Annual Holiday Crafts Fair, traditionally held on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, always supported by the community and with members of the Department working at Frontier School, to raise funds that are returned to the community in the form of scholarships and youth recreation team sponsorships, was a great success. Telephone solicitation is not part of the Department or the Association's fund raising efforts. Although many area Departments practice this form of raising money and are certainly legitimate in most instances, Deerfield does not benefit from the results of any type of telephone solicitations.

As we prepare for FY 2011, we do so with less financial support from the Commonwealth. Attempts for assistance through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act were not successful this year. We will continue to monitor the grant programs available and apply accordingly. These are certainly difficult times that we are in. I ask all of you to be diligent in locking your cars, homes and garages even when away for a brief time, as it only takes a short time for someone to enter and take items and make you a victim of crime. Like most locales, we are experiencing a rise in burglaries and thefts; many times these acts are done with little effort, as property is left out, unlocked and easy to take and remove from premises.

Police Department

Your Police Department is a committed team working together with our Highway Department, Fire Districts, Medical Services, and School Departments. As Deerfield grows and expands, we make every effort to maintain that small town sense of cooperation and work ethic, interacting regularly with all town departments, agencies and offices and I thank them all for their day-to-day assistance, cooperation and support of our agency. As always, we appreciate the continued support from you, the citizens of Deerfield, as we strive to provide the best possible service in order to fulfill our goal to serve and protect the residents of our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Wozniakewicz
Chief of Police

Department Statistics 2009

Accidents (Major)	100	Medical Aid	335
Accidents (Minor)	63	Missing Persons	8
Alarms	205	Motor Vehicles	808
Alcohol	83	Mutual Aid	99
Animals (Domestic)	113	Narcotic	29
Animals (Other)	124	Persons Investigated	210
Arrests (Adult)	222	Phone Calls	27
Arrests (Juvenile)	12	Police Information	266
Arson	0	Protective Custody	9
Assaults	41	Recreation Vehicles	13
Assistance Requested	723	Robbery	0
Breaks & Entry	47	Security Checks	21
Civil Complaints	3	Sexual Offenses	10
Code Violations	23	Deaths/Attempts	4
Court Process	109	Thefts	99
Disorderly Conduct	21	Vandalism	74
Disturbance	120	Weapons	14
Domestic Violence	24	Trespass	20
Fires	65	Explosives	12
Fraud	24	911 Abandoned	94
Gambling	0	Car Seat Installation	12
Lost & Found Property	49	Kidnap	1

Recreation Committee – Parks & Recreation Department

Committee Members (Current):

Jodi Blake, Chairman
Mike Gilmore
Karen Hebert- resigned
Gretchen Law
Liam O'Brien
Bob Swasey
Rod Warnick

Recreation Department:

Director Sue Antonellis

The 2009-2010 year has shown a continued pursuit of programs and offerings for residents by the Deerfield Recreation Committee and Department. The mission for the committee is to continue pursuit of expanding recreational facilities and lands, as well as expanding the recreational programs available to the residents of the Town of Deerfield.

Throughout this past year, a variety of programs and resource investigations have occurred. Because of this work, the following developments have occurred:

- Maintained and expanded the operation of youth sport programs, which include: soccer (K-6), basketball (1-8coed), softball (3-6), baseball (K-6) . The batting cage and pitching machine have been utilized by local teams.
- The Deerfield Recreation Summer Program involving youth has continued, with offerings of outdoor activities, music, and arts and crafts. The councilor-in-training program has been a success, as these individuals have moved on to become current councilors. The Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association generously donates their facility for this program.
- During the summer we continued with our Summer Concerts, featuring a children's musician, blues and swing bands..
- Adult exercise programs have been established through Deerfield Elementary, and include two Pilates classes, Adult Jazz, Strength Training and women's basketball and ladies golf. The popularity of these programs has increased and the demand for more adult programs exists.
- Recreational Programs (skiing, girl's softball, girl's volleyball, soccer, basketball, field hockey and baseball) have been established jointly with neighboring district towns- Sunderland, Conway and Whately.
- The Department is continuously working with the youth community service groups, to obtain their valuable aid in the support of our programs.
- Frontier Regional has generously continued support for common usage of facilities the Old Home Day Road Race.
- Joint efforts with Eaglebrook School have continued to provide our community with public ice skating on Sunday evenings from November through February, as well as gymnasium usage for recreation and suburban basketball.
- The Department remains a member of the Massachusetts Parks and Recreation Association and Pioneer Valley Parks and Recreation Association.

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- The Old Home Day event continued in May of 2009. This annual event is a festive activity for community members of all ages, and this past May included: Sugarloaf 5K Road Race, PTO Fun Fair, Police & Kiwanis Bike Rodeo, Memorial Park ball game, Barbecue, band-Four on the Floor, the Berkshire Brewery and Red Sox ticket Raffle donated by All States Asphalt, Trew Stone Corp. and Warner Brothers. A special thank you to the police, fire and ambulance departments for their support. Thanks to all who participated and contributed to this lively community event.
- Newsletters are distributed through Deerfield Elementary and messages are also displayed on the cable TV town announcements. A sign also displays current events and is placed on the town common during the summer months.
- Tickets to Six Flags New England were offered at a deeply discounted rate.
- The Committee has continuous correspondence with local schools for mutual support – Deerfield Elementary, Frontier Regional, Bement School, Deerfield Academy and Eaglebrook School. We thank them for their availability of their facilities.
- Deerfield Academy generously donated their time and materials to a revamping of the baseball field in Old Deerfield. This included a new infield and dugouts.

We are always trying to expand our program offerings. The department serves many members of the community in our youth, adult and senior programs. Our programs and their number of participants include: Baseball-180, Basketball-146, Ice Skating-6243, Old Home Day-300, Pilates-32, Adult Jazz- 12, Soccer- 212, Skiing- 44, Softball-72, and Summer Program-28.

The Recreation Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Deerfield Town officials/staff, the Deerfield Highway Department, the Deerfield Police Department, the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, Sokoloski's Landscaping, the youth participating in community service and others for their continued interest and support in our committee's efforts.

Within the community, there are always those individuals and businesses that contribute that extra time and effort to volunteer for recreational activities. These include coaches, assistants, officials and scorekeepers, event organizers and program supporters. The Committee would like to extend a special thanks to your continued endeavors to support the community of Deerfield.

Available space is still a concern that the committee has been continuously addressing. Many of our programs utilize the Deerfield Elementary School, Frontier Regional facilities, Sugarloaf Mountain field, Channing Bete fields, Bement School fields, PVMA access and parking facilities, and Memorial Park for activities. We extend our appreciation to these groups for assisting the community in offering a space for these valuable programs. Without their continued assistance, recreation for the town residents would be minimal. Again, we continue to appeal to landowners to come forth with possible opportunities to solve the issue of field space and our continuing demand for more indoor activity space.

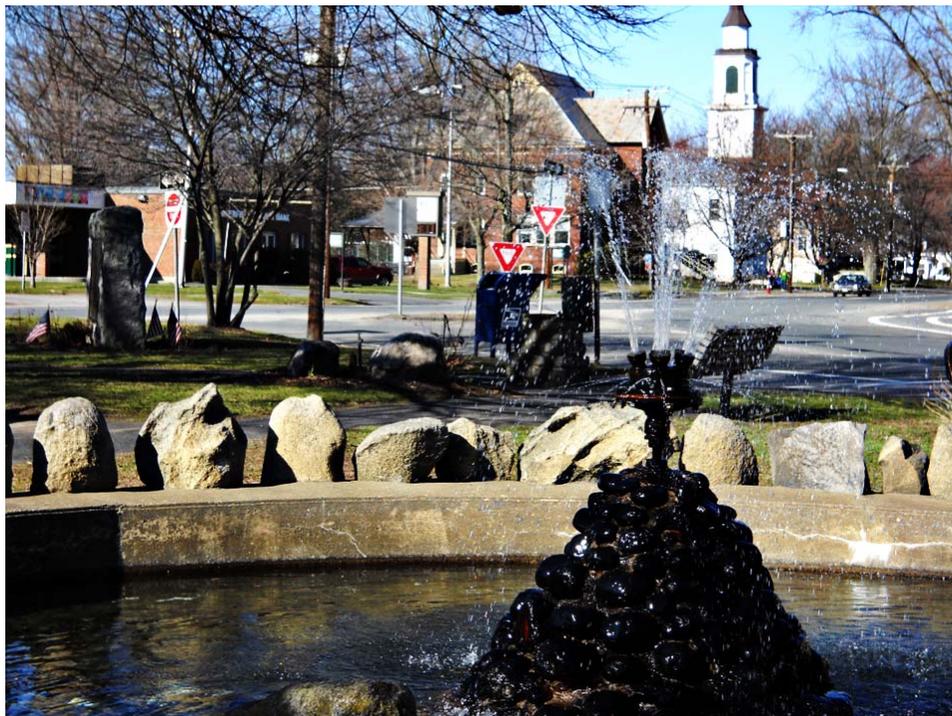
Recreational needs still require additional field space. We currently utilize less than 10 acres and Massachusetts requirements state we should have 50-60 acres for the town's current population for active recreation. Additional acreage is necessary with the steady increase in population.

Due to the Deerfield Recreation Committee's work this year, the committee remains active in continuing our ambitious efforts. We strive to maintain a minimal growth budget by creating and

Recreation Committee – Parks & Recreation Department

enhancing our programs to be self-funded where possible, to support the residents' financial concerns of taxation growth. We would like consideration from the town's residents to support our current budget requests to maintain our Parks and Recreation Department.

The Deerfield Recreation Committee continues to investigate avenues for providing strong recreation programs and access to recreational space for residents of Deerfield. While we continue to progress, we will continue to pursue the future vision of satisfying the health, well being and recreational needs of our youth, adults and senior citizens. As we do, we welcome the residents to continue their contribution to the recreational development by providing comments, suggestions, assistance and most of all, participation. Deerfield's recreational activities are contingent on volunteer help from the community, regardless of age, and all are welcome. Our goal is to provide a well-rounded program for Deerfield's residents to utilize. It is one of the tangible ways we enjoy the high quality of life in our community. Recreation provides both opportunities to participate and to give back to our community. We thank the Town of Deerfield for their continued support in this worthy endeavor.



Friday Frolics Concerts were held during the month of July at the South Deerfield Common (pictured).

Performers such as the Greenfield Military Band, Shea Swing Orchestra and Janet Ryan have entertained residents for the past several years.

Be sure to look in the newspaper and on the town's website for information about this years' schedule.

Stormwater Bylaw Committee

Committee Members:

John Baronas
Daren Gray
Peter LaBarbera
Bridget Mitchell
Jim Pasiecznik
Roger J. Sadoski, Jr.
Robert Underhill

Deerfield is rich in water resources. These resources continue to be threatened by development, which creates stormwater impacts. Deerfield, like many towns and cities in the Commonwealth, faces high costs to mitigate these water problems. In an effort to create a bylaw that would preserve town resources and meet the needs of the residents and businesses, the Stormwater Bylaw Committee sought advice and comments from Town Boards, Staff and community members. Through a series of meetings and public information sessions this year, the proposed bylaw, which will be included in the 2010 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, was crafted. It is intended to provide resource protection and consolidate references to stormwater management in the Town code, yet reinforce the Town's Flexible Development and Conservation Subdivision Design Bylaws.

The Town would like to thank Debbie Shriver, of Deborah Shriver Consulting, for all her time and assistance in this process. Ms. Shriver is a Water Resource Planning and Conservation specialist, as well as a Deerfield resident.

Stormwater Bylaw Key Points

Stormwater Bylaw benefits:

- The Stormwater Bylaw affords an opportunity to be proactive in protecting valuable waters. **It is cheaper to prevent damages than to restore polluted waters.** Preventing damages will save taxpayers money. Clean water provides an economic benefit to the Town.
- Town bylaws and regulations are intended to protect and preserve the surface and groundwater resources of the Town from land uses that may harm the quality and quantity of its waters and other natural resources. The bylaw will provide a process with clear performance standards to carefully treat stormwater runoff where development occurs.
- The bylaw can diminish additional loads to existing stormwater infrastructure and may reduce the need for infrastructure updating.
- The bylaw and regulations provide detailed guidance, which is not in current Town bylaws and regulations.
- The bylaw will enable procedures and performance standards to be consistent for review of projects outside and within the wetland areas that are regulated by state stormwater policy.

Stormwater Bylaw Committee

- The bylaw will help the Town maintain state and federal water quality standards.
- The bylaw will foster “low impact development” (LID) practices, such as reducing impervious cover. LID techniques are highly effective, “low tech” stormwater and site planning methods, which tend to be less expensive to build and maintain than conventional stormwater methods.
- The bylaw will help the Town to apply for state and federal grants.

Bylaw features:

- The purpose is to protect public health, safety and welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to manage runoff, increase groundwater recharge where it will be beneficial and prevent water pollution.
- The bylaw is proposed as a General Bylaw so that the Town can address stormwater impacts from many kinds of land disturbing activities.
- The bylaw will keep the amount and quality of stormwater from development equal to or better than pre-development conditions in order to reduce flooding, property damage, stream erosion, pollution, harm to aquatic life and overloading of Town drainage systems.
- The bylaw is **NOT** retroactive.
- The bylaw will apply to projects that disturb more than 1 acre of land for residential development and 12,500 square feet for commercial, industrial or institutional development. Many of these will be larger subdivisions and projects already requiring site plan review by the Planning Board. Construction of single-family dwellings where approval is not required and where land disturbance is less than one acre, is exempt from the bylaw as are repair or replacement of septic systems, agriculture, timber harvesting, maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas associated with residential dwellings, construction of a deck, patio, driveway or other impervious surface expansion and construction of fences and utilities serving residences.
- The bylaw will establish clear, consistent procedures for submission of stormwater management plans that meet approved stormwater treatment practices. It will establish maintenance provisions to ensure treatment practices will function as designed and pose no threat to public safety.
- The Planning Board will administer, implement and enforce the bylaw. The Board will adopt and amend rules and regulations relating to the procedures and administration of the bylaw after conducting a public hearing to receive comments on proposed regulations.

Tilton Library

75 North Main Street
South Deerfield, MA 01373
www.tiltonlibrary.org

2009 Annual Report

“Libraries will see you through times of no money better than money will see you through times of no libraries.” Once again, the Deerfield community turned to its town library in record numbers. At the end of 2009, 2,391 Deerfield residents were registered borrowers at Tilton Library compared to 1,902 at the end of 2008. During the fiscal year, library staff maintained a collection of 22,918 items and circulated 42,591 items to users. Resource sharing through the C/WMARS network allowed Deerfield patrons to borrow 5,329 items from member libraries and to lend 2,574 items to other libraries in the network. A corresponding rise in Internet and general building use was observed during the year.



Deerfield Reads

(Left to right) Joan Ripka, Ann Kurt and Helen Petrovic.

Although the December 5th visit of the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System bookmobile was its last, funding for delivery service throughout the state is expected to continue.

Library staff members received training at workshops and meetings sponsored by the Regional Library, C/WMARS and the National Endowment for the Arts. Staff members also attended the Hampshire/Franklin Library Legislative Breakfast and the Massachusetts Library Association’s annual conference. In house customer service training for all staff members was held in December.

