

# **Town of Wrentham**



## **2012 Annual Report**

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**TOWN OF WRENTHAM**



FOUNDED IN 1660 - INCORPORATED 1673

2012 CENSUS - POPULATION – 11,200 (as of 6/30/12)  
Voters - 7,142 (as of 6/30/12)

**TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 7/1/11-6/30/12**

**Selectmen**

JOSEPH F. BOTAISH, CHAIRMAN  
(Term Expires 2013)

GAIL L. PRATT, CLERK  
(Term Expires 2013)

MICHAEL CARROLL  
(Term Expires 2014)

STEPHEN J. LANGLEY  
(Term Expires 2015)

CHARLES R. KENNEDY  
(Term Expires 2015)

WILLIAM KETCHAM, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
CYNTHIA L. THOMPSON, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
HOPE F. BEAL, BOARD SECRETARY/LICENSING CLERK

**Moderator**

KEITH BILLIAN  
(Term Expires 2013)

**Town Clerk**

CAROL A. MOLLICA  
(Term Expires 2013)

**Assistant Town Clerk**

ELLEN C. WOJCIK

**SENATORS IN CONGRESS**

Honorable Scott P. Brown of Boston

Honorable John F. Kerry of Boston

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT - 3RD**

Honorable James McGovern of Worcester

**STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
NORFOLK, BRISTOL & MIDDLESEX**

Richard J. Ross of Wrentham

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT**

9th Norfolk

Daniel B. Winslow of Norfolk

**COUNTY SEAT - NORFOLK COUNTY, DEDHAM**

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

John Gillis, Quincy

Francis W. O'Brien, Dedham

Peter H. Collins, Milton

REGISTER OF DEEDS

William P. O'Donnell

COUNTY ENGINEER

Joseph McNichols

COUNTY TREASURER

Joseph A. Connolly, Weymouth

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Michael Morrissey

SHERIFF

Michael G. Bellotti

## **In Memoriam**

### **VIRGINIA ALSWORTH**

Born March 11, 1928 – Canton, MA  
Died September 17, 2011 – Providence, RI  
Served the Town faithfully:  
Arts & Humanities Council 1991-2002

### **MICHAEL J. CHWALEK, SR.**

Born May 15, 1948 – Lawrence, MA  
Died December 25, 2011 – Natick, MA  
Served the Town faithfully:  
Town Common Landscape Committee 2004-2011

### **WILLIAM L. DANIEL, JR.**

Born June 26, 1956 – Boston, MA  
Died May 28, 2012 – Boston, MA  
Served the Town faithfully:  
Dispatcher 1981-2011  
Emergency Management 1999-2004  
Employee Insurance Advisory Committee 2002-2012  
Special Police 1985-2011  
Crossing Guard 2005-2012  
Civil Defense 1987-1999  
Call Fire Fighter 1987-2012  
Special Police 1987-2012  
EMT 1980-2012

### **ROBERT C. MAHONEY**

Born November 19, 1934 – Malden, MA  
Died August 14, 2011 – Wrentham, MA  
Served the Town faithfully:  
Conservation Committee 1980-1989  
Energy Committee 1982-1983  
Personnel Bylaw Study Committee 1982

### **JAMES A. "ARKIE" ROBERTSON**

Born December 6, 1924 – Boston, MA  
Died November 9, 2011 – Wrentham, MA  
Served the Town faithfully:  
Park Commissioner 1964-1970

### **KATHERINE M. WOJCIECHOWSKI**

Born January 13, 1924 – Boston, MA  
Died August 28, 2011 – Wrentham, MA  
Served the Town faithfully:  
Secretary, Wrentham Public Schools 1958-1998

**Births, Marriages, and Deaths  
Recorded in the Town of Wrentham, Massachusetts**

	<b>Fiscal Year 11</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 12</b>
Births	65	81
Marriages	42	38
Deaths	185	149

**Miscellaneous Items  
Purchased at the Office of the Town Clerk**

	<b>Fiscal Year 11</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 12</b>
Birth Certificates	201	222
Marriage Certificates	87	122
Marriage Intentions	42	40
Death Certificates	1,051	750
Burial Permits	177	113
Zoning Regulation	5	1
Zoning Maps	12	5
Persons Listed Books	16	13
Business Certificates	173	115
Pole Locations	0	3
Raffle Permits	7	9
Flammable Permits	11	11
Extracts	4	2
Dog Licenses	2,002	1,291
Dog Late Fine	352	165
Dog Citations	40	30
Kennel Licenses	6	9
Police Violations	36	18

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## **Minutes of the Special Town Meeting – November 14, 2011**

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Keith Billian at 7:30 PM at the King Philip High School Auditorium.

A motion was made and voted to waive the reading of the warrant.

Tellers appointed for the evening were Bob Bogardus, Jeff Plympton, John Caruso, and Gerry Aube.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Town Planner Paige Duncan.

The Moderator thanked Mr. Ferrara and his crew for setting up the hall and working on the lights and speakers. There continues to be problems with the lights in the auditorium because of the last storm.