The annual summer reading program was open to all ages and reading levels. Reading challenges, Monday Music Night, weekly craft projects and a community potluck were also part of the program. The children’s room hosted a teen book discussion program during the summer and a parenting book talk in February. The book discussion group for adults, knitting night and English conversation circle continued. Local author Eve Brown Waite gave an author talk in May. Two area wide adult reading programs were held at the

library - *The Big Read*, in collaboration with the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, and *Deerfield Reads: a Tale for Eight Towns*, in partnership with seven other Franklin county libraries. Story time and *Drop In and Discover* activities continued in the children’s room. Ten local artists displayed their work in the adult circulation area during the year.

Tilton Library

A Soupçon of Soups/Deerfield Reads

(Left to right) Pam Oakes,
Bette Schmitt, Lucy
Melnik, Les Thomas and
Julie Cavacco.



Donations to the Tilton Fund's annual appeal were generous and contributions were made to Tilton Library in memory of Joseph Savage, Sr., Paul Thomas, Frank Moro, Anna Taylor, Phoebe Burns and Amanda Slocombe and by Mount Toby Trail Run and South Deerfield Women's Club. Grants for book purchases and unrestricted use were given by the Barker Family Charitable Fund and the Elizabeth and Frank Odell Family Fund. Deerfield Cultural Council grants supported Monday Night Music and a local author talk. Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory and Historic Deerfield provided free admission passes for loan to Deerfield residents. The Friends of Tilton Library generously funded the summer and community reading programs, purchased an outdoor bench for patron use, and provided museum passes to area museums for loan to all patrons. Loyal, conscientious volunteers provided hours of service in the adult and children's areas, during bookmobile visits and with recycling and floral arrangements.

A study of the front steps and library façade was made by Architects, Inc. of Northampton and paid for with Deerfield Community Preservation funds.

The library is open to all on Monday 1-8; Tuesday 2-5; Wednesday 10-5; Thursday 1-8; and Saturday 9-1. Come see us then, or visit our website anytime at www.tiltonlibrary.org.



Respectfully submitted,

Sara Woodbury,
Library Director

***The Chocolate Cake
Challenge/Deerfield Reads***
Julie Cavacco, Carolyn Shores
Ness, and Sara Woodbury

Town Clerk

JANUARY 2009 – DECEMBER 2009

The function of the Town Clerk is to record every legal action by the Town of Deerfield along with issuing marriage, birth and death certificates. We also issued 898 dog licenses and 300 sporting licenses, 153 archery stamps, waterfowl and primitive firearms stamps. The funds turned over to the general fund this year were \$6197.70 recording fees and \$7015.00 for dog fees. Most people appreciate the notice for renewal of dog licenses in the census mailing; they can, in return, request a dog license by mail, we have included an additional .50 cents so that the license can be returned promptly.

An additional function of this office is to do the town census. Approximately 2500 households receive the census form. Again, more than 500 households did not respond to the first mailing and additional mailings were required, costing the Town additional postage and clerical time.

A reminder to all residents: All dogs, six months or older, must be registered with the Town Clerk. Any dog not registered by April 30th is subject to a late fee of \$20.00, as voted at the Town Meeting held on April 30, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Stokarski
Town Clerk



Mary A. Stokarski, Collector – Treasurer – Town Clerk

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BIRTHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
JAN. 11	RYAN MAE SEELENBRANDT	GLEN M. SEELENBRANDT ERIN G. DESROSIERS
JAN. 21	MADÉLINE ROSE DAY	JONATHAN C. DAY DAWN M. MURPHY
FEB. 10	STEFAN MACKAY FLASKA	JAN. R. FLASKA JILL A. MACKAY
FEB. 21	GRIAN LILLANI FOLEY	TAYLOR M. FOLEY RUTH I. BETHEA
FEB. 28	PETER WALTER LAKEY	SOLOMON D. LAKEY CHRISTA L. GARDNER
MAR. 6	AURORA CHRISTINE KONCZ	LASZLO J. KONCZ CRYSTAL L. PARK
MAR. 20	EVAN HART HEDLUND	KEITH L. HEDLUND KATYA M. CERAR
MAR. 29	ZOE ARTEMIS VIEIRA	THOMAS C. VIEIRA MELINDA R. KARDANE
APR. 4	SAMUEL THOMAS MAIEWSKI	PAUL R. MAIEWSKI JOANNA R. DOODY
APR. 5	CROSBY JOHN FAY	JAMES M. FAY EMILY K. WOODFILL
MAY. 17	MATTHEW WILLIAM TELEGA	WILLIAM F. TELEGA, JR. VALERIE L. JESCHKE
MAY.20	KODYN ANDREW MOORE	THOMAS J. MOORE CHRISTINA A. NAWROCKI
MAY. 27	MAIA BRANBY FOSNOT	DAMIEN GOSNOT JULIE A. BRANBY
JUN. 6	CHARLOTTE GRACE WILLIAMS	ADAM M. WILLIAMS ERIN S. MACLACHLAN
JUN. 9	WYATT LIAM DEJNAK	BRIAN W. DEJNAK REBECCA M. FOSTER
JUN. 21	BRYNNA SHEA FAHEY	CASEY R. FAHEY NICOLE J. DUPREY

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
JUN. 21	MIA ELIZABETH WORDEN	MICHAEL N. WORDEN APRYL L. JALONEN
JUL. 1	OLIVIA KATHERINE HANAE OTT	MARK P. OTT LORI A.I. ISHIMARU
JUL. 7	BENJAMIN DAVID CHMYZINSKI	MICHAEL R. CHMYZINSKI HANNAH L. MOLLOY
JUL. 15	SADIE ELIZABETH GRIFFIN	ROBERT W. GRIFFIN, III DANIELLE N. WATROBA
JUL. 17	AIDEN MATTHEW WINN	MATTHEW A. WINN JASMINE A. MCCRAW
JUL. 17	WESLEY AUGUST ACTON	MARK R. ACTON SARA L. LYONS
AUG. 20	KARA JEAN WILCOX	ALAINA ELIZABETH WILCOX MATTHEW THOMAS WILCOX
AUG. 24	DEAN CHARLES GRAY	DAREN M. GRAY ANDREA D. D'ELIA
AUG. 28	JOHN MICHAEL DUFRESNE	JESSICA MARIE DUFRESNE MICHAEL ANTHONY DUFRESNE
SEPT. 3	CARTER JAMES SCHLOAT	JULIANNE MARIE SCHLOAT MICHAEL PRITCHARD SCHLOAT
SEPT. 6	JORDAN GREG BIELSKI	ABIGAIL JORDAN SPEETER BIELSKI ERIC DARIUSZ BIELSKI
SEPT. 13	CALEB JOSEPH BEGOS	AMANDA M. BEGOS MICHAEL J. BEGOS JR.
OCT. 15	TYLER EDWARD GALENSKI	MEGAN ANN GALENSKI JUSTIN EDWARD GALENSKI
NOV. 3	PAYTON OLIVIA RUP	MICHELLE VALENTINE RUP FARIA ANDREW MICHAEL RUP
DEC. 17	LUCAS BENJAMIN SAVAGE	NICHOLE LOUISE SAVAGE JACOB SAMUEL SAVAGE

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
DEC. 19	DEREK GEORGE GROMACKI	MIKI LEE GROMACKI GARLIN GEORGE PETER GROMACKI II
DEC. 21	AVA AMELIA BARANOSKI	KRISTINA ERICA BARANOSKI PEREZ RICHARD JOHN BARANOSKI JR
DEC. 22	RILEY ELIZABETH WAGNER	SHAUNA ELIZABETH WAGNER ATWELL ADAM JOHN WAGNER



Students from Franklin County Technical School tackle mounds of leaves!

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DEATHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
JAN. 20	MARJORIE L. ROHRS AGE 96	EARLE F. HODGKINSON HATTIE K. POORE
JAN. 24	ANNIE F. BARBANOSKI AGE 61	LEEROY HACKWORTH EUNICE CANTRELL
FEB. 5	AMANDA FERRO SLOCOMBE AGE 41	DAVID N. FERRO MARGARET STANCER
MAR. 8	CLARISCE B. ZURON AGE 71	OLIVER FISHER ALICE SURRIDGE
MAR. 17	JOHN R. BARONAS, Sr. AGE 63	WILLIAM J. BARONAS ANNE WASILAUSKI
MAR. 19	BLANCHE S. HUKOWICZ AGE 101	VINCENT ZALENSKI ANIELA KUROWSKI
APR. 20	PETER L. LISEWSKI AGE 92	STANISLAW LISEWSKI ROZALIA GROMASKI
APR. 22	FRANK J. MORO, JR. AGE 66	FRANK J. MORO, SR. FRANCES NICPON
APR. 29	LAURA A. BRADISH AGE 102	WILLIAM HAMBURG EMILIE TUCKS
MAY. 8	FRANK S. KUZDEBA AGE 88	PETER KUZDEBA MAGDELINA KARAS
MAY. 13	FREDERICK J. BARLOW AGE 57	CLARENCE BARLOW IVA HEWITT
MAY. 14	RAYMOND J. DIONNE AGE 86	AMEDIE DIONNE MARY PAQUETTE
MAY. 15	FRANK J. CACKOWSKI AGE 91	JOHN CACKOWSKI KAMILIA KARWOSKI
MAY.20	CLYDE N. PURDY AGE 81	CLYDE R. PURDY EDNA S. SLEATOR

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DEATHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
MAY. 23	JANET A. CHILDS AGE 88	SAMUEL W. CHILDS RUTH DRAKE
JUN. 2	ELIZABETH DUMONT AGE 92	THOMAS H. VARNUM EVELYN OBER
JUN. 11	BARBRA J. MALANSON AGE 87	CHARLES ELLIS FRANCES EGGLESTON
JUN. 12	LANCELOT HEYWOOD AGE 63	FATHER UNKNOWN MOTHER UNKNOWN
JUN. 21	MORRIS W. FUQUA AGE 65	MORRIS K. FUQUA HELEN F. FITZPATRICK
JUN. 27	PHOEBE W. BURNS AGE 87	J. FRANK NEAL MARGARET MURRAY
JUL. 8	MARJORIE R. BLAKE AGE 91	CLINTON D. BRIDGES ETHEL BRIDGES
JUL. 15	NELLIE W. SOJKA AGE 92	STANLEY WOZNIAK BLANCHE NIEDBALA
JUL. 26	DONALD W. RAYMOND AGE 81	HOBART RAYMOND HOPE GOULD
JUL. 28	EDWARD S. G. GIBOWICZ AGE 95	PETER GIBOWICZ MARY MARKOWSKI
AUG. 9	DAVID L. BURDICK AGE 67	ARTHUR J. BURDICK EMILY L. FREETHY
AUG. 15	MARIE J. KUZDEBA AGE 89	FRANK LANKOWSKI ADELE NAPERKOWSKI
AUG. 26	ROBERT E. CRAFTS AGE 67	EDWARD D. CRAFTS MYRTLE BOND
AUG. 30	ANNA M. LEWANDOWSKI AGE 88	PETER GORALSKI JOSEPHINE KORANESKI

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DEATHS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
SEPT. 6	SARAH D. HARTSHORNE AGE 80	CHARLES DICKSON ANNE BROWN
SEPT. 8	THOEDORE S. LIGUZ AGE 74	PETER LIGUZ SR. KATHERYN JAVOSKI
SEPT. 14	HELEN RUDNICKI AGE 88	JOHN PODLO VALERIA KARWOSKI
SEPT. 16	EUGENE R. KLOS, SR. AGE 89	ERWIN KOS CATHERINE Unknown
OCT. 17	CAROLINE KUZONTKOSKI AGE 89	STANLEY STOKARSKI EDITH KLEPACKI
OCT. 23	THOMAS G. HOLLINGSWORTH AGE 79	GEORGE R. HOLLINGDWORTH MARYBELLE WARMACK
NOV. 8	MARY A. HAIGH AGE 101	STANLEY BORON LOUISE WOJNAROWICZ
NOV. 9	JOHN KENNISON STENE AGE 92	ANDREW E. STENE EDITH KENNISON
NOV. 10	GLADYS MARIA HOLMES AGE 86	SIMON TETLUS ELLA JOSEWAIT
NOV. 24	ANN A. WANDELOSKI AGE 87	JOHN WOZNIAK VICTORIA KOLINSKO
NOV. 25	WALTER E. DEPRETTO JR. AGE 54	WALTER E. DEPRETTO SR. GERALDINE FORUGE
DEC. 2	SOPHIE T. DIZEK AGE 94	PETER LIGUZ SR. KATHERYN JAVOSKI
DEC. 8	VIOLA M. BENJAMIN AGE 89	JOHN BENJAMIN LEONIA JANKOWSKI
DEC. 20	WANDA F. PIELOCK AGE 94	VINCENT KOWALSKI HELEN HRAPKOWSKI

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MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BY WHOM MARRIED</u>
FEB. 14	STEVEN J. BENJAMIN (BENJAMIN) JESSICA L. FLAGG (BENJAMIN)	REV. PHILIPPE ROUX PRIEST
FEB. 14	KENNETH A. POLLARD (POLLARD) MARY J. MARIE DAY (POLLARD)	CRYSTIN D. BROWN JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
MAY. 1	KELLY A. EGAN (MELNIK) DAREN F. MELNIK (MELNIK)	KATHLEEN M. NOYES SOLEMNIZER
MAY. 8	JULIA E. DEANE (SOKOLOSKI) ADAM P. SOKOLOSKI (SOKOLOSKI)	REV. RAYMOND A. MEDEIROS CLERGY
MAY. 23	ROLANDO P. TRIAS (TRIAS) ANNE M. MUELLER (TRIAS)	SANJOY MAZUMDAR PASTOR
JUN. 6	JASMINE A. MCRAW (WINN) MATTHEW A. WINN (WINN)	CHARLENE LACHANCE- SAKOWICZ JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
JUN. 14	RICHARD D. WARING (WARING) ELIZABETH A. GORTON (GORTON)	JENNIFER JEAN WRIGHT CLERK OF QUAKER MEETING
JUN. 19	ANDREW J. TALBOTT (TALBOTT) MARY L. T. PHILLIPS (TALBOTT)	REV. RICHARD M. TURNER PRIEST
JUN. 21	ALFRED J. WARREN, JR. (WARREN) LETO LETO (WARREN)	REV. ALFRED WARREN, SR. CLERGY
JUN. 28	CARLOS RIVADENEIRA (RIVADENEIRA) KRISTY D. GOODWIN (RIVAENEIRA GOODWIN)	PEDRO MALDONADO MINISTER
JUN. 27	MARK R. CHRABASCZ (CHRABASCZ) SARAH A. CARROLL (CARROLL)	KATHRYN K. STEVENS MEMBER OF THE CLERGY
JUN. 29	THOMAS J. ALSTEAD (ALMSTEAD) AGNES S. MITCHKOSKI (MITCHKOSKI)	MARY A. STOKARSKI JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
JUL. 4	JOEY L. MICHALAK (RIBEIRO) THOMAS C. RIBEIRO (RIBEIRO)	TINA M. SWIFT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BY WHOM MARRIED</u>
JUL. 4	BRONWEN L. MORIATH (MORIATH-CORSON) JAMES G. CORSON (CORSON)	THE REV. CYNTHIA A FRADO MEMBER OF THE CLERGY
JUL. 11	NICOLE M. LAVIN (WILLIAMS) LUCAS S. WILLIAMS (WILLIAMS)	JUNE B. MALENFANT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
JUL. 12	JACOB S. SAVAGE (SAVAGE) NICHOLE L. BRYANT (SAVAGE)	CHARLENE LACHANCE- SAKOWICZ JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
JUL.18	PAUL E. MATSUMURO (MATSUMURO) TERESA S. YOUNG (YOUNG)	JOHN E. DORAN PRIEST
JUL. 25	JENNIFER A. GATAUTIS (HAGAR) JARRETT SCOTT HAGAR (HAGAR)	JACKSON POWERS SOLEMNIZER
AUG. 1	JENNIFER LEE RHODES (TULLOS) MICHAEL ERIC TULLOS (TULLOS)	PAUL E. BRUNELLE SOLEMNIZER
AUG. 15	RAE ELLEN WELLS (MARGUET) JONATHAN JUDE MARGUET (MARGUET)	MARY A. STOKARSKI JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
AUG. 29	DEIRE G. MOORE (MOORE) PAUL R. HAMBURG (HAMBURG)	KEVIN V. MOORE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
AUG. 30	PAUL M. KENDALL (KENDALL) KERRY A. KAZOKAS (KAZOKAS KENDALL)	MARY A. STOKARSKI JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
SEPT. 6	JACOB K. MURPHY (MURPHY) ERIN T. BURKE (MURPHY)	MARIANNE KUSA-RYLL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
SEPT. 12	KATHLEEN A. THEOHARIDES (THEOHARIDES) STEPHEN H. CALDWELL (CALDWELL)	IRVING SEIDMAN JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
OCT. 2	MICHELLE L. BARBER (JACOBSEN) KATHERINE S. JACOBSEN (JACOBSEN)	DAVID STRICKLAND MINISTER
OCT. 3	KEVIN K. TERES (TERES) SARAH M. M. MOGGIO (TERES)	MAUREEN E. LEE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
OCT. 3	MARK A. HOWARD (HOWARD) JESSICA M. MARKLAND (HOWARD)	ROBERT D. PAQUETTE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BY WHOM MARRIED</u>
OCT. 10	RYAN PAUL TYREE (TYREE) HALEY RICHARDSON BATES (TYREE)	CHARLES P. TYREE CLERGY
OCT. 10	CHRISTINA M. CATALANO (O'CONNELL) MICHAEL T. O'CONNELL (O'CONNELL)	DALE DESMARIAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
OCT. 16	HELEN L. SEKULSKI (KORCZAK) CHRISTOPHER N. KORCZAK (KORCZAK)	MARY A. STOKARSKI JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
OCT. 23	MICHELLE CATHRYN FLANNERY (ENGSTROM) JONATHAN WESLEY ENGSTROM (ENGSTROM)	REV. PHILIPPE D. ROUX ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST
NOV. 14	CARISSA DEBRA TUDRYN (WEBER) ALEXIS CHRISTIAN WEBER (WEBER)	REV. PHILIPPE D. ROUX ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST
NOV. 28	SARAH ELIZABETH JOHANSMEYER (GILMORE) KURT ALEXANDER GILMORE (GILMORE)	REV. DAVID A NEIL CLERGY



Ross Barn, photograph courtesy of Old Deerfield Craft Fairs and Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association.

Tree Warden & Moth Superintendent

March 9, 2010

We have had a very successful year with keeping our town trees maintained. It has been a busy year.

It was a pleasure to be part of the Deerfield Elementary School Green Day Assembly in April. Each child was given a sapling to take home with instructions to plant.

I have had many trees trimmed throughout town. In some cases, the tree has been cut down. We then grind the stump and clean up the area. There are over thirty new trees planted in various areas of town.

As always, I would like to say thank you to the residents of Deerfield, our Superintendent of Streets, Harold Eaton, Jr. (and his staff), and the many others who through their cooperation and assistance have made it another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Kocot
Tree Warden & Moth Superintendent



Peach Trees,
Clarkdale Farm, West Deerfield

PART II



Old Town Hall

Now the property of Pocumtuck Valley Memorial
Association in Old Deerfield.

Financial Reports

Board of Assessors

How The Assessors Determine Value

Personal property valuation in Massachusetts is based on a combination of market value and utility value of property not considered real estate and, generally, not part of one's home. Personal property located within the Town as of January 1st preceding the next fiscal year should be reported to the Town on a Form of List by March 1st.

Real property valuation in Massachusetts is based on "full and fair cash value," the amount a willing buyer would pay a willing seller on the open market. Assessors must collect, record, and analyze a great deal of information about property and market characteristics in order to estimate the fair market value of all taxable properties in their communities. Some properties such as churches, educational institutions, State and Town-owned land are also valued, even though they are exempt from taxation. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that the assessed values are reviewed annually with sales statistics for the previous calendar year and that all properties be recertified every three years. Deerfield was last certified in 2008 and is now working on their recertification project for fiscal year 2011. The Town of Deerfield uses an independent appraisal service to inspect properties and to analyze sales.

Why Assessments Go Up When A Property Hasn't Changed

Since assessments reflect market value, rising/falling real estate prices in the community will result in *generally* higher/lower assessments. As several factors influence market value, the changes to assessments may not be uniform. One such factor is the style of the building. For example, one year, colonials will be in demand, thus raising their market value more than other styles and, another year, capes will be more popular. Another factor is location. For various reasons, certain neighborhoods are more attractive to buyers (in-town one year, rural the next...). Again, the resulting demand raises the price for homes in the preferred neighborhood. In addition, the condition of the property will affect its value. For two homes comparable in style, grade, and location, the better-maintained home will have a higher value. So, while changes made to a property can affect value, these other factors must also be considered.

If You Disagree With The Assessed Value Of Your Property

If, in your opinion, the assessment of your property is incorrect, by all means discuss it with the Board of Assessors. At the meeting, you will need to specify the items about which you disagree such as misinformation on the property record card or values of *comparable* properties lower or higher than yours. If so, cite specific examples. Information on all properties is available in the Assessors' Office and on-line at **www.deerfieldma.us**.

Abatements and Appeals

Once the tax bills have been mailed, an aggrieved taxpayer must go through the more formal process of filing for an abatement. These forms may be picked up at the Assessors' Office. They must be filed with the Assessors on or before the due date of the first installment of the actual tax bill.

Board of Assessors

If the Assessors do not grant the desired abatement, the taxpayer also has the right to appeal to the State's Appellate Tax Board. The appeal must be filed within three months of the denial. Information and applications are available from:

The Appellate Tax Board
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 200
Boston, MA 02114
Phone: (617)727-3100
<http://www.mass.gov/atb/>

How Property Taxes Are Computed

Before Proposition 2½ went into effect in Massachusetts in Fiscal Year 1982, the amount to be raised by the property tax in each community was essentially determined by what the community decided to spend in the coming year, either through its Annual Town Meeting, or its City and Town Council. So, budgets were determined and, then, the tax rates were set to raise that amount. With Proposition 2½ in effect, the process is reversed. The tax limitation law sets the maximum amount a community may collect, or levy, from the property tax to "...2.5 percent of the total full and fair cash value of all real and personal property in the community" based on the previous year's valuation. At the Town Meeting, a budget is adopted. Budgets must be made to fit within that limit (with the exception of any override(s) or debt exclusion(s) passed by the voters). The budget total less the monies anticipated from other sources, such as state aid and local receipts from fees, etc., is the amount that needs to be raised through property taxes.

Determining the Tax Rate

Before the tax rate can be set, the Town must decide if they want all property to be taxed at the same rate, or if they prefer separate rates for a certain class of property, such as commercial/industrial. So, the Assessors prepare a Tax Rate Recapitulation sheet showing the total value for each class of property and its percentage of the town total. Using this information, the Board of Selectmen holds a Classification Hearing to decide if there will be a single or multiple tax rate(s).

What Assessors Do Not Do

Assessors do not make the laws that affect property owners. Tax laws are enacted by the Massachusetts Legislature. Various guidelines and regulations to implement the legislation are established by the Department of Revenue. The Assessors must follow these procedures and act in accordance with the law.

Assessors' Report

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010

Town Appropriations Voted April 27, 2009

Appropriations To Be Raised:

From Raise and Appropriate	\$11,635,260.91	
From Free Cash	344,116.00	
From Available Funds	<u>99,311.00</u>	<u>\$12,078,687.91</u>

Other Amounts To Be Raised:

Overlay Deficits of Prior Years	1,432.69	
Cherry Sheet Offsets	496,864.00	
School Choice Assessment	86,919.00	
Charter School Assessment	31,620.00	
Air Pollution	1,330.00	
Regional Transit Authority	16,428.00	
RMV Surcharge Underestimate	3,060.00	
Community Preservation Act Surcharge Estimate	296,937.00	
Overlay Reserve	<u>85,054.92</u>	<u>\$1,019,645.61</u>

Total Amount To Be Raised: \$13,098,333.52

Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources:

Estimated Receipts From State:

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$2,127,998.00	
Mass. School Building Authority Payment	299,550.00	<u>2,427,548.00</u>

Local Estimated Receipts:

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$605,000.00	
Other Excise	1,000.00	
Penalties & Interest	26,000.00	
Payment In Lieu Of taxes	110,000.00	
Sewer Charges	481,332.00	
Trash Disposal	140,000.00	
Fees	32,000.00	
Rentals	26,000.00	
Departmental Revenue - Cemeteries	000.00	
Other Departmental Revenue	0.00	
Licenses & Permits	100,000.00	
Fines & Forfeits	72,000.00	
Investment Income	40,000.00	
Room Occupancy Tax	139,860.00	
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,798,192.00</u>

Free Cash	\$344,116.00	
Free Cash to reduce tax rate	0.00	
Community Preservation Act Surcharge	296,937.00	
Other Available Funds	99,311.00	

Total Estimated Receipts & Revenue \$4,966,104.00

Total Tax Levy \$8,132,229.52

Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property 685,685,457.00

Total Levy ÷ Total Value x 1,000 = Tax Rate **8,132,229.52 ÷ 685,685,457.00 x 1,000 = \$11.86**

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

2009 Annual Report

The Capital Improvement Planning Committee is comprised of members appointed from various committees and boards, in an effort to represent a wide range of interests within town government. Two Town Hall staff members are also appointed in an advisory capacity.

Committee Membership:

<u>Appointing Body</u>	<u>Name</u>
Board of Assessors	David A. Rohrs
Board of Selectmen	Carolyn Shores Ness
Board of Selectmen	Bernard R. Kubiak (non-voting)
Board of Selectmen	Mary A. Stokarski (non-voting)
Deerfield School Committee	Kenneth M. Cuddeback
Finance Committee	Thomas G. Clark, Chair
Planning Board	Roger J. Sadoski, Jr.
Town Moderator	William J. Cummings, Clerk

2009 was a successful year for the Town of Deerfield for acquiring Capital Assets and fulfilling our Capital Plan. This year Deerfield purchased a new Police Cruiser and replaced two pickup trucks for the Highway Department. Efforts are also underway to upgrade the Police Department cell security monitoring system and refurbish the office space. Major equipment, such as replacement of the Comminutors, as well as maintenance activity like grit removal remains an integral focus of the committee.

The highlight of the year for the C.I.P.C. was the culmination of the seven year project for a new ambulance, even though it was more costly than originally estimated. With this success we will prudently start again to save for its future replacement. As technology improves and emergency response evolves, we may not foresee perfectly our future vehicle, but we will be mandated to fund it to provide for the health of our citizens.

It is heartening that the Town of Deerfield has begun again to actively plan for a new Highway Garage. Let us all hope that the Garage replacement will be completed soon. Deerfield should continue to evaluate and improve our buildings and infrastructure each year so that we can provide needed services to our residents in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Clark, Chair

Deerfield Capital Improvement Plan

Voted 2009

Department	FY 2008 approved	FY 2009 approved	FY 2010 approved	FY 2011	FY 2012	Total project cost
Assessors						
Replace computer and printer	\$2,200.00		\$0.00			\$2,200.00
Board of Selectmen/Town Hall						
Computers & Software	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$16,500.00
Copier		\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00
Telephone system	\$9,000.00					\$9,000.00
Web site development	\$5,000.00					\$5,000.00
Building Inspector						
Records storage cabinets		\$5,100.00				\$5,100.00
Police Department						
Cruisers	\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00	\$137,500.00
Digital video recording system	\$15,000.00					\$15,000.00
Station Maintenance		\$4,500.00				\$4,500.00
Suicide Prevention Cell Tour System			\$5,505.00			\$5,505.00
Town Clerk/Treasurer						
Digitize town records	\$11,151.00					\$11,151.00
Records preservation	\$12,687.00					\$12,687.00
Tilton Library						
Furnace (thru ESCO contract)		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Sewer Department						
ODWWTP & SDWWTP Comminutor	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$30,000.00
ODWWTP & SDWWTP Grit Removal	\$35,000.00	\$7,892.00	\$7,829.00	\$7,829.00	\$7,829.00	\$66,379.00
Alternative energy / conservation		\$40,285.00				\$40,285.00
Highway Department						
Garage Design & Construction					\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Sickle Bar Mower	\$11,500.00					\$11,500.00
V-plow	\$6,500.00					\$6,500.00
Pickups (two) w/ plows and radios			\$51,000.00			\$51,000.00
Senior Center						
Boiler replacement (thru ESCO)		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Recreation Department						
EMS Department						
Ambulance	\$23,300.00	\$38,000.00	\$62,026.00			\$206,010.00
Computer & Software		\$18,570.00				\$18,570.00
Deerfield Elementary						
Carpet replacement	\$10,700.00	\$17,700.00				\$28,400.00
Traffic Safety improvements	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00				\$110,000.00
Roof replacement					\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Frontier						
Central Office repair	\$29,348.00	\$29,250.00	\$0.00			\$146,642.00
Farmland Retention						
Open Space	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Totals	\$243,386.00	\$328,297.00	\$186,360.00	\$37,829.00	\$2,037,829.00	\$2,944,429.00

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Free Cash was certified on September 16, 2009 for \$739,896. The calculation of Free Cash is a result of a combination of many factors, but mostly from receipts in excess of estimated, and of unspent balances in appropriations. This year this number was much reduced from the previous year, but in the normal historic range. In Deerfield Free Cash is usually used to finance capital purchases.

YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSE REPORT

	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
Moderator	55.00	55.00	
Selectmen's Salaries	7,000.00	6,899.88	100.12
Selectmen's Office Sal	51,687.95	51,687.95	
Town Administrator	66,147.84	66,147.84	
Select/Administ Exp	9,450.00	6,843.11	2,606.89
Finance Committee Exp	300.00	152.00	148.00
Reserve Fund	16,068.28		16,068.28
Accountant Salary	25,899.00	25,899.00	
Accountant Expense	3,750.00	2,961.59	788.41
Audit	13,500.00	13,500.00	
Assessor's Salaries	5,500.00	5,499.96	0.04
Assessors Clerk Salary	36,509.13	36,094.59	414.54
Assessor's Expense	6,975.00	6,074.55	900.45
Assessors Maps	4,275.00	3,203.50	1,071.50
Assessor Appr File	8,650.00	8,443.40	206.60
Capital-GIS	23,444.47	4,700.00	18,744.47
Capital-Computer, Printer	1,695.02	1,147.50	547.52
Assessor's Server	5,000.00	4,647.00	353.00
Triennial Recert	42,472.29	17,500.00	24,972.29
Clrk/Treas/Coll Off Sal	76,128.48	76,128.48	
Enc Clrk/Treas/Coll Off Sal 09		-6,538.08	6,538.08
Treas/Coll/Clerk Salary	67,440.16	67,440.16	
Clerk/Treas/Coll Exp	23,011.00	22,208.01	802.99
Oliver Smith Trustee	20.00	20.00	
Legal Consultant PriorYr	7,658.09	7,658.09	
Legal Expense	21,895.00	21,894.90	0.10
Personnel Bd Expense	500.00		500.00
Personnel Classification Study	12,000.00	3,660.00	8,340.00

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	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
Capital Plan-Network	149.97	112.50	37.47
Capital-Acctng Software	794.20		794.20
Capital Plan-Hardware/Software	13,164.42	6,999.00	6,165.42
Capital Plan-Computers	349.77	349.77	
Capital Plan-Computers	4,500.00	729.78	3,770.22
Capital Plan-Web Site Dev	3,002.50	1,997.50	1,005.00
Tax Taking	12,490.73	10,678.75	1,811.98
Unknown Property	1,925.00	150.00	1,775.00
Dfld Community TV	1,500.00	1,101.22	398.78
Office Contracted Serv	30,157.00	28,924.37	1,232.63
Binding Records	450.00	450.00	
Capital-Records Preservation	792.00	304.00	488.00
Reg of Voters Clerk	100.00	100.00	
Elections & Regist	7,580.00	7,102.98	477.02
Street Listing	4,500.00	4,018.09	481.91
Enc Street Listing 08	500.00	140.00	360.00
Conservation Comm	824.15	824.15	
Open Space Comm Exp	1,000.00		1,000.00
Capital - Open Space	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Bylaw Maintenance	2,300.00	2,257.15	42.85
Planning Board	10,000.00	9,641.08	358.92
Planning Bd Zoning Review	10,000.00		10,000.00
Zoning Bd of Appeals	400.00	400.00	
Capital-Streetscape Planning	10,000.00	804.32	9,195.68
Parking Lot Costs	665.00		665.00
Parking Lot Construction	7,000.00		7,000.00
Sr Housing Committee	1,296.15	1,296.15	
Town Office Bldg Maint	60,000.00	53,483.68	6,516.32
Town Office Supplies	8,000.00	7,384.80	615.20
Town Office Telephone	12,520.00	8,753.13	3,766.87
Emerg Repairs-Bldgs	7,315.82		7,315.82
Capital Plan-Copier	5,000.00	4,535.00	465.00

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	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
Town Reports	5,750.00	2,589.02	3,160.98
Publishing Fees	2,415.00	1,564.22	850.78
General Insurance	54,395.00	49,046.60	5,348.40
Town Clock	970.00	910.67	59.33
Police Dept Payroll	526,251.33	509,526.31	16,725.02
Enc Police Dept Payroll 08	15,620.36	2,218.02	13,402.34
Enc Police Dept Payroll 09		-3,744.08	3,744.08
Police Sick & Vacation	23,925.00	20,167.30	3,757.70
Police Dept Expense	59,800.00	59,345.81	454.19
Enc Police Dept Exp 08	2,500.00		2,500.00
Capital-Police Cruiser	27,500.00	25,422.00	2,078.00
Capital-Police Station Maint	4,500.00		4,500.00
EMS Expense	67,095.71	67,095.71	
Ambulance Replacement	143,984.19		143,984.19
Capital-EMS Computer/Software	18,570.00	18,480.00	90.00
Bldg Insp Office Sal	37,133.78	34,745.78	2,388.00
Bldg Inspector Salary	24,660.00	23,768.16	891.84
Building Insp Expense	2,440.00	2,302.27	137.73
Capital-Building Insp Cabinets	5,100.00		5,100.00
Canine Control Program	19,922.31	2,274.11	17,648.20
Tree Warden Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Insect & Pest Control	1,000.00	950.00	50.00
Tree Care & Planting	26,000.00	25,914.90	85.10
Dutch Elm	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Elementary School Exp	3,788,326.00	3,711,556.36	76,769.64
Enc Elementary School Exp08	33,324.09	29,386.13	3,937.96
Enc Elementary School Exp09		-17,421.80	17,421.80
Frontier Reg School Exp	2,657,276.00	2,657,275.50	0.50
Frontier-Dickinson Trust	500.00	256.31	243.69
Frontier-Interest/Debt	240,030.00	240,030.00	
Frontier-Transportation	14,279.00	14,279.00	
Fr Cty Tech Exp	185,704.00	185,704.00	
Out of District Placement Exp	29,000.00	28,295.00	705.00
Central Office Repairs	29,250.00	29,250.00	
Capital-Parking Lot	60,000.00	60,000.00	
Eng Discontinue Rds	2,363.82		2,363.82

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	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
General Highway Sal	304,229.23	302,873.57	1,355.66
General Highway OT	44,348.26	40,102.56	4,245.70
General Highway Exp	267,610.00	263,494.50	4,115.50
Street lighting	46,325.00	46,296.57	28.43
Highway Garage Dev	156,345.20		156,345.20
Deerfield River Embankment	300,000.00	36,851.28	263,148.72
Transfer Station Sal	21,197.40	20,539.09	658.31
Transfer Station Exp	222,600.00	209,879.53	12,720.47
Solid Waste Management	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Inflow/Infilt-SSES	42,545.02		42,545.02
Sewer Rprs Phase I,11	14,034.92		14,034.92
Health Agent Sal	24,983.14	24,852.81	130.33
Board of Health	17,053.00	15,178.77	1,874.23
Senior Center Dir Sal	4,475.00	4,475.00	
Senior Center Soc Worker	3,000.00	2,901.86	98.14
Council on Aging Exp	200.00	161.55	38.45
Senior Center Bldg Maint	15,500.00	15,438.43	61.57
Senior Center Air Cond	1,111.04		1,111.04
Veterans Services	11,970.00	11,970.00	
Veterans Benefits	3,350.00	2,933.00	417.00
War Memorial Maintenance	2,500.00		2,500.00
ADA Coordinator	250.00		250.00
Tilton Library	126,510.00	126,414.00	96.00
Tilton Library-Dickinson Trust	3,794.50	2,623.90	1,170.60
Summer Swim Program	9,680.00	6,267.69	3,412.31
Tri Town Beach Exp	13,612.45	12,953.93	658.52
Consultant-Rec Land	4,025.00		4,025.00
Recreation Dir Sal	35,241.00	34,544.00	697.00
Recreation Dept Exp	6,300.00	6,292.73	7.27
Vet/Memorial Day Exp	2,189.79	2,089.79	100.00
Prin-Maturing Debt	420,000.00	420,000.00	
Int-Maturing Debt	46,643.76	46,643.76	
Int-Temporary Loans	56,000.00	39,602.40	16,397.60

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	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>
Air Pollution District	1,303.00	1,303.00	
RMV Marking Surchg	3,640.00	3,060.00	580.00
Reg Transit Authority	18,339.00	18,339.00	
Charter School Assessment	11,263.00	10,559.00	704.00
School Choice Assessment	80,188.00	86,919.00	-6,731.00
Fr Reg Council Govt	47,498.00	44,256.75	3,241.25
Sick Leave/Vacation Reserve	42,082.96		42,082.96
Franklin County Ret	335,389.00	335,389.00	
City of Newton	225.91	225.91	
Worker's Compensation	34,553.00	34,553.00	
Worker's Compensation 2000	46,845.63	3,888.70	42,956.93
Unemployment Insurance	5,000.00	1,877.74	3,122.26
Group Insurance	581,389.00	575,915.32	5,473.68
Medicare Exp	77,389.00	68,791.15	8,597.85
Medicare Security Act	250.00		250.00
Oxford Acquisition Costs	17,970.04	2,222.50	15,747.54
Oxford Redevelopment Costs	10,000.00		10,000.00
Coates Ave Acquisition Damages	1.00		1.00
Lower Road Acquisition Damages	1.00		1.00
Tr To Spec Revenue	11,963.00	11,963.00	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>12,443,808.26</u>	<u>11,307,296.94</u>
			<u>1,136,511.32</u>

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REPORT

	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>YTD Revenue</u>	<u>YTD Expense</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<i>Highway Funds</i>				
Mass Highway Funds	-33,841.53	830,976.30	-797,134.77	0.00
<i>Revolving Funds</i>				
Wetlands Protection Fund	9,286.25	1,075.00	0.00	10,361.25
Dog Revolving Fund	8,924.31	7,015.00	-9,040.00	6,899.31
Public Health Inspections	14,053.60	6,370.00	-5,000.00	15,423.60
Title V Inspections	15,100.00	8,625.00	-15,000.00	8,725.00
Recreation Revolving Fund	35,889.97	44,045.07	-38,225.86	41,709.18
Swim Program	417.00	780.00	0.00	1,197.00
Planning Bd-Mark Wightman	136.16	1,575.00	-1,711.16	0.00
Planning Bd-Bement	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00
Planning Board Revolving	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00

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	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>YTD Revenue</u>	<u>YTD Expense</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Receipts Reserved For Appropriation</u>				
Ambulance Services	-4,507.56	195,865.68	-225,424.62	-34,066.50
Sale of Cemetery Lots	13,535.00	800.00	0.00	14,335.00
Insurance Claims	5,498.66	0.00	0.00	5,498.66
County Dog Fund	1,030.14	0.00	0.00	1,030.14
<u>Other Special Revenue Funds</u>				
PEG Access Fund	95,964.11	59,583.77	-29,320.34	126,227.54
Police Donations Fund	500.00	400.00	0.00	900.00
Frontier Sr Center Gift Fund	0.00	689.00	-95.57	593.43
Youth Baseball Gifts	1,568.49	0.00	0.00	1,568.49
Recreation Dept Gifts	9,077.93	3,671.50	-1,998.40	10,751.03
Grant Program Income	7,192.36	0.00	-5,106.28	2,086.08
Flag Donations Fund	379.00	300.00	-379.00	300.00
Sugarloaf Bus Assn Gift	295.68	0.00	-295.68	0.00
Yankee Candle Gift Fund	1,255.20	4,000.00	-3,952.91	1,302.29
EWP Donations	10,332.42	0.00	-10,332.42	0.00
Library Antitrust Settlement	325.86	0.00	-320.56	5.30
Albany Rd Cemetery Donation	0.00	1,640.57	0.00	1,640.57
<u>Community Preservation Act</u>				
	150,763.05	317,823.66	-921.88	467,664.83
<u>State & Federal Grants</u>				
Freight Rail Cap Fund	10,911.88	0.00	0.00	10,911.88
Oxford Food Grant	3,600.95	0.00	0.00	3,600.95
Dare Grant-Police	105.68	0.00	0.00	105.68
Community Policing Grant	31,382.42	21,717.00	-23,786.41	29,313.01
Bulletproof Vest Grant	5,970.50	0.00	0.00	5,970.50
Drug Forfeiture Grant	8,240.81	2,254.40	-2,120.84	8,374.37
Gov Highway Safety Grant	713.58	8,282.14	-8,995.72	0.00
FEMA-All Hazards Grant	99.07	0.00	0.00	99.07
FEMA Emergency Funds	0.00	21,104.29	-23,058.99	-1,954.70
Council on Aging Grant	7.00	5,622.50	-5,624.05	5.45
Library State Aid	18,199.88	7,295.53	-4,237.00	21,258.41
Cultural Council	4,183.61	4,338.97	-3,584.24	4,938.34
ECEMP Grant	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Emer Dispensing Site Grant	0.00	2,950.30	-2,950.30	0.00
43D Permitting Grant	55,000.00	17,025.00	-62,025.00	10,000.00
DEP Tech Assist Grant	-6,885.53	6,885.53	-8,280.63	-8,280.63
MAPHO Minigrant	0.00	1,498.45	-1,498.45	0.00
ARRA Grant	0.00	116,375.00	-116,375.00	0.00
<u>Education Funds</u>				
School Lunch Fund	18,578.67	153,289.18	-149,480.83	22,387.02
School Choice Fund	588,412.82	489,148.00	-498,926.34	578,634.48

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	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>YTD Revenue</u>	<u>YTD Expense</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Grant Funded Stipends	1,981.55	10,784.80	-12,766.35	0.00
Title I Grant	0.00	19,641.78	-19,641.78	0.00
REAP Grant	1,518.81	42,824.00	-38,921.59	5,421.22
Circuit Breaker Rev Fund	8,856.90	44,421.00	-47,916.89	5,361.01
SPED Assistance Grant	0.00	25,791.39	-25,791.39	0.00
Special Activities Fund	13,577.52	20,707.00	-18,837.88	15,446.64
Dionne Mem Music Award	40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
6th Grade Class Fund	698.99	0.00	-600.00	98.99
School Building Use	6,230.55	240.00	-2,731.74	3,738.81
Fall Daybreak program	20,886.81	391,207.40	-380,363.01	31,731.20
Summer Daybreak Program	51.10	39,000.00	-32,872.14	6,178.96
Community Partnership Program	29,594.94	149,730.25	-166,888.80	12,436.39
Half Day EC Program	7,156.17	9,051.50	-3,840.00	12,367.67
After School Program	66,819.25	205,371.62	-200,851.01	71,339.86
Writing Camp	74.43	0.00	0.00	74.43
Retail Store Gift Fund	875.86	3,094.89	-1,139.00	2,831.75
<u>WWTP Fund</u>	822,859.02	430,681.00	-486,772.39	766,767.63
<u>Oxford Land Purchase</u>	-1,707,000.00	0.00	0.00	-1,707,000.00
<u>Trust Funds</u>				
Dickinson Library Trust	118,730.88	4,955.88	-3,565.00	120,121.76
Dickinson/Billings Fund	2,860.86	57.97	0.00	2,918.83
Cemetery/Brookside Fund	27,982.13	567.19	-58.08	28,491.24
Fr Wells/Pine Nook Fund	81,738.37	1,313.84	-3,818.52	79,233.69
Land Preservation Trust	48,026.04	20,754.08	-43,000.00	25,780.12
May Topp Cemetery Fund	11,845.24	291.85	0.00	12,137.09
Worker's Comp Fund	124,000.79	2,512.39	0.00	126,513.18
Surp War Bonds/ConwayForest	17,664.77	357.91	0.00	18,022.68
Dfld/Whately Veterans	2,031.32	41.16	0.00	2,072.48
Municipal Bldg Fund	263,612.65	15,275.04	-7,500.00	271,387.69
Ins Indemnification	83,269.32	1,354.01	0.00	84,623.33
Stabilization Fund	1,839,142.36	82,156.41	0.00	1,921,298.77
<u>Agency Funds</u>				
Off Duty Police Detail	-3,788.00	86,398.23	-82,610.23	0.00
Firearm ID Cards	0.00	4,225.00	-3,625.00	600.00
Plumbing/Gas/Wire Insp	1,543.50	70,341.64	-73,797.64	-1,912.50
S Mill Village Dev Escrow	0.00	26,201.96	0.00	26,201.96