The Moderator appointed Edward (Jay) Scollins to the Personnel Board.

He then gave an explanation of the capital budget items and discussed the quorum of the Capital Budget Committee. Joseph Heck let the Moderator know that he did not want to be re-appointed next year to the Committee, and the Moderator thanked him for his time served.

Article 1 – Selectman Chairman Botaish gave an overview of the “State of the Town.”

Article 2 – Volunteers of the Year: The Board of Selectmen recognized Patricia Fogg as being this year’s Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Fogg was picked because of her dedication to the Town, especially in the area of conservation and clean up of Birchwold Farm.

Also recognized were Samantha McPhee and Eddy Cullinane as this year’s Youth Volunteers of the Year. Samantha and Eddy were recognized for the work with Special Education students in the Mentor Program.

Article 3 – Move that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 1B, to change the Board of Health from an elected board to a board appointed by the Board of Selectmen, provided that:

- (a) such change would become effective only upon its approval by the voters at the annual town election in 2012; and
- (b) any incumbent of such board serving at the time of such acceptance by the voters shall continue to hold said office and to perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which said individual was elected, or until said individual otherwise vacates such office; provided, however, that any individual elected to that office at the annual town election in 2012 shall hold such office and perform the duties thereof only until his or her successor is appointed.

Selectman Langley presented this article and explained the reasoning behind the article. Many voters were heard, both pro and con. A standing vote was called by the Moderator, and the results are as follows: Yes – 57; No – 86. Motion failed.

Article 4 – The zoning article was presented by Leo Immonen, and an amendment was attempted by Donald Jordan, but was not accepted by the Moderator.



Voted that the Town amend Section 15.6 of the Town of Wrentham Zoning Bylaws by revising Paragraphs a. and b. as follows:

### **15.6 Procedures for Issuance of a SPECIAL PERMIT**

Procedures for issuance of a SPECIAL PERMIT are as follows:

- a. The SPECIAL PERMIT Granting Authority (SPGA) under this section shall be the Planning Board *unless the applicant is applying for a Special Permit under Section 3.4, NON-CONFORMING LOTS, STRUCTURES and USES, in which case the SPGA shall be the Zoning Board of Appeals.*
- b. The SPGA shall refer copies of the application to the Board of Health, *Board of Appeals or the Planning Board as appropriate*, Conservation Commission and Department of PUBLIC Works, which shall review the application and shall submit their recommendations to the SPGA within thirty-five days.

Motion passed – Unanimous.

Article 5 – General Bylaw amendment presented by Selectman Carroll:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting the following after Article 1, or take any other action relative thereto:

Article 1A: The purpose of the Town of Wrentham is to maintain and enhance the quality of life of all Wrentham residents by providing the highest quality of public services that meet the citizens' needs in the most efficient manner.

The Board of Selectmen, School Committee, members of the Regional School Committee, and Finance Committee shall strive together to fulfill this purpose by meeting and conferring prior to and during the budget process, while the warrant for the annual town meeting is open, and at any other time. Other elected and appointed officials and employees may be invited to participate in any such meeting, as appropriate to the objectives of the agenda, and contribute to managing the operation of the Town of Wrentham and planning its future in the best interest of its citizens.

Not less often than semi-annually the Board of Selectmen will schedule a forum of all boards and committees to address strategic communication necessary to provide the highest quality of public services.

The goals of these public officials by communicating and collaborating are to:

- (a) Assure the long-term financial stability of the Town by: reviewing the Town's financial condition and developing coordinated revenue and expenditure policies; developing coordinated collective bargaining strategies; updating the long-term capital outlay plan and related debt management program; and any other related topic.
- (b) Assure that the Town of Wrentham delivers services that are responsive to community issues and concerns by establishing strategic plans based on: assessing the impact of growth and development of the Town on the current and foreseeable demand for services; evaluating the impact of current and pending legal requirements on the scope and extent of municipal services, and creating a unified position for advocating for Wrentham; considering the effect of regional and national events and trends on Wrentham; and any other related topic.

The Board of Selectmen will coordinate the time and location and facilitate the agenda and discussion. However it may defer these responsibilities to another board or committee if requested and if it serves the intent of the forum.

After much discussion, a voice vote was called and the motion failed.

Article 6 – Voted that the Town appropriate from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$194,647.00 to supplement current Fiscal Year 2012 operating budgets. Said sum to be distributed as follows:

Library Expenses	\$ 6,950
Public Health Nurses Expenses	1,946
Planning Salary	9,950
Police Expenses	10,000
Norfolk County Agricultural School Assessment (Charter School Assessments)	12,000
Marra Site Professional Services	42,000
Fire Department Salaries	51,801
Legal Expenses	60,000

Motion passed – voice vote.

Article 7 – Voted that the Town appropriate from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$27,000 to be used for inspectional services required for the FY2013 Assessors Recertification. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Assessors.

Motion passed – voice vote.