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**Town of Deerfield
Combined Balance Sheet- All Funds
June 30, 2009**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Trust & Agency Funds	General Long Term Debt	Totals
Assets						
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,787,867	2,322,519		2,717,490		7,827,876
Receivables:						
Property Taxes	229,646	3,593				233,239
Excise Taxes	31,580					31,580
Tax Liens	18,785	3,626				22,412
User Charges		61,825				61,825
Departmental		129,282				
Less: Allowance for Uncollectable Accts.	-87,456					-87,456
Due from Other Governments	24	504,826				504,851
Tax Foreclosures	39,463					39,463
Amount to be Provided for the Payment of Debt					785,000	785,000
Total Assets	3,019,908	3,025,672	0	2,717,490	785,000	9,548,071
Liabilities						
Warrants Payable	176,873					176,873
Accounts Payable	2,373	102				2,476
Accrued Payroll	402,955	15,366				418,322
Employee Withholdings	58,581					58,581
Tailings	7,123					7,123
Deferred Revenue:						
Property Taxes	142,190					142,190
Other (excise & tax liens)	89,828	703,153				792,981
Temporary Loans			1,707,000			
Bond Indebtedness					785,000	785,000
Total Liabilities	879,924	718,622	1,707,000	0	785,000	2,383,546
Fund Equity						
Reserved for Encumbrances	27,704					27,704
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	847,692	243,617				1,091,309
Reserved for Subsequent Years Expenditures	392,429	120,766				513,195
Reserved for CPA		143,295				
Bonds Authorized	0					0
Bonds Authorized and Unissued	0					0
Unreserved Fund Balance	873,592	1,799,372	-1,707,000	2,717,490		3,683,455
Unreserved-Unprovided Abatements	-1,433					
Total Fund Equity	2,139,984	2,307,050	-1,707,000	2,717,490		5,457,525
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	3,019,908	3,025,672	0	2,717,490	785,000	9,548,070

Town Collector

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All monies for the Real Estate, Districts, Sewer, Motor Vehicle, Trash Bags & Permits, and Department Receipts are processed through this office. Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills (approximately 8,300 sent semi-annually), Sewer Bills (approximately 900 bills sent May and November were produced in-house for fiscal year 2009). There was also approximately 6,300 excise tax bills mailed in seven (7) commitments. The following combined receipts are for informational purposes:

REAL ESTATE	\$ 7,625,574
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	\$ 162,759
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 177,252
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	\$ 623,667
SEWER CHARGES	\$ 422,072 *
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE	\$ 3,503
INTEREST & FEES	\$ 46,459
	\$ 9,061,286

* Includes sewer liens from prior years

All unpaid motor vehicle taxes are submitted to the Deputy Tax Collector and if not resolved, registrations and licenses will be marked at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, resulting in non-renewal until resolved.

Taxpayers are reminded that if they are experiencing financial difficulties, contact this office as soon as you receive your bill and we will work with you, thereby avoiding the deputy collection process. All properties that are delinquent over a period of two years will be placed in Tax Title, which can result in foreclosure on the property. The interest rate for tax title property is 16%, most homeowners would be much better off to work with their bank and obtain a home equity or even a personal loan to pay off the taxes.

A reminder also that all taxes must be paid prior to any refunds issued. The Town has also adopted the MGL that allows us to withhold permits and licenses if there are outstanding taxes and with the help of the Selectmen and Building Inspector this has been a very effective tool.

A total of \$ 11,627.48 was received for sewer liens that were placed on the real estate bills. Any outstanding sewer use fees not paid prior to the release of the real estate bills will be placed as liens.

With the combined efforts of our office, the accountant and the assessors, we were able to issue the real estate and personal property tax bills on November 24, 2008. With the prompt payments of our taxpayers, we were again able to do day-to-day business without borrowing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Stokarski
Town Collector

Town Treasurer

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TOWN TREASURER REPORT Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

It is with pleasure that I again announce that the Town was in the fortunate position of not having to borrow in anticipation of revenue (twenty-five years). Interest rates have taken a decline - about \$ 34,285 less received than last year, and next year is not too promising. Rates have dropped from 1.5% - 2.21% as of January 2009 to .74% - 1.50% as of June 30, 2009.

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Receipts per month	Month	Expenses per month	Interest Received
392,838.63	July	1,395,066.15	7,618.12
325,217.30	August	1,254,404.81	5,876.31
787,632.66	September	1,509,245.47	4,245.80
642,136.99	October	2,151,165.50	2,901.53
1,061,858.77	November	1,030,689.95	1,743.65
4,677,286.55	December	1,724,125.54	3,189.63
1,442,535.14	January	954,848.11	5,623.24
627,579.73	February	1,029,183.15	4,727.26
1,280,047.51	March	1,577,821.81	4,625.79
3,162,434.12	April	1,297,743.44	3,882.32
1,101,878.82	May	1,461,165.09	6,208.64
2,931,364.20	June	2,803,061.21	6,221.31

18,375,946.82	18,188,520.23	56,863.60	**
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Beginning Balance 6/30/2008	4,723,502.93
Receipts Fiscal Year 2009	18,375,946.82
Expenditures Fiscal Year 2009-General	(18,188,520.23)
From/To Trusts to General Funds	160,299.83
Trust Funds	771,302.10
Stabilization	1,921,298.76
Petty Cash	120.00
Balance General and Trust Funds - 6/30/2009	7,763,950.21

**Interest for Fiscal 2008 for General Funds was \$ 91,148.84

Allocation of General Funds by Bank Accounts Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

Bank of America	86,378.56
Bank of Western Massachusetts	1,148,693.59
Century	251,880.25

Town Treasurer

Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Allocation of General Funds by Bank Accounts Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

CPA	
Eastern	404,703.71
Mellon Bank	30.03
Greenfield Co-Operative Bank	1,227,313.63
Greenfield Savings Bank	259,613.79
Unibank	330,353.95
Berkshire Bank	14,172.28
BankNorth	877,716.35
Total General Funds	5,053,771.27

STABILIZATION

Balance July 1, 2008	1,839,142.35	
Interest FY 2009	82,156.41	*
Appropriations FY 2009	-	
Expenditures FY 2009	-	
Balance June 30, 2009	1,921,298.76	

*NOTE: Interest for Fiscal 2008 was \$ 94,443.72

TRUST FUNDS

		Interest Rate 6/30/09
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	271,387.69	1.28%
BILLINGS TRUST FUND	2,918.83	0.98%
FOREST	18,022.68	0.98%
BROOKSIDE CEMETERY	28,491.25	0.98%
PINE NOOK CEMETERY	79,233.69	1.00%
LAND PRESERVATION FUND	25,780.12	1.00%
MAP TOPP PETUTUAL CARE	12,137.09	2.78%
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FUND	126,513.18	0.98%
VETERANS SERVICE	2,072.48	0.98%
INSURANCE INDEMNITY FUND	84,623.33	1.00%
DICKINSON LIBRARY TRUST FUND	120,121.76	0.98%
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2009	771,302.10	

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Stokarski
Treasurer



Farm Fest

When they aren't playing Basketball, the Sunset Hoopsters, a volunteer group in Deerfield, assists other organizations with fundraising activities.

Funds raised by Franklin Land Trust, who sponsored this event, support land preservation in Deerfield and throughout the county.

Photo courtesy of Bernard R. Kubiak

PART III

Regional Reports

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

2009 Annual Report

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

The downturn in the economy resulted in less trash and recycling tonnage in 2009. Both decreased by approximately 10% in 2009. District residents still showed their commitment to recycling by diverting 2,100 tons of paper and 1,200 tons of mixed containers from regional disposal facilities. The 3,300 tons of recycling was processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Although recycling market prices were low in 2009, District towns received the contract guarantee of \$15.67 per ton of recyclables.

In 2009, the District sponsored a spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collection for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 89 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2009. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. Over 300 households participated in this event.

We continue to work with public schools to improve their recycling programs as well as to implement programs to collect food waste for composting. The District also provides hands-on assistance to businesses and institutions that want to recycle or compost their waste. Recycling and composting assistance was also provided to 30 public events, including the Franklin County Fair.

The District was involved in a feasibility study to identify closed municipal landfills that could support the installation of solar photovoltaic panels. This is an exciting project that could generate alternative energy on otherwise unusable property. Further exploration of this option will occur in 2010.

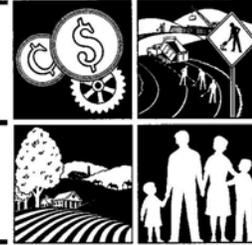
If you have questions about District programs, call us at 772-2438, visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Chair*

Becky Jurek, Bernardston - *Vice-Chair*
Andrea Donlon, Buckland - *Treasurer*

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Executive Director • Linda Dunlavy



Director's Report – 2009

The FRCOG was created by the towns of Franklin County in 1997. The preamble of the Charter that created the FRCOG states:

We, the people of Franklin County, in order to serve the interests of the citizens of our region, do hereby affirm that the 26 municipalities of Franklin County have vital common concerns that transcend the borders of individual municipalities and that the ability of our municipalities to address important public issues often depends on our local governments acting together. We therefore establish for ourselves and for our communities the means to effectively serve our towns and to deal with regional issues that transcend the existing boundaries of town governments.

Twelve years later the FRCOG is proud to report on the accomplishments, projects and services that we have provided to the people and communities of Franklin County. Each year since our formation we have grown, improved and have served the region proudly. The FRCOG is now considered the model of regionalism in Massachusetts. A summary of our accomplishments include:

Through advocacy and outreach the FRCOG helped to bring millions of dollars of ARRA funding to Franklin County including Brownfields funding to assess and cleanup sites contaminated by hazardous materials; \$19.2 million for safety improvements along Route 2 in Orange; \$12.8 million for the construction of the Franklin Regional Transit Center; and another \$10 million for road improvements to Routes 5/10 and Route 2.

The FRCOG's efforts on behalf of 22 towns and 5 regional school districts to secure the services of an Energy Services Company to assess and identify energy savings capital improvements, made the region uniquely qualified to apply for ARRA energy efficiency funding. Fifteen towns took advantage of this funding opportunity and grant awards are expected to be announced in February or March of 2010.

The Cooperative Purchasing Program helped member towns procure highway products, fuel, elevator maintenance services, tradesperson services, IT support, and conducted numerous local bids. The total amount of contracted highway products and services in FY09 was \$7,283,815 for 21 Franklin County Towns and 1 Hampshire County Town.

The Regional Preparedness Program worked with the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition to address the H1N1 outbreak and was responsible for receiving and distributing H1N1 vaccines for the region and coordinating vaccination clinics. Boards of Health got access to local planning nurses, funding for supplies and vaccinations clinics. Over 5,000 H1N1 vaccinations were administered between Thanksgiving and mid-January.

Through WesternMA Connect, the FRCOG continued to be actively involved in the effort to bring broadband to all areas of Western Massachusetts and in 2009 the creation and funding of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute with \$40 million of state bond funding was celebrated.

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The Planning Department of the FRCOG is currently helping 15 Franklin County communities work toward Green Communities designation and has helped another 10 communities with zoning revisions, open space planning, and economic development projects. The Department also completed Phase One of the Franklin County Bikeway with the placement of location and logo signs along the 44-mile length of the on and off-road bikeway system.

The FRCOG continued to be the fiscal agent for the federal Homeland Security funds for western Massachusetts and distributed more than \$4 million to worthy projects across the region. Included in the projects was the expansion of the Franklin County Emergency Communication System, which has received more than \$11 million in total, with the construction of a new tower and antenna site at Berkshire East in Charlemont.

The Community Coalition for Teens sustained major funding cuts but found ways to continue its work on substance abuse prevention with all eight Franklin County School Districts, including surveying students across the region, offering mini-grants for schools and community groups, and educating school staff on easy prevention tools.

The Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committees held three important exercises for the region's emergency response community – one testing the interoperability of communication systems, one testing regional response capacity to a potential train wreck with hazardous materials, and one testing local emergency dispensing site capacity.

The Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program provided building, plumbing, and electrical inspection services to 15 towns. The FCCIP issued a total of 992 building permits, 521 wiring permits and 521 plumbing permits totaling \$319,641 in permit fees for participating towns. The program also spent time analyzing Greenfield's request to join the FCCIP to ensure that the program will continue to provide quality service to all members.

The Town Accounting Program added an eleventh Town to the list of communities sharing this professional service. The program has transferred all participating towns to the FRCOG's accounting software program via a licensing agreement and 24-7 remote access. This program has been identified as a model to emulate across Massachusetts.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is committed to providing the best possible service to its member towns and to the region. For additional details about FRCOG programs, we encourage residents to read the FRCOG Annual Report, which will be posted on our web site, www.frcog.org, or you can receive a copy by calling 413-774-3167.

Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

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Public Health Nurse

2009 Annual Report

In 2009, FRCOG's Regional Nurse worked under the direction of the Buckland, Conway and Deerfield Boards of Health to provide broad spectrum public health nursing services:

- Weekly walk-in clinic Wednesdays, 10 am – 2 pm in Deerfield assisting residents with a variety of health care needs (for example medication sorting, assessment and monitoring of health conditions, medication information, social service needs).
- State-mandated infectious disease surveillance, reporting and case monitoring.
- Community education on Lyme Disease and H1N1 virus/vaccination assisting presentations led by Greenfield Community College RN nursing students.
- Offering and assisting preventative screenings (such as blood pressure clinics offered at the Frontier Senior Center and Conway Festival of the Hills).
- Community vaccination clinics for Seasonal Flu, H1N1, pneumonia and tetanus/diphtheria and home vaccination to residents in need.
- With Conway Ambulance, Board of Health, PTO and many service providers in the region providing a Family Health Day event at the Conway Grammar School.
- Coordination assistance for Frontier Regional dispensing of H1N1 flu vaccine.
- Mercury thermometer and sharps disposal and container exchange (Franklin County Solid Waste Mgmt. Program).

Over the year, the nurse provided 375 clinical visits and consults to residents and employees in participating towns. In addition, the nurse assisted town and regional efforts to plan and implement Seasonal and H1N1 Flu vaccination clinics. In the Frontier Region, 5 Seasonal and 17 H1N1 vaccination clinics were held. Vaccine was also provided during office hours and in home visits. In all, more than 2,700 seasonal and H1N1 vaccines were provided. Special thanks to FRCOG contracted nurse, Heather Loomis, RN in meeting the goals for H1N1 distribution.

The nurse is available to town residents to assist a variety of health concerns. Though a part time position (at year's end serving approx 6 hours a week for Deerfield and 2 hours a week for Conway), residents are encouraged to contact the nurse for assistance with non-emergency health care needs at the FRCOG office (413) 774-3167 x 106 or on Weds at 413-665-1400 x 114.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa White, RN BS
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Frontier Community Access Television

Frontier Community Access Television, Inc.
8B Elm Street
South Deerfield, MA 01373

2009 Annual Report

2009 was an eventful year at FCAT. Sadly we started the year with the temporary loss of our executive director due to a severe illness. For several months we managed to keep Channel 12 on the air with the help of our landlord Leo (of Leo's TV) and board members pitching in. We especially thank Wayne Shaw, Board Chair for 2009 for his outstanding leadership during this period. We were VERY HAPPY when Marty recovered and got back to work in the summer of 2009.

Since then, channel 12 has been offering more of everything – all locally produced and a vast majority produced by citizens of the towns of Whatley, Deerfield and Sunderland. We have launched a website that includes the schedule and information for people who want to become community producers – and see their stories aired on channel 12. Try taking a look at <http://www.fcat12.org> sometime to learn more and get involved.

In January, the board said goodbye to Bob White, long time board member from Sunderland, who stepped down after many years of work helping get FCAT off the ground. We welcomed Joe Leonard of Deerfield and Matt Fortune of Whately to the board. Joe is a GCC student who is also generous with his time helping out at the studio, and Matt is the first Frontier student to join the board, he has been active organizing collaborative projects between Frontier and FCAT. Currently the officers of FCAT are: Chair: Joyce Palmer Fortune, (Whately); Clerk: Joe Leonard (Deerfield), and Treasurer Marianne Simon (Whately). Other members of the Board include: Mark Gilmore (Deerfield); Darius Modestow (Frontier Regional School District); Jan Sadler (Sunderland) and Wayne Shaw (Sunderland). The executive director is Marty McGuane, 665-0012, or mail@fcat12.org.

By the time this Annual Report is published, FCAT will have successfully completed the first of what we hope will be a regular Spring event: the Frontier Music Department Telethon! Featuring current music students alongside Frontier alumni, professional musicians and local bands, the Telethon was designed to supplement funding for special extracurricular activities for the Music Department. Local businesses generously provided “underwriting” funds, and residents of the district towns pledged additional dollars during the live program from the Frontier auditorium.

Other “firsts” for 2009 include the recording and rebroadcasting of Frontier Football and Basketball games, thanks to parents and teachers who volunteered to tape and edit the footage for broadcast. A big thanks goes to Kevin Murphy, a Frontier technology teacher who has been particularly generous with his time and energy on these projects and more.

We look forward to a productive 2010!

Sincerely,

Joyce Palmer Fortune
Chair, Frontier Community Access Television, Inc.

Frontier Regional Emergency Dispensing Site Planning Group

2009 Annual Report

For the past four years, town officials, departments and community volunteers in the towns of Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately have worked together with the goal of improving emergency preparedness. Our overarching goal has been to develop our ability to meet needs associated with any large-scale community emergency. Efforts have been focused on developing emergency plans and conducting practice drills that utilize real life scenarios requiring coordination of supplies and resources, organized lines of communication, and significant logistical challenges.

Specifically, in each of the last four years we have developed plans and conducted “practice” drills using the real life scenario of implementing a large scale Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) providing seasonal flu vaccine to the larger region. Over the last three years, the EDS drills/flu clinics have provided a rich learning experience and an important public service to our communities.

With the advent of the novel H1N1 flu virus, this past year challenged our towns to work together as never before. Here we were faced with the real public health emergency of a novel virus affecting primarily the youngest ages in our population, heightened public concern, and a vaccine distribution process that was unpredictable at best. In this experience, our coordinated response included the administrators and staff of Frontier Regional and Union 38 school districts and reached beyond our region to greater Franklin County and at times to State and Federal levels.

In this season of starts and stops, we did not always know for certain when or what vaccine would arrive, or even what we might be called upon to do next. What we did know was that among our four towns, we have a strong working team that can get the job done, whatever the job may be. Their willingness to be part of a fast organizing and flexible team made the task easy for the individuals, families and children participating in what became numerous flu vaccine clinics (including the largest single EDS drill the Frontier Region has ever run).

We would like to give special thanks to our community volunteers who assisted local and regional coordination efforts to plan and implement 2009’s Seasonal and H1N1 vaccination clinics. In the Frontier Region, 5 Seasonal and 17 H1N1 vaccination clinics were held. In all, more than 2,700 seasonal and H1N1 vaccines were provided. This is an astounding achievement for our small communities, and the commitment and flexibility of our volunteers are what made it possible to successfully mobilize clinics on short notice to deliver vaccine in a safe and effective manner. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Chichester, Conway
Carolyn Shores Ness, Deerfield
Wendy Houle, Sunderland
Mike Archibald, Whately

Frontier Regional Emergency Dispensing Site Planning Group

Frontier Regional Emergency Dispensing Site Planning Group

The Frontier Regional EDS Planning Group would like to recognize the following Volunteers and Municipal Staff for their time, expertise, and help in implementing with this year's EDS drill and H1N1 and Seasonal Flu vaccination clinics. – THANK YOU!

Meaghan Ahearn
Mary Ellen Ahearn
Suzanne Arnopolin
Wendy Bardwell
Martha Barrett
Jennifer Bartak
Rick Bean
Michele Beckta
Jeff Belanger
Kathleen Belanger
Jodey Benson
Bryant Benson
Scott Bergeron
Kelly Blanchette
Susan Boone
Sue Bridge
Flossie Calisewski
Richard Calisewski
Elaine Chichester
Chet Chin
Beth Chin
Jackie Choate
Thomas Clark
Janet Conley
Kathy Crafts
Moira Cranshaw
Emmalee Cross
Sean Dacus
Ann Decker
Joyce Decker
Kay Demers
Mary Dingman-Abel
James Douyard
Melinda Drake
Christine Drake
John DuBois
Samantha Duffy
Harriet Dyer
Harold Eaton
Pamela Fiske
Fran Fortino
Maryanna Foster

Jackie Fydenkevez
Tom Fydenkevez
Dorothy Gagnon
Jeffrey Gilbert
Cheryl Gillman
Mark Gilmore
Susie Gokey
Elaine Goodhind
Deb Gordon
Taunette Greene
Nancy Griswold
Lora Hanas
Ken Handfield
Lorna Henderer
Jim Henderer
Joan Howe
Jennifer Jackman
Kristine Jordan
Janet Keyes
Roland Kinsman
Betty Kocinski
Elsie Kolakoski
Virginia Kolokoski
Richard Korpiewski
Patricia Kroll
Michael Krusiewski
Bernie Kubiak
Liz Kugler
Judy Kuzdeba
Laurie Lankowski
Lisbeth Laurent
Heather Loomis
Patricia Lynch
Alice Maiewski
Julia Mason
Jean McGowan
Bill McLoughlin
Devin Melnick
Pat Misiun
Robert Moriarty
A.J. Muszynski
Margaret Nartowicz
Regina Nash

Wiesia Nye
Kathleen Peabody
Karen Plotkin
Pat Raymer
Judy Richards
Al Richards
Katie Sadler
Sarah Samson
Harry Sharbaugh
Susan Sharbaugh
Lynn Sibley
Karen Smiaroroski
Zachary Smith
Kathleen Smith
Jesse Sobik-Rosnick
Debbie Sokoloski
Julia Sokoloski
Joanne Stetson
Gary Stokarski
Mary Stokarski
Wendy Swasey
Matt Sweet
Michael Thomas
James Tower
Marc Tremblay
Robert Underhill
Kayce Warren
Faith White
Robert White
Lisa White
Michelle Whitney
Ronnie Williams
Randall Williams
Lisa Winter
Mike Wissemann
Michael Wozniakewicz
Jane Wrisley
Barbara Wroblewski
David Zamojski
Susan Zaniewski
Deb Zimnowski
Nora Zinan

Frontier Senior Center

2009 Annual Report

General Services and Information

The Frontier Senior Center is a joint enterprise of the Councils on Aging of Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately. The Board of Oversight, represented by one Selectman from each of the three towns, oversees the Frontier Senior Center. The Center is located at 67 North Main Street in South Deerfield. Through the Senior Center and its programs, the Board of Oversight strives to meet the social, health, intellectual and safety needs of elders in the three communities it serves. The Senior Center provides a central location for socializing, outreach and numerous services. A wide variety of programs are offered, including educational topics such as nutrition, health, and elder law as well as entertainment and recreational activities. The director works 25 hours a week managing daily operations, grant writing and reporting, providing fiscal management, conducting community outreach, and addressing program planning and implementation. The social worker works 10 hours a week to provide information about a wide range of social services, assist with program planning and implementation. She is also available to visit seniors at home.

Hours of Operation

The Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., with occasional programs held outside of these hours.

Nutrition and Socialization

The Franklin County Home Care Corporation Meal Program serves lunch at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Before lunch, seniors socialize, play card games and BINGO, assemble puzzles, read the morning paper, enjoy a snack, play Wii bowling, and join a group crossword game, make crafts, or exercise. Diabetic meals are always available for seniors. We are the host site for the South County FCHCC Meals on Wheels program. Volunteers and the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts distribute bags of food to income-eligible members of the monthly Brown Bag Program. CISA (Communities in Support of Agriculture) makes generous grants of food to the Center. Our tradition of offering holiday lunches now includes monthly Birthday Lunches, where we celebrate the birthdays of seniors in our community and have cake and ice cream. We provide two local van trips each month, as well as opportunities to take multi-day trips with a partner Senior Center.

Community Support and Volunteers

Various groups and businesses generously contribute time and resources to the Center. Students from local schools regularly visit and participate in activities with seniors. Many residents from Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately support the Center through donations of time, materials, and financial contributions. Work teams help with conservation and beautification projects. Crews from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department have cleaned and painted the building. Community groups who use the Center also volunteer their skills and resources. We also partner with RSVP (the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) to encourage volunteering at the Center. Over 80 volunteers contribute to the success of the Center, but there is always room for more.

Health, Wellness, Safety and Finances

We host an annual flu and pneumonia clinic and this year, we held an H1N1 clinic for seniors in the community. We offer monthly blood pressure and foot clinics. We offer two professionally facilitated exercise classes and a self-directed one. We also organize presentations on topics such as fall prevention, Alzheimer's care, osteoporosis, home security, emergency services, and other topics related to the well-being of seniors. We provide assistance with and organize public presentations on

Frontier Senior Center

health insurance, fuel assistance, energy conservation, and tax abatements. AARP Tax Preparers come to the Center to help seniors file their state and federal income taxes. We partner with the SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) program to provide free health insurance counseling both at our Senior Center and in senior homes.

Entertainment and Intellectual Enrichment

We host hands-on craft activities, musical and dance performances. With the recent donation of a piano, musical entertainment will certainly increase. Plans for a monthly Prayer Shawl group are in the works, as well as a haiku poetry class. We will continue to host educational speakers on topics mentioned above.

Transportation

We work with regional transit organizations to ensure that seniors receive safe and reliable transportation. In addition, we are seeking to expand transportation options available to seniors that will allow them greater access to social, medical, commercial, and entertainment destinations. We would like to obtain a vehicle that will allow us to economically and flexibly meet more of the transportation needs of elders. In the meantime, we coordinate with other senior centers to organize joint trips. In addition, Allied Waste Services has donated funding to subsidize round-trip PVTA ParaTransit bus fares for Sunderland seniors. Wisley Funeral Home has generously donated the use of their van for our bi-monthly local outings.

Who Do We Serve?

Through our various programs, we interact with elders of Sunderland, Deerfield and Whately over 20,000 times annually. Some elders, such as those who come to the center for a flu shot, receive only one service. Others, such as those who visit the Center regularly, receive hundreds of services over the course of a year. We want every elder who needs and wants our services to receive them. With your support, we will succeed.



Fran Moro, Bev Welcome, Toyoko DiRusso, and Sophie Sacco exercise their **Wii Bowling** skills!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ballou
Director

Smith Trust

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF DEERFIELD

During Smith Charities fiscal year, February 1, 2009 – January 31, 2010, the following applicants from Deerfield were paid as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will:

1 Widow received a gift of	\$200.00
1 Bride received a gift of	\$100.00

Andrew Rohrs, Elector
Under the Oliver Smith Will

SMITH CHARITIES – A BRIEF HISTORY

Historians claim that every man is a reflection of the times in which he lives. Occasionally, however, there is born a man who apparently comprehends the value of methods still untried, or theories yet unproved. Such a man was Oliver Smith, a benevolent and successful farm from Hatfield, Massachusetts, who died in 1845, leaving the most extraordinary will ever filed in a Massachusetts court.

The provisions of the will established a \$400,000 Trust, which has paid out nearly \$9,000,000 to qualified recipients from nine participatory communities (Amherst, Deerfield, Easthampton, Greenfield, Hadley, Hatfield, Northampton, Whately and Williamsburg). The beneficiaries, as amended, enumerated as young men and women apprenticed to a trade, widows with children, brides and nurses. Further provisions of the will established Smith Vocational School in Northampton and a \$10,000 fund was set aside for the American Colonization Society to aid freed slaves.

In 1847, the heirs of Oliver Smith secured the services of the eminent Rufus Choate to contest the will at a Supreme Court Trial held in Northampton. The trustees of Smith Charities engaged the brilliant Daniel Webster, who successfully defended the provisions of the will.

It would be impossible to accurately measure the benefits which towns and their residents have derived, directly or indirectly, from the Smith Charities since 1848.

No one can appraise the value of an annual cash gift to a widow rearing a family, or the 25,000 your women that started their marriage with The Smith Charities Bridal Gift. Only the young craft person can know the real worth of the money which helps them establish a business or buys them the tools of the trade.

The will of Oliver smith made another farsighted contribution in a strongly worded passage that set forth a demand for religious, racial, and political tolerance in the bestowment of the benefits. Succeeding generations marvel at the foresight and keen perception of a man which is confirmed by the passing years.

Veterans Services

2009 Annual Report

Department of Veterans Affairs to Expand enrollment for Priority 8 Veterans

The \$375 million provision was included in the fiscal 2009 VA spending bill measure to allow the department to bring into the system more “Priority” 8 Veterans, those who typically earn more than \$30,000 a year. The funding aims to expand the enrollment of Priority 8 veterans by 10%. If you are a Priority 8 and you have been denied VA health services since 2003, **please call VA Eligibility at 1-413-582-3091.**

Many Veterans have called looking for the VA Web Sites, so here are a few:

Educational Benefits:	www.gibill.va.gov
Home Loan Guaranty:	www.homeloans.va.gov
Federal Jobs:	www.usajobs.opm.gov
Returning Veterans:	www.seamlessstranstion.va.gov
VA Home Page :	www.va.gov
Government Jobs:	www.usajobs.gov/opm
Dog Tags:	www.usmadals.com www.qmuniforms.com
	Or call 1-800-308-0859

Home for the Brave

Mass Housing’s Home for the Brave loan program provides affordable, no-down payment mortgages for veterans of the U.S. Armed Services living in Massachusetts. To apply for a Home of the Brave loan, contact a participating lender. For a complete list of Home for the Brave lenders, visit www.masshousing.com/veteran. You can call Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency at **1-888-672-7562.**

Sincerely,

Leo J. Parent, Jr
Director
1-413-863-3205



Veterans Memorial
South Deerfield Common

Wells Trust

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED WELLS TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 2009/2010 are \$187,992 (which includes unused scholarship money from 2007/2008 that was reallocated to the scholarship fund).