Article 8A - Fund capital requirements. Selectman Botaish presented an amendment and then withdrew it on the Senior Center portion of the motion. He then presented a new amendment to set the sum to \$0.00 for the Senior Center generator. Amendment failed.

Voted that the Town appropriate from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$201,500 to fund FY2012 capital requirements. Said sum to be allocated as follows:

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Repairs for the Town Waste Water Treatment Facility	\$30,000.00
Replacement of two Police Cruisers	64,000.00
Replacement of Fire Car #2	31,000.00
Replacement of Fire Life Packs	60,000.00
Purchase of a Generator for the Senior Center	16,500.00

Motion passed – voice vote.

Article 8B – Fund capital requirements.

Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Unreserved the sum of \$170,000.00 to fund capital requirements. Said sum to be allocated as follows:

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Replacement of DPW Truck #29	\$75,000.00
Replacement of DPW Backhoe #11	95,000.00

Motion passed – voice vote.

Article 9 – To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$1.6 million to design and construct a new water main in a portion of Madison Street from the existing 12-inch water main to Washington Street. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and to be appropriated from the following sources:

- From Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Unreserved: \$150,000 for design
- From borrowing: \$1.45 million for construction.

A two-thirds majority vote was needed to pass this article. Motion failed: Yes – 65; No – 50.

Article 10 – Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, or take by eminent domain, temporary construction easements or permanent easements related to the Taunton Street Reconstruction project as shown and identified on a plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department Taunton Street Roadway Improvement in the Town of Wrentham, Norfolk County, 25% Submission" dated August 18, 2009 prepared by BETA Group, Inc., as revised or amended, which will be delivered to and be made available at the Town Clerk's Office fourteen (14) days before the date of the Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion passed – Unanimous.

Article 11 – Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept or take by eminent domain, an easement on parcel F-04-1-05AH for the purpose of installing roadway drainage.

Motion passed – Unanimous.

Article 12 - Voted that the Town amend the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws Article 4.2 (Use Regulation Schedule) by deleting item C.20 in its entirety and moving the current C.21 up to C.20.

Motion passed – Unanimous.

Article 13 – Voted that the Town will amend the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws Article 2 (Definitions) by deleting the current definition of KENNEL and replacing it with two new definitions (1) KENNEL, Commercial; and (2) KENNEL, Private:

KENNEL, Commercial: Any building, structure, or land area used for the boarding, breeding, grooming, training, showing, protection or raising of dogs, cats or other small animals primarily for sale or profit, or for humane purposes. Pet shops, private kennels, and veterinary hospitals shall be exempt from the definition of commercial kennel.

KENNEL, Private: Any structure or premises on which more than three dogs greater than or equal to four months of age are kept in or adjoining a private residence for private enjoyment and not for monetary gain, with the exception of occasional breeding of household pets. No more than two of the dogs shall be used for breeding and the frequency and scope of said activity shall be subject to the grant of a Special Permit from the Planning Board.

and voted that the Town amend the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws Article 4.2 (Use Regulation Schedule) by deleting current item C.22 and creating two new Kennel Use Classifications to be numbered C.21 and C.22, as follows:

<b>C. COMMERCIAL USES</b>	<b>R-30<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>R-43<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>R-87<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>B-1</b>	<b>B-2<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>C-1<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>C-2</b>	<b>CRSP</b>
21. KENNEL, Commercial	N	N	N	N	N	SP/SPA (PB)	SP/SPA (PB)	SP/SPA (PB)
22. KENNEL, Private	SPA/SP (PB)	SPA/SP (PB)	SPA/SP (PB)	N	N	N	N	N

Motion passed – Unanimous.

Article 14 – Voted that the Town amend the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws Article 4.2 (Use Regulation Schedule) item F.5 by requiring a Special Permit from the Planning Board (in addition to Site Plan Approval already required). As amended, the Use Regulation Schedule would read as follows:

<b>F. INDUSTRIAL USES</b>	<b>R-30<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>R-43<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>R-87<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>B-1</b>	<b>B-2<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>C-1<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>C-2</b>	<b>CRSP</b>
5. Oil, coal, gas, or propane FUEL BUSINESS	N	N	N	N	N	SP/SPA (PB)	SP/SPA (PB)	N

Motion passed – Unanimous.

Article 15 – Landowner’s Request: Voted that the Town amend "Town of Wrentham Zoning Districts Map (dated June 2010)" by rezoning the following properties: All or portions of parcels K-03-2-2, K-03-2-3, K-03-2-4, K-03-2-5, K-03-2-6, K-03-2-7, K-03-2-8, K-03-2-9 and K-03-2-10 as shown on the Town of Wrentham Assessors Map beginning with the southern end of the existing B-2 Zone through to the Wrentham-Plainville town line that lie within 1000 feet of the Eastern edge of the right of way of South Street to District C-2.

Motion passed: Yes – 95; No – 18.

Article 16 – Note: In the warrant, the parcel number for this zoning article was incorrect. The listed parcel number actually does not exist. The proposed parcel for re-zoning does not have any Wrentham abutters, and ultimately the Attorney General will still have to approve or disapprove if this motion passes. Therefore, the Moderator asked the voters, “Is there anybody at town meeting that was misled by the article in the warrant?” “Shall we go forward or not?” One voter stated that when he looked it up online, he figured it out.

A motion was then presented to indefinitely postpone this article. It failed: Yes – 33; No – 62. A vote was then taken on the motion as presented (with correct parcel number):

Voted that the Town amend the “Town of Wrentham Zoning Districts Map (dated June 2010” by rezoning the following parcel: K-02-02-01-0-R as shown on the Town of Wrentham Assessors Map totaling 2.610 acres to District C-2.

Motion passed: Yes – 67; No – 21.

Article 17 – No action on this article. (Rezone parcel M-09-7-4 from CRSP to B1)

Article 18 – Voted that the Town accept Heaton Place as a public way, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 82, Section 23, said road being shown on a plan entitled “Definitive Subdivision Plans, ASH STREET SUBDIVISION in Wrentham, Massachusetts,” dated August 27, 2000, revised September 26, 2000 and December 13, 2000, drawn by Landmark Engineering of New England, Inc., and recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 34 of 2001 in Plan Book 482, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the land within the layout of such way, and any easements appurtenant thereto or necessary for the maintenance of such way, by voluntary conveyance. Motion passed – majority.

Article 19 – Voted that the Town will accept as a public way a street identified as Smith House Road as shown on Roadway As-Built & Acceptance Plan entitled, “Smith House Estates, Wrentham, Massachusetts, for Wooding Development Corp. P.O. Box 339, Wrentham, Massachusetts“, prepared by “United Consultants Inc.“, dated “November 1, 2010“, copies of which are on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, Wrentham, MA. and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the land within in the layout of such way, and any easements appurtenant thereto or necessary for the maintenance of such way, by eminent domain or by voluntary conveyance.

Motion passed – Unanimous

Article 20 – Voted that the Town accept as public ways, streets identified as Ridge Road and Oak Hill Avenue STA. 0+00 – 30+02.2, as shown on a plan entitled, “Road Acceptance Plan of Ridge Road and Oak Hill Avenue STA 0+00 – 30+02.21 in Wrentham, Ma.” Dated September 23, 2011, drawn by Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc., copies of which are on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, Wrentham, Ma., and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the land within the layout of such way, and any easements appurtenant thereto or necessary for the maintenance of such way, by eminent domain or by voluntary conveyance.

Motion passed – Unanimous

Article 21 – Voted that the Town accept MGL Chapter 200A, Section 9A, as amended by Chapter 188, Section 65 of the Acts of 2010 (Municipal Relief Act).

Motion passed – Majority

Article 22 – Voted that the Town adjust the income eligibility factor of the property tax exemption for senior citizens under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, increasing the allowable income for applicants to \$40,000 from \$20,000.

Motion passed – Majority

Article 23 – Motion to indefinitely postpone action on this article. Failed. (Amend Personnel Bylaws)

Voted that the Town amend the schedule titled “2011 Salary Ranges” as it appears in the Personnel Bylaws and Salary Schedule, as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Maximum - Current</b>	<b>Maximum – Amend To</b>
Asst. Superintendent of Public Works	\$76,000	\$77,000
Conservation Agent	\$30.00/hour	\$33.00/hour
Computer Systems Administrator	\$50,000	\$55,000

Motion passed - Majority

Article 24 – Voted that the Town will amend the Personnel Bylaws by revising Section 8.3.6 – Bereavement Leave as follows:

A. Each employee shall be granted leave without loss of pay in the event of a death in his/her immediate family. Such leave shall be up to **five (5)** calendars days, which, under normal circumstances, shall be consecutive with the day of death. For the purposes of this paragraph A, the term “immediate family” shall mean the following: Mother, Father, Grandparents, Brother, Sister, Spouse, Child, Grandchild, Mother-in-Law, Father-in-Law, and any other person, including a domestic partner, who was a resident in the household of the employee at the time of death.

Motion passed – Majority

Article 25 – Voted that the Town create a Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund under M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5B for the purpose of acquiring, replacing, or improving capital assets, such as buildings, land, vehicles and equipment, or performing significant repairs that would extend the useful life of capital assets.

Motion passed – Unanimous

Article 26 – Voted to indefinitely postpone action on this article. Passed. (Money to the Town’s Road Maintenance Fund)

Article 27A – Voted that the Town appropriate from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$150,000.00 to be allocated to the Town’s Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed – Unanimous.

Article 27B – Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 to be allocated to the Town’s Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund. Said sum to be appropriated from the following sources:

- From unappropriated funds in the treasury - \$100,000.00
- By available funding - \$50,000.00

Motion passed – Unanimous

Article 28 – Voted that the Town appropriate from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used for Fire and Police Retiree prescription co-pays.

Motion passed – Majority

Article 29 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, the sum of \$484.24 to pay for Fiscal Year 2011 unpaid bills. Said sum to be distributed as follows:

- To Siemens Industry - \$421.80
- To Franklin Ford - \$33.44
- To Regional Tire and Service - \$29.00

Motion passed – Unanimous.

170 voters participated in town meeting.

Motion to adjourn sine die at 11:41 PM.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

## **Minutes of the Presidential Primary Election – March 6, 2012**

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM with the reading of the warrant by Warden Mary Geromini. There were 8 voters standing in line to cast their ballots. Sample ballots, instructions to voters, Voters Bill of Rights, and a zero tabulation were posted. The AutoMark handicap voting machine was turned on.

Workers were sworn in and reminded that only people registered in a party or registered as un-enrolled could vote. Political designations are not allowed to vote. The Town Clerk also reviewed all the items in the workers' Reminder papers.

Election workers were as follows:

Precinct 1 IN – Bill Jones, Chip Harris; OUT – Dorothy Reynolds/Martha DiChiara, Joyce Baldyga

Precinct 2 IN – Marylou Barton, Melvin Gouthro; OUT – Fran Padula, Nancy Laliberte

Precinct 3 IN – Lynn Hallion, Martha Gallagher; OUT – Nancy Mure, Nancy Laliberte

Volunteers who helped set up equipment, take down equipment, relieve checkers, tabulate, and help with write-in votes were the Wrentham DPW, Chris Mollica, Lynn and Anthony Malisz.

Officers on duty in the AM were: Officer Peter Preston, Sgt. Jeff Smith, and Officer Derek Cassidy. In the PM, on duty were Officer George Labonte (till closing), and Officer Jonathan Coliflores.

The ballot boxes were opened by Warden Mary Geromini with Officer Preston observing. The boxes proved to be empty and the zero tabulation was run and posted. The keys were handed over to Officer Preston.

The turnout was slow but quite steady with 178 voters having cast their ballots by 8:00 AM. As of 2/15/12, there were 7,462 registered voters in Wrentham.

At 7:15 AM, Joe Kennedy III, candidate for Congressman Barney Frank's seat, arrived to Meet and Greet voters. He and his team stayed approximately 1 hour.

Absentee ballots were processed beginning at approximately 8:00 AM, five at a time.

Turnout continued steady throughout the day, picking up from 4:00 PM on. The biggest problem during the entire day was the misunderstanding by the voters of the primary process. Many voters wanted an "independent" ballot. In a primary election, voters have to take a party ballot.

In the afternoon, an electronic ballot was received in the office and brought to the polls for recording and voting. Overall, the entire day went well with no problems.

At 8:00 PM Warden Geromini closed the polls, with no voters waiting in line, and the computers were programmed for tabulation. Tellers worked on reconciling their books, and volunteers record write-in votes. Results, not including the write-in votes, were ready by 8:30 PM. Write-ins were ready by approximately 9:30 PM.

There were no provisional ballots, 6 spoiled ballots, and a total of 17 Affirmations. At 8:00 PM, a total of 1,242 voters cast their ballots, or 16.5%.

All materials were returned to Town Hall at 10:30 PM. Results were posted at the Town Hall.



The Town Clerk would like to thank all the poll workers, and volunteers who worked at this election and did a great job to make this election run very smoothly.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carol A. Mollica, CMC/CMMC  
 Town Clerk

Results of the election:

Tally Sheet – March 6, 2012

<b>Democratic</b>	<b>Prec. 1</b>	<b>Prec. 2</b>	<b>Prec. 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Presidential Preference</i>				
Barack Obama	45	32	63	140
No Preference	7	7	18	32
Write-In	2	2	2	6
Blank	1	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>181</b>
<i>State Committee Man</i>				
Bill Bowles	49	38	71	158
Write-In	1	0	1	2
Blank	5	4	12	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>181</b>
<i>State Committee Woman</i>				
Ellen L. Parker	52	38	71	161
Write-In	0	0	0	0
Blank	3	4	13	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>181</b>
<i>Town Committee (all write-ins)</i>				
Write-Ins	80	91	124	295
Blanks	1845	1379	2816	6040

<b>Republican</b>	<b>Prec. 1</b>	<b>Prec. 2</b>	<b>Prec. 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Presidential Preference</i>				
Ron Paul	19	24	30	73
Mitt Romney	265	292	263	820
Rick Perry	1	2	0	3
Rick Santorum	38	35	38	111
Jon Huntsman	3	2	4	9
Michele Bachmann	0	0	0	0
Newt Gingrich	9	14	11	34
No Preference	0	3	3	6
Write-In	1	0	1	2
Blank	0	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1060</b>
<i>State Committee Man</i>				
Marc S. Conroy	43	35	55	133
Carl Nelson	34	41	45	120
Earl H. Sholley	193	218	180	591
Write-In	2	2	0	4
Blank	64	76	72	212
<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1060</b>
<i>State Committee Woman</i>				
Linda K. Jewell	74	97	76	247
Patricia Saint Aubin	180	189	200	569
Write-In	2	2	0	4
Blank	80	84	76	240
<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1060</b>
<i>Town Committee (all write-ins)</i>				
	11,744	12,956	12,269	39,969
Write-Ins	16	64	51	131

<b>Green-Rainbow</b>	<b>Prec. 1</b>	<b>Prec. 2</b>	<b>Prec. 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Presidential Preference</i>				
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0
Jill Stein	0	0	0	1
Harley Mikkelson	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	1
<i>State Committee Man</i>				
Write-In	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	1	1
Total	0	0	1	1
<i>State Committee Woman</i>				
Write-In	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	1	1
Total	0	0	1	1
<i>Town Committee (all write-ins)</i>				
Blanks	0	0	10	10
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0

## Minutes of the Annual Town Election – April 2, 2012

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM with the reading of the warrant by Deputy Warden Marylou Barton. There were two voters standing in line to cast their ballots. Sample ballots, Instructions to Voters, Voters Bill of Rights, and a zero tabulation were posted.

The ballot boxes were opened and examined by the Town Clerk, Deputy Warden, and Officer Preston. A test tabulation was run and the zero results were posted. The AutoMark handicap voting machine was turned on.

Election workers were:

Precinct 1 IN – Ed Martisius, Marilyn Cataldo; OUT – Joyce Baldyga, Dot Reynolds/Martha DiChiara

Precinct 2 IN – Marylou Barton, Mel Gouthro; OUT – Bill Jones, Chip Harris

Precinct 3 IN – Fran Padula, Nancy Mure; OUT – Lynn Hallion, Gail Pratt

Officers on duty were Derek Cassidy 8AM – 4PM, Peter Preston opening – closing.

At the close of registration for this election, there were 7,547 registered voters. Voter turnout was very slow at the beginning and during the course of the day. In the first hour, .4% of the voters had cast their ballots.

The following notes were taken from the precinct clerks:

### Precinct 1

Ballots given to workers. Counted and each worker received 200.

7:05 – Third ballot did not go through in first attempt. Called Town Clerk, ballot accepted.

11:25 – Undervoted ballot override by Town Clerk.

12:50 – Ten absentee ballots processed.

3:40 – One more absentee ballot, an electronic ballot, processed and deposited in the side pocket.

At closing, there were four spoiled ballots and remaining ballots and counts agreed.

### Precinct 2

Opening – ballots given to workers. After counting, received 404 ballots.

2:50 – Five absentee ballots processed.

3:50 – Two absentee ballots processed.

Total of six spoiled ballots.

At closing, counts of all books and ballots agreed.

### Precinct 3

6:26 – Witnessed opening of ballot box and zero tabulation count.

6:58 – Two hundred two ballots received and counted.

3:10 – An absentee ballot was blank and rejected. Town Clerk overrode ballot to insure the ballot was counted.

Eleven absentee ballots processed.

Total of three spoiled ballots.

8:00 – All ballots and totals agreed.

8:10 – Warden entered ender card and tally tape was run. Extra tape was printed.

During the morning, a candidate's vehicle with a large campaign sign in the back was parked within the 150' area. Town Clerk asked Officer Preston to have the owner remove the vehicle. The owner obliged but later came in to speak with the Town Clerk about how the area was measured.

At approximately 6:00 pm, a candidate running for US Congress from Fall River and his three assistants were collecting signatures for nomination papers within the 150' area, which is prohibited. The Town Clerk asked Officer Preston to advise the candidate and workers of the situation and remove them from the area. All but one worker obliged. The worker insisted that the 150' measurement should have been measured from a different door and the Town Clerk was incorrect. The Town Clerk replied that when the polling location went from the cafeteria to the gymnasium in the same building, she checked with Elections at the state level and was told the 150' area was the same. The worker continued to argue extensively before finally removing himself from the area. He told the Town Clerk that he would file a complaint with the state.

During the last two hours, voting picked up considerably, but still not heavy. There were no voters waiting in line at closing.

Results of the election were available by approximately 8:30 pm, excluding the write-in votes. The Clerk read the unofficial results to those present. There were 876 voters who had cast their ballots, or 11.6%. The previous year's election drew 14.8%.

There were five Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence for Inactive Voters, zero provisional ballots, and 13 spoiled ballots.

All materials were returned to Town Hall at approximately 10:00 pm. Results were posted at the Town Hall.

DPW workers took down the voting equipment at the school on Tuesday morning, prior to the start of school.

Official results of the election are attached.

A True Copy, Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol A. Mollica  
Wrentham Town Clerk

RESULTS - ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 4/2/12					
	PCT. 1	PCT. 2	PCT. 3	Unofficial Results	
<b>MODERATOR (1)</b>					
KEITH S. BILLIAN*	212	188	265	665	
BLANKS	70	65	66	201	
WRITE-INS	4	1	5	10	
Total	0	0	0	0	
	286	254	336	876	
<b>SELECTMAN (2)</b>					
STEPHEN J. LANGLEY*	196	178	238	612	
CHARLES R. KENNEDY**	180	187	215	582	
GEORGE R. SMITH, JR.	132	89	136	357	
BLANKS	60	53	83	196	
WRITE-INS	4	1	0	5	
Total	572	508	672	1752	
<b>ASSESSOR (1)</b>					
IRENE L. LEVESQUE*	222	190	264	676	
BLANKS	64	61	69	194	
WRITE-INS	0	3	3	6	
Total	286	254	336	876	
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH (1)</b>					
BRIAN J. KELLY*	209	189	253	651	
BLANKS	77	65	82	224	
WRITE-INS	0	0	1	1	
Total	286	254	336	876	
<b>PLANNING BOARD (3)</b>					
ALEXANDER H. LYON*	196	168	226	590	
EVERETT W. SKINNER, JR.*	199	182	239	620	
GEORGE R. SMITH, JR.*	188	157	200	545	
BLANKS	272	253	340	865	
WRITE-INS	3	2	3	8	
Total	858	762	1008	2628	
<b>PLANNING BOARD (1)</b>					
GREGG A. MCCOMBS*	196	169	242	607	
BLANKS	90	83	94	267	
WRITE-INS	0	2	0	2	
Total	286	254	336	876	

<b>FISKE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3)</b>					
KATHLEEN F. MACKENZIE*	206	180	241	627	
JULIE L. MOLLIKA*	210	184	243	637	
MAUREEN OSOLNIK*	201	179	231	611	
BLANKS	240	219	290	749	
WRITE-INS	1	0	3	4	
Total	858	762	1008	2628	
<b>WRENTHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2)</b>					
TRACEY B. MURPHY*	198	177	247	622	
MICHELLE M. ROUSE*	199	182	232	613	
BLANKS	175	147	192	514	
WRITE-INS	0	2	1	3	
Total	572	508	672	1752	
<b>KP SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1)</b>					
VACANCY	0	0	0	0	
BLANKS	269	236	320	825	
WRITE-INS	17	18	16	51	
Total	286	254	336	876	
<b>WRENTHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY (1)</b>					
MARY U. GEROMINI*	178	142	209	529	
JANET V. MILLIAN	77	68	86	231	
BLANKS	31	43	41	115	
WRITE-INS	0	1	0	1	
Total	286	254	336	876	
*Elected - all incumbents					
**Elected - new					

## Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting – June 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Keith Billian at 7:30 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium.

Boy Scout Troop 131 marched into the hall and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tellers appointed for the evening were Jeff Hall, Ted Riedel, Greg Pazurcek, and Jerry Aube. Leo Immonen was appointed Assistant Moderator.

A motion was made and passed to waive the reading of the warrant. The Moderator then explained the rules of town meeting and advised that if a second and third night were needed, the town meeting would be continued to June 12 and June 18.

Recognitions and resolutions were then read:

Retirements – William St. Francis, Electrical Inspector, 43 years; Frederick True, Fire Dept., 44 years; Edward Perry, 45 years; Susan Harris, Accounting, 25 years, Carolyn Preston, Finance, 9 years, Sue Kost, Finance Committee, 10 years; Marjorie Immonen, General Bylaw Review Committee.

Senator Richard Ross read and presented Senate Resolutions to Frederick True and Edward Perry.

The Moderator then read a list of all his yearly appointments and the appointments to the Finance Committee. The Town Clerk will mail out the appointments.

The death of long-time employee, William Daniel, Jr., was announced. Mr. Daniel had been employed with the town for many years as a call fireman, call policeman, chief dispatcher, crossing guard, and had been on several committees. The hall stood for a moment of silence, and the Moderator dedicated this town meeting to the memory of Mr. Daniel.

### Town Meeting Articles

Article 1 – Voted that the Town accept the Town of Wrentham 2011 Annual Report. Passed – majority. The meeting also heard reports from Joseph Botaish, BOS – updates on the town; Jerry McGovern, Finance Committee – Town Government Study Committee; Michael Carroll, General Bylaw Review Committee – explanation of articles to be presented; and Andrea Tooker, Cultural Council – update on Council's doings. Motion passed – majority.

Article 2 – Voted that the Town fix the salary and the compensation of elected officials as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108, of the Massachusetts General Laws per the following:

Town Clerk	\$57,363.00
Selectmen – Chairperson & Members	1.00
Board of Assessors – Chairperson & Members	1.00
Board of Health – Chairperson & Members	1.00
Moderator	1.00
All Others	0.00

Motion passed – majority.



Article 3 – Voted that the Town accept and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of Chapter 90 funds certified at \$423,525 by the Commonwealth, upon the passage of the Transportation Bond Bill, for the construction, reconstruction, or improvements of public roads and other improvements within the Town, as requested by the Selectmen, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow or bond, pursuant to any applicable statute in anticipation of reimbursement. Motion passed – majority.

Article 4 – Voted that the Town authorize the Library Trustees to dispose of books and materials in the best interest of the Town. Motion passed – majority.

Article 5 – Voted that the Town grant the Board of Selectmen permission to sell surplus property or materials of the Town, exclusive of buildings and land, no longer needed by the Town. Motion passed – majority.

Article 6 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$45,950 to supplement the current Fiscal Year 2012 operating budgets and to be distributed as follows:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Amount</b>
To Police Salaries	\$32,950
To Finance Dept Salaries	\$3,100
To Assessors Salaries	\$900
To Town Clerk Salaries	\$800
To Fire Dept Salaries	\$900
To Communications Salaries	\$3,100
To Public Health Nurses Salaries	\$1,800
To Library Salaries	\$2,400

Motion passed – majority.

Article 7 – Voted that the Town appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account the following sum of \$825 for the repayment of Advance Life Saving Services to the Town of Norfolk. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. Motion passed – unanimous.

Article 8 – Voted that the Town reauthorize the following revolving accounts pursuant to MGL c. 44, § 53E ½, sixth paragraph, subject to the following limits on expenditures regarding each such account in Fiscal Year 2013:

<b>Department/Purpose/Authorization</b>	<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Use of Funds</b>	<b>FY13 Limit</b>
Police: Vehicle Revolving Fund 05/19/97 STM, Article 12	Chelsea GCA Premium Outlet Center for Police equipment provided at Outlet site	Police equipment replacement, including but not limited to cruisers	\$50,000
Firearms Licenses 06/19/00 ATM, Article 9	Applicants for Firearms Licensing	Expenses/fees payable to Commonwealth of Mass Firearms Bureau for permit processing	\$10,000

Planning Board: Earth Removal 06/19/00 ATM, Article 10	Earth removal permit applicants	Costs for expert engineering and consulting services deemed necessary by the Planning Board	\$25,000
Conservation Commission: Wetlands Revolving 06/23/97 STM, Article 5	Wetlands application review fees	To defray local administrative costs in connection with the Wetlands Protection Act	\$10,000
Recycling Committee: Revolving Account - Composting Program, Recycle Bins, Kitchen Scrap Buckets, Water Barrels 04/25/2005 ATM, Article 7	Sale of composting bins, recycle bins, kitchen scrap buckets and water barrels	Purchase additional composting bins, recycle bins, kitchen scrap buckets and water barrels for sale	\$10,000

And further move that the Town vote to repurpose the Arts Festival Committee revolving account pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E ½, sixth paragraph, subject to the following limits on expenditures regarding each such account in Fiscal Year 2013:

Department/Purpose/Authorization	Source of Funds	Use of Funds	FY13 Limit
Wrentham Cultural Council	Unexpended balance of the Arts Festival Committee 53E ½ Fund	Wrentham Cultural Council Community Events	\$10,000

Maureen Osolnik made a motion to amend Article 8 by adding the following: “and to create the following revolving account pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §53 E ½:

Department/Purpose/Authorization	Source of Funds	Use of Funds	FY13 Limit
Fiske Public Library	Fines and fees collected	Replace or repair lost or damaged library materials	\$3,000

After discussion, a vote was taken on the amendment: Yes 75, No 140. Motion failed.

A vote was then taken on the main motion as presented: Passed unanimous.

Article 9 – See attachment at end of Minutes. (Highway Commercial zoning on Route 1)

A motion was made to waive the reading of the article. It was not unanimous, with a few voters wanting the motion read. Because there were no immediate abutters to the property involved, the Moderator made the decision to waive the reading.

The Planning Board report was read.

The Town Planner, Paige Duncan, explained, in detail, the article. She and Planning Board members answered many questions from voters. The voters were made aware of the buffers and were assured that water parks and the like were a restricted use. Voter Kathy DeLuca made a motion to amend the article by striking the reference in Section 19.1 to parcel O-07-05-02 and inserting “that portion of parcel O-07-5-02 lying within 400 feet of Route 1.” The motion failed on a voice vote.

There was more discussion, and then a motion to move the question. The motion passed and went immediately to a vote on the main motion:

Voted that the Town waive the reading of the motion and vote to approve Article 9. Motion passed – Yes 213, No 23.

Article 10 – See attachment at end of Minutes. (Definitions)

A motion was made and passed unanimously to waive the reading of the article.

The Planning Board report was read.

As in the previous article, the Town Planning, Paige Duncan, explained in detail the article. The Planner and Planning Board members answered questions from the voters. A vote was then taken on the main motion:

Voted that the Town waive the reading of the motion and vote to approve Article 10. Motion passed – unanimous.

Article 11 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Motion passed – majority. (Board of Health – to be taken up during budget)

Article 12A - Voted that the Town approve the Town of Wrentham’s Water Enterprise FY 2013 budget for the sum of \$1,565,167 as shown in the Wrentham Finance Committee’s Recommendations under Table B-1. The appropriation will be allocated as follows: to direct expenses the sum of \$1,224,937; and by transfer to the general fund the sum of \$340,230 for indirect expenses. Said sum is to be sourced as follows: from Water