EDUCATION

The trustees received 312 applications for education scholarships and approved 290 students to receive \$160,992. This amount includes the two \$1,000.00 scholarships in honor of Ralph & Hilda Haskins. The trustees spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

HEALTH

Five (5) health programs were approved totaling \$17,600.00:

Hospice of Franklin County	\$3,600.00
New England Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)	\$3,500.00
Tripp Memorial Foundation	\$3,000.00
Community Action of the Franklin, Hampshire & N. Quabbin Regions WIC Programs	\$4,000.00
Franklin County Home Care Corporation *	\$3,500.00

AGRICULTURE

An amount of \$9,400 was allowed by the Trustees for payment:

Franklin County Agricultural Fair	\$6,261.00
Heath Agricultural Fair	\$2,406.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	\$ 733.00



* Franklin County Home Care Corporation operates a meal site and provides Brown Bag groceries to seniors at the Frontier Senior Center.

In this photo seniors participate in a knitting project during the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

PART IV

School Reports



Students in the Franklin County Technical School National Honor Society coordinated the third annual school effort for the "Source to Sea Cleanup" project which is run by the Northfield Mountain Center. Staff and students from the Pre-Employment, Landscaping & Auto Technology, and Health Technology also took part, collecting mountains of trash and tires along the Deerfield and Connecticut Rivers.

Deerfield Elementary School

Mr. Kenneth Cuddeback, Chair
Deerfield School Committee
Deerfield, MA 01373

Dear Mr. Cuddeback:

I respectfully submit the 2009 Annual Report for the Deerfield Elementary School:

DEERFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

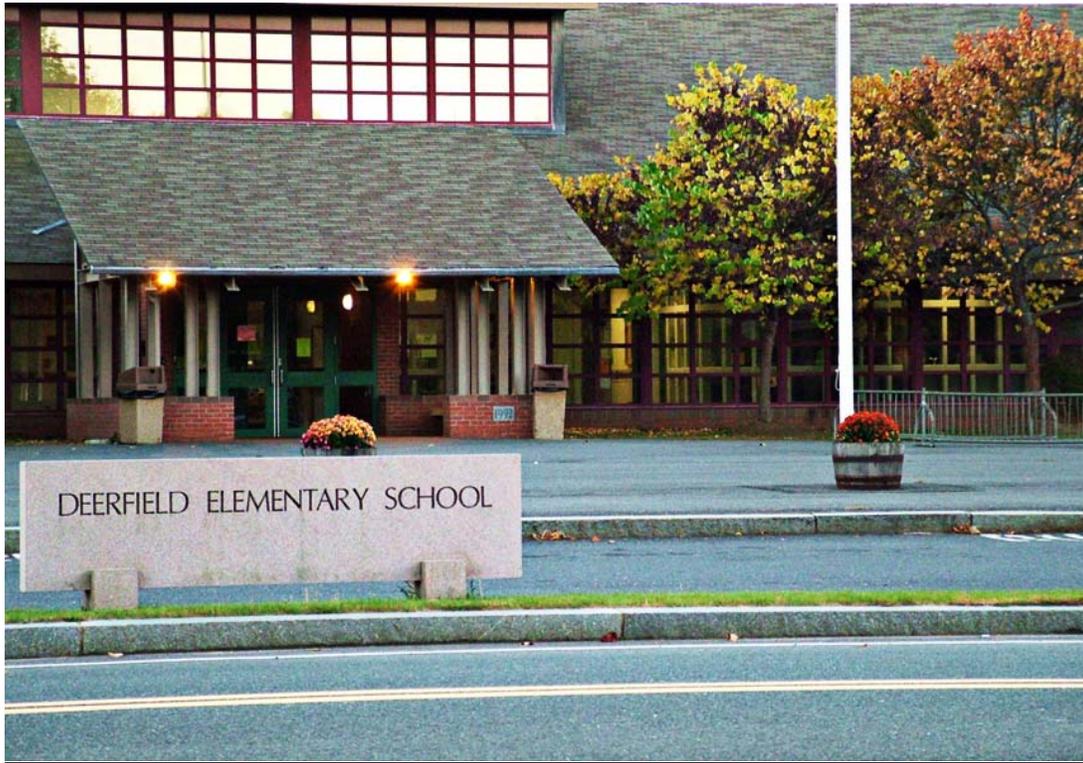
	<u>Term Expires</u>
Kenneth Cuddeback, Chair	2011
Mark Capuano, Vice Chair	2010
Jody Blake, Secretary	2010
* Mary Ramon, Member	2012
Bernadette Bean, Member	2012

* Representative to Frontier Regional School Committee

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent	Regina H. Nash Ed.D.
Business Manager	Donald M. Scott
Director of Special Education	Karen Ferrandino
Administrative Secretary	Donna Hathaway
Administrative Secretary	Sherie Gervais
Special Education Secretary	Diana Capuano
Receptionist	Brenda Antes
Bookkeeper - Union #38	Paula Light
Bookkeeper - Grants	Stephan Shepherd
Principal	Kevin Kelly
Assistant Principal	Shatta Mejia
Secretary to Principal.	Joanne Lee
Secretary to Principal	Carol Wendleken

Deerfield Elementary School



DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2009

Grade	Boys	Girls	School Choice	Tuitioned In	Total
Pre-K	13	17	0	4	34
K	24	17	10	0	51
1	35	25	7	0	67
2	29	26	11	0	66
3	25	26	13	0	64
4	33	26	14	0	73
5	25	34	10	0	69
6	29	25	14	0	68
Total	213	196	79	4	492

Deerfield Elementary School

UNION #38 TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE CONWAY, DEERFIELD, SUNDERLAND, WHATELY

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

1st Half

<u>STEP</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B + 15</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>M+15</u>	<u>M + 30</u>	2%
2	35,489	36,600	37,740	38,920	40,137	
3	36,600	37,740	38,920	40,137	41,391	
4	37,740	38,920	40,137	41,391	42,686	
5	38,920	40,137	41,391	42,686	44,019	
6	40,137	41,391	42,686	44,019	45,393	
7	41,391	42,686	44,019	45,393	46,811	
8	42,686	44,019	45,393	46,811	48,274	
9	44,019	45,393	46,811	48,274	49,785	
10	45,393	46,811	48,274	49,785	51,338	
11	46,811	48,274	49,785	51,338	52,942	
12	48,274	49,785	51,338	52,942	54,598	
13	49,785	51,338	52,942	54,598	56,306	
14	53,164	54,771	56,743	58,451	60,766	
20	54,815	56,451	58,465	60,206	62,568	

2nd HALF

<u>STEP</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B + 15</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>M+15</u>	<u>M + 30</u>	1%
2	35,844	36,965	38,117	39,309	40,538	
3	36,965	38,117	39,309	40,538	41,805	
4	38,117	39,309	40,538	41,805	43,113	
5	39,309	40,538	41,805	43,113	44,459	
6	40,538	41,805	43,113	44,459	45,847	
7	41,805	43,113	44,459	45,847	47,279	
8	43,113	44,459	45,847	47,279	48,757	
9	44,459	45,847	47,279	48,757	50,283	
10	45,847	47,279	48,757	50,283	51,851	
11	47,279	48,757	50,283	51,851	53,471	
12	48,757	50,283	51,851	53,471	55,144	
13	50,283	51,851	53,471	55,144	56,869	
14	53,696	55,319	57,311	59,035	61,374	
20	55,363	57,016	59,050	60,808	63,194	

- Nature's Classroom Teacher: \$275 per teacher unit.
- Workshop Presenters: \$30 per hour of presentation and reimbursement for reasonable expenses.
- Head Teachers: \$400
- Placement on 20 occurs when a teacher has completed 19 years of service as a teacher in the District.

Deerfield Elementary School

FINANCIAL REPORT

TOWN OF DEERFIELD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF BUDGET RELATED EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2008- JUNE 30, 2009

CATEGORY

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
School Committee	\$ 4,487
Central Office	\$ 248,551
Principal's Office	\$ 213,770
General Instruction	\$ 1,358,001
Kindergarten	\$ 209,417
Pre-School	\$ 47,295
Art	\$ 43,485
Music	\$ 57,643
Physical Education	\$ 45,988
Special Education	\$ 815,303
Library/Media	\$ 42,348
Guidance	\$ 49,051
Psychologist	\$ 62,657
Student Services	\$ 8,577
Health	\$ 44,611
Cafeteria	\$ 250
Building & Grounds	\$ 334,205
Fixed Costs	\$ 72,462
Transportation	\$ 169,622
Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 4,436</u>
Total	\$ 3,832,159

Deerfield Elementary School – Superintendent’s Report

January 2010

OPENING STATEMENT

The Deerfield Elementary School continues to offer a strong, effective learning community in which all children are welcomed, respected, and given the tools they need to help them learn and grow. Our students enjoy a dedicated teaching faculty, up-to-date school facilities, access to current technology, and outstanding educational programs. The educational opportunities available to students are possible because the people of Deerfield continue their commitment to fund their school’s budget and to support its faculty and programs.

The high standards set for our students by their families and teachers are evident daily in classrooms throughout our school. Our students continue to demonstrate strong performance on local and state assessments.

ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE

The October 1, 2009 enrollment for Deerfield Elementary School totaled 458 (K-6) students. This is an increase of 6 from the October 1, 2008 enrollment figures. Of the 458 (K-6) students, 79 are School Choice, which is an increase of 10 students from the School Choice enrollment of October 1, 2008.

CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the 2008/09 school year Deerfield teachers, in conjunction with teachers in the neighboring schools of Conway, Sunderland, and Whately, piloted a new computer based assessment from the Northwest Educational Association called Measured Academic Progress. This assessment, used in grades 3 – 6, gives teachers specific and detailed information about the developing reading and mathematical skills of each student when compared to their peers across the nation. Teachers are using this information to tailor their instruction to match the particular learning needs and strengths of their students. Teachers met with colleagues to analyze the data from these assessments and to plan together how to use the information to strengthen teaching and learning.

Teachers from kindergarten through grade six continue to evaluate students’ writing skills through the administration of writing assessments which require students to write an essay in response to a particular question. The goal is that students develop the ability to respond clearly and concisely in writing using sufficient detail to make their ideas easily understood. The ability to write well is an essential academic skill that is critical to school and later to professional success.

ASSESSMENT

Under the No Child Left behind Act each school receives an annual report measuring a school’s “Adequate Yearly Progress” toward the goal set by the federal government that 100% of students reach proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics by the year 2014. Deerfield students continue to enjoy success on the state MCAS tests administered in grades 3-6 each spring. The Deerfield Elementary School continues to make Adequate Yearly Progress toward the goal set by the federal government that 100% of students reach proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics by the year 2014.

Deerfield Elementary School – Superintendent’s Report

All students’ test scores in a particular discipline across all grade levels tested on the MCAS are averaged over two years to determine each school’s score. The good news is that Massachusetts students scored well above other states in student progress in both areas tested and Deerfield Elementary School’s scores were well above the average scores in Massachusetts! In all areas tested; Mathematics, Language Arts, and Science Deerfield students once again scored among the top in the state.

STAFF

I am delighted to welcome Shatta Mejia as our new Assistant Principal. As of September 1, 2009, newly hired faculty members at the Deerfield Elementary School are: Gillian Andrews (Grade 4 Teacher); Timothy Austin (Grade 3 Teacher); Terrence Ezold (Instruments Band Teacher); Paulette Levchuk (Reading Recovery Teacher); Emma Linderman (School Psychologist); Marjorie MacDonald-Pura (Kindergarten) and Christine Huntley (Part-Time Early Childhood Teacher – SPED). Joanne Rybczyk has transferred from Reading Recovery Teacher to Grade 1 Teacher.

The following faculty personnel have retired this year: Susan Bisiewicz, Grade 3; Kathy Jagodzinski, Grade 1; Betty Manning, Grade 4; and Dana Pasquale, Kindergarten Teacher. We wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

SPECIAL THANKS

I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication of Deerfield School Committee members Chair Kenneth Cuddeback, Mark Capuano, Jodi Blake, Mary Ramon and Bernadette Bean. They take their responsibilities very seriously and work extremely hard for the students of the Deerfield Elementary School District. I look forward with pleasure to continuing our work together.

My sincere thanks to the Deerfield School Council and PTO. Their tireless efforts for the students at Deerfield Elementary School significantly enhance the many opportunities available to our students and staff. I want to thank all those town departments that help us keep our students and staff safe. I especially wish to recognize the Police, Fire, and Highway Departments for their dedication and vigilance.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to the citizens of Deerfield for their support. All members of the community are welcome to visit our school and encouraged to participate in the wide range of school activities and programs that are available to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Franklin County Technical School District

82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls, MA 01376

We submit this annual report for 2009 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2009 was 512 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	13	Erving	14	Montague	68	Sunderland	17
Buckland	15	Gill	11	New Salem	8	Warwick	7
Colrain	21	Greenfield	132	Northfield	23	Wendell	8
Conway	10	Heath	6	Orange	65	Whately	8
Deerfield	23	Leyden	5	Shelburne	18	Non-District	40

Franklin County Technical School awarded 110 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2009. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 49% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 38% joined the area work force, 5% planned to join the military, 2% went on to a post secondary trade/technical school, and 6% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2009.

All schools in the Commonwealth are required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) to meet or exceed specific student performance standards in English/language arts, mathematics and beginning with the Class of 2010, science also. The Franklin County Technical School is proud to note that, in the aggregate, it met these adequate yearly progress determinations for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

During 2009, the students from various vocational programs performed a variety of service projects benefiting many of our member towns and the city of Greenfield. We plan to continue supplying our constituent towns with these services as they offer both the ideal learning laboratory for our students as well as an opportunity to contribute back to the communities that have supported us so well over the years. A small sample of recent projects include a timber-frame boathouse for the Orange Riverfront Park, a Spanish cedar sign for the Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne/Buckland, a lawn and driveway installation at the Habitat for Humanity home in Turners Falls, a complete furnace upgrade for a resident of Warwick provided in collaboration with the National Association of Heating Oil Service Managers' "Oil Heat Cares" program, a camera installation for the Bernardston police department, and the complete repainting of a cruiser for the Sunderland fire department. Students from many shop areas also continue to routinely assist our building maintenance department, supplying services that would otherwise be contracted to outside agencies.

We have completed a performance contract with the Energy Service Company (ESCO), Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. This project included the installation of energy efficient lighting and sensors, the conversion to high efficiency natural gas-fired boilers and roof top units for heating and ventilation, the sealing of the building envelope, and the installation of energy saving controllers for our computer network and the walk-in coolers/freezers along with a state-of-the-art energy management system to ensure our ability to maximize our savings throughout the life of these new systems. This project had a major beneficial impact on the comfort level of the working and learning environment while significantly cutting energy use. The lease payments for this investment in infrastructure are completely paid for by the savings in energy costs and we believe that the greater level of control afforded by the state-of-the-art energy management system will allow us to squeeze the most out of our energy dollars for a long time to come. Prior to the project, our energy star rating (on a scale of 1 to 100) was a dismal 13. The post project rating is an outstanding 71. Thank you Siemens Building Technologies for providing the expertise and attention to detail necessary for this immense reduction in our carbon footprint!

Franklin County Technical School District

82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls, MA 01376



Congratulations to the students and teachers from the Health Technology program. Through financial sponsor-ship, they raised \$600 for the *Rays of Hope* walk for the cure for breast cancer!

A team of evaluators from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges were present in mid-October of 2009 for our five year focused visit. The team spent two and a half days reviewing our progress in addressing the recommendations that were outlined during the last decennial visit. They were pleased with our improvement in most areas and wrote in their summary “The Franklin County Technical School exhibits many characteristics of a school on the verge of excellence, such as school atmosphere, student pride, strong ties to the community and an administration who is forward looking.” Overall, the report issued by the visiting team attests to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and administration and the quality programs we offer with the support of our member towns.

We continue to work with Greenfield Community College to offer evening courses at Franklin County Technical School. We offer an after-school program in conjunction with GCC that enables our seniors to experience the college environment first hand while obtaining three college credits. We also offer an EMT basic course for six college credits during the school day to our seniors in our Health Technology program. Many of our classroom instructors have completed taking the renewable coursework offered at GCC and two of our instructors have been enlisted by GCC to teach introductory courses in piping and HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) as part of their pioneering renewable energy/energy efficiency program.

We also continue to work with Franklin County businesses, the Regional Employment Board and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to make sure that our graduates are part of the economic development for Franklin County. We thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman

Mr. Richard K. Lane
Superintendent

Frontier Regional School

Mr. Robert Halla, Chair
Frontier Regional School District Committee
South Deerfield, MA 01373

Dear Mr. Halla:

I respectfully submit the 2009 Frontier Regional School Annual Report.

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEES

	<u>Term Expires</u>
* Robert Halla, Chair, Whately	2010
* Mary Ramon, Vice Chair, Deerfield	2010
William Smith, Secretary, Whately	2012
Robert White, Member, Sunderland	2011
Alexis Toy, Member, Deerfield	2012
* Lynn Cook, Member, Sunderland	2010
Robert Decker, III, Member, Deerfield	2011
Cyndie Ouimette, Member, Conway	2010
* Elaine Rogers, Member, Conway	2011

*Representing the local Elementary School Committees for one-year term.

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Media Center, Frontier Regional School, South Deerfield, Massachusetts at 7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.	Superintendent of Schools
Donald M. Scott	Business Manager
Karen Ferrandino	Director of Special Education
Patricia Stachelek	Frontier Regional Bookkeeper/Treasurer
Stephan Shepherd	Grants Bookkeeper
Donna Hathaway	Administrative Secretary
Sherie Gervais	Administrative Secretary
Diana Capuano	Special Education Secretary

Frontier Regional School

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Martha Barrett	Principal
Darius Modestow	Assistant Principal
Kelly Blanchette	Special Education Secretary
Deborah Coons	Administrative Secretary
Debbie Mason	Attendance Officer
Roberta Reiter	Administrative Secretary
Karen Siwicki	Guidance Secretary

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2009

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Conway</u>	<u>Deerfield</u>	<u>Sunderland</u>	<u>Whately</u>	<u>School Choice</u>	<u>Tuitioned</u>	
						<u>In</u>	<u>Total</u>
7	5	53	29	14	18	0	119
8	20	46	27	18	24	0	135
9	10	35	18	16	23	1	103
10	12	37	29	20	24	0	122
11	12	36	22	17	20	0	107
12	8	47	34	11	14	0	114
Total	67	254	159	96	123	1	700



Students from
Frontier Regional
School Drama
Club perform
***Romeo and
Juliet.***

Frontier Regional School

FRONTIER REGIONAL

SALARY SCHEDULE

JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009

<u>STEP</u>	<u>Bachelors</u>	<u>Masters</u>	<u>M-30</u>	<u>CAGS/Doctorate</u>
<u>1</u>	35,930	37,660	39,783	41,772
2	37,781	39,298	41,287	43,352
3	39,349	40,975	42,845	44,987
4	40,317	42,714	44,457	46,680
5	41,730	44,081	46,090	48,395
6	42,821	45,526	47,820	50,211
7	44,665	46,977	49,399	51,869
8	45,843	48,469	50,990	53,540
9	47,057	49,691	53,293	55,957
10	49,398	52,514	55,662	58,445
11	51,989	55,557	58,104	61,009
12	52,851	57,606	60,786	63,826
13	54,905	59,734	62,965	66,113
* 20L	55,405	60,234	63,465	66,613
** 25L	55,905	60,734	63,965	67,113

* Placement on Step 20L occurs when an individual has completed 19 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

** Placement on Step 25L occurs when an individual has completed 24 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

Frontier Regional School – Superintendent’s Report

January 2010

OPENING STATEMENT

I am proud to report that I continue to see a commitment to high standards on the part of students, parents, faculty, and community members. Evidence of this has been apparent in our students, as well as in our students’ success on local and state assessments, and in the work that students and teachers accomplish in our school every day.

ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE

The October 1, 2009 enrollment for Frontier Regional School District totaled 700 students. This is an increase of 6 from the October 1, 2008 enrollment figures. Of the 700 students, 123 were School Choice, which is an increase of 21 students from the School Choice enrollment of October 2008.

The Frontier Regional School graduated 109 students in the Class of 2009.

STAFF

Newly hired faculty members at Frontier Regional School this year are Gian DiDonna, HS English Teacher; Richard Pavlick, Part-Time HS Life Skills Science Teacher; Joseph Costello, HS English Teacher (one-year); Nicole Stier, Part-Time Life Skills Adaptive Physical Education Teacher and Elaine Campbell, Special Education Team Leader.

Ms. Barbara Furtek (English Department) retired this year. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

ASSESSMENT

In the class of 2010, ninety-nine percent of students passed both the English and Mathematics MCAS, achieving the competency determination for graduation. Ninety-six percent of grade seven students passed English Language Arts MCAS and Eighty-eight percent of students passed the Mathematics MCAS. Ninety-eight percent of grade eight students passed English Language Arts and eighty-eight percent passed the Mathematics MCAS.

Twenty-eight students in the class of 2010 (twenty-five percent of the senior class) qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Students who qualify for this scholarship achieved one advanced score on the MCAS exam and no less than proficient on the second MCAS. The top twenty-five percent of students at Frontier were given a scholarship that entitles them to four years of free tuition at any state college or university.

Students in grades eleven and twelve took the college Accuplacer exam in school. The scores are being analyzed to determine if additional topics need to be added to the math curriculum. We hope this initiative will better prepare students for this college entrance exam and reduce or eliminate a student’s enrollment in remedial college math courses.

Frontier Regional School – Superintendent’s Report

Using local funds and several grant sources the Frontier Regional School continued to provide an after school math support program. Forty students in grades seven, eight, and nine enrolled in the program. The program was designed to meet the needs of students who need additional support in mathematics and help students achieve a passing score on the MCAS Mathematics exam. In addition to the after school math support program, Frontier continues to offer a summer support program in math and English Language Arts. This program is funded by a small grant from the Department of Education as well as local funding. Data has confirmed the success of this program.

CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks continue to be a central theme in all curriculum discussions. This year teachers in all academic areas were involved in the completion of a curriculum mapping project. The faculty will continue to refine their individual as well as grade level maps by content area. The project was completed in August of 2009 in preparation for the upcoming New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) reaccreditations process. Our visit for this accreditation is scheduled for April, 2010.

All faculty members were and continue to be part of on an NEASC committee and are in the process of working on the self study in preparation for the April, 2010 reaccreditation visit. The visiting team will examine seven areas of the school: Mission and Expectations for Student Learning, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment of Student Learning, Leadership and Organization, School Resources for Learning and Community Resources for Learning. Each committee is responsible for preparing a report for the visiting team in each of the seven areas of evaluation.

The Title I program in math continues to serve students in the middle school. Approximately 50 students in grades seven and eight are working with the Title I teacher in small groups to improve their math skills.

Seventy students took part in independent study projects. At the completion of their studies students are now expected to make a final presentation to faculty and administrators.

A new grade reporting system was added which allows students, families and faculty to easily access grades. This system has increased communication between school and home as well as reducing the amount of postage and mailing expenses. The use of the website for communication has also reduced the amount of paper used to communicate with families and the community.

Frontier teachers are continually engaged in professional development activities to strengthen their skills. Curriculum development, state standards and data driven analysis are central themes and a focus of professional development. Faculty were involved in several professional development activities this year that focused on differentiated instruction. Landmark school representatives have discussed strategies for students to become more proficient note takers. Carol Kosnitsky, a national level speaker presented an overview of how the Federal mandate of “Response to Intervention” can assist struggling learners by provided the right kind of support at the right time.

Frontier Regional School – Superintendent’s Report

SPECIAL THANKS

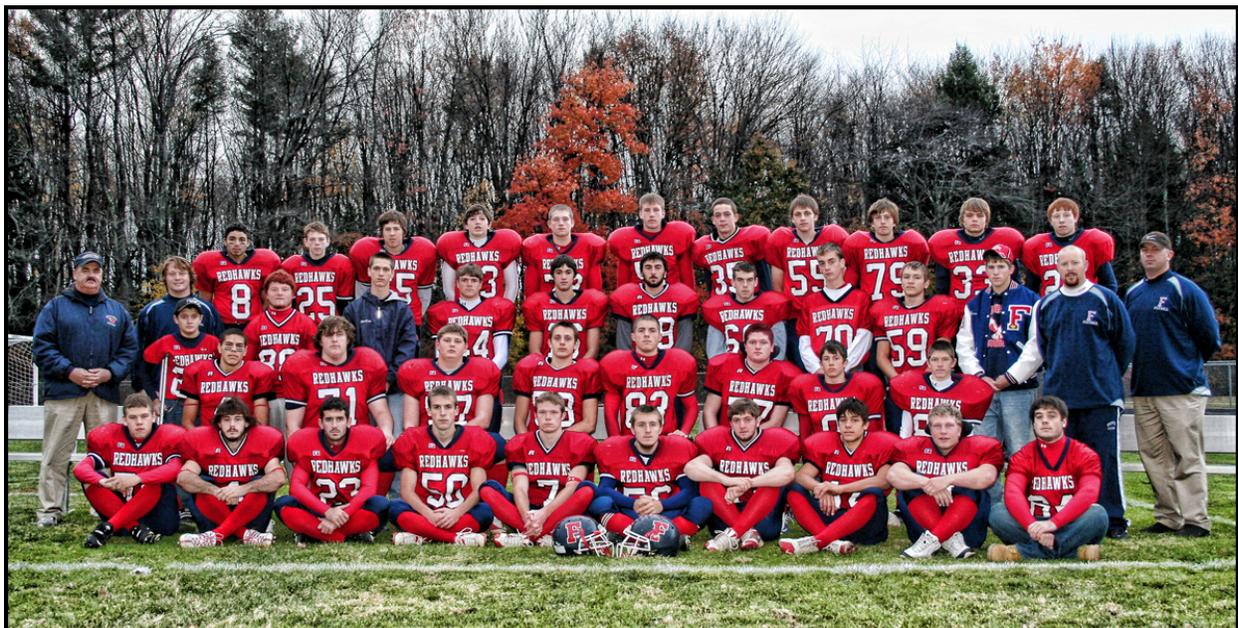
I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of Frontier Regional School Committee Members: Chair, Robert Halla, Mary Ramon, William Smith, Dr. Robert White, Alexis Toy, Lynn Cook, Robert Decker, III, Cyndie Ouimette and Elaine Rogers. I look forward with pleasure to continuing our work together.

I would like to acknowledge all of the faculty and staff members who work tirelessly to create a highly effective and supportive learning environment in the Frontier Regional School. I appreciate their professionalism, their willingness to meet the needs of individual students, and the care and concern they bring to their classrooms every school day.

I am proud of the efforts of our administration, teaching and support staff, students and central office support and administrative staff as they are accountable to the high standards that are so important to the success of today’s schools. I am also extremely grateful for the ongoing support of parents; the communities of Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately; our school councils, town officials and employees. Without this team effort, we could not obtain the educational excellence for which our schools are known and admired.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



Frontier Regional School Redhawks Football Team

Features of Interest

HISTORIC DEERFIELD, INC.

P O Box 342
84B Old Main Street
Deerfield, Mass. 01342
(413) 774-5581

www.historic-deerfield.org

Founded in 1952, Historic Deerfield, owns and maintains 11 historic properties in center of Old Deerfield. The Flynt Center of Early New England Life holds collections of over 25,000 objects. Offering lectures, tours, Special Events and Symposia, as well as a Summer Fellowship Program, Historic Deerfield is dedicated to preserving the history of the Deerfield, Massachusetts and the Connecticut River Valley.

POCUMTUCK VALLEY MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

8 Memorial Street
Deerfield, Mass. 01342
(413) 774-7476

www.deerfield-ma.org

Affectionately known as P.V.M.A., the Association provides vital preservation of the history of our area through cultural and online programs, community outreach, publishing, Teacher education, and the Memorial Hall Museum. Such events as the Old Deerfield Craft Fairs, promote tourism to Deerfield and its environs.

MASS. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & RECREATION

Connecticut River Greenway
State Park

136 Damon Road
Northampton, Mass. 01060
(413) 586-8706 ext. 12

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/crgw.htm

Offering fishing, motorized and non-motorized boating and other scenic activities, the Connecticut River Greenway is a new addition to the state park system. With over 12 miles of permanently protected shoreline, it can be accessed from places along the river.

Mount Sugarloaf State Reservation

Route 116
South Deerfield, Mass. 01373
(413) 545-5993

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/msug.htm

Mount Sugarloaf presents commanding views of the Connecticut River as well as the Pelham and Berkshire Hills. The Reservation offers numerous hiking trails, a scenic Pavilion, picnicking areas, and automobile access.

Please visit our new website at www.deerfieldma.org!

ANNUAL CENSUS FORMS

The Town Clerk would like to remind residents that Census forms are mailed out annually in January and due within 10 days of mailing. This form is used to update street lists of residents and the active voter lists of each town, as mandated by the State of Massachusetts. We are required to make every effort to obtain a response, which means that forms must be re-sent several times before the information is obtained. *By returning the form promptly, we would save the Town a considerable amount of money in postage.*

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD-STANDING

The Board of Selectmen and the Collector/Treasurer on behalf of the Town of Deerfield, and as per the regulations set down in MGL Ch 40, § 57, require all persons applying for municipal permits to complete a Certificate of Good-standing verifying that they have paid all local taxes and charges. Municipal permits such as building, food service, septic disposal systems will not be issued without this form. Certificates of Good-standing are available at the Municipal Offices.

DOG LICENSES

All dog owners are required to license their animals by the State of Massachusetts. In an effort to make this process an easy one, as part of the Census form, we print a basic application which may be returned to the Town Clerk's office by hand or mail. Dog owners should provide a copy of up-to-date Rabies vaccination records, plus the fee by April 30th of each year. If owners choose to mail in their dog license requests, please include a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE so that we may mail back your tags and license. The Town bylaws require a \$20.00 fine, if licenses are not obtained by May 1st of each calendar year.

TAX PAYMENTS

To accommodate our residents who want the convenience of paying (Town or District) taxes and fees online, you may visit our new website, www.deerfieldma.us and choose **Online Bill Pay** (left-hand side of Home Page). You will be re-directed to the secure **UniPay Gold** webpage. Please choose from the Tax Collector or Town Clerk fees, have your bill and method of payment ready, and follow the simple instructions! We hope the new website and payment options provide greater convenience and serve the needs of our residents.

We would like to thank everyone who donated photographs for the 2009 Annual Town Report. These images show the vitality and beauty of the community and your efforts are much appreciated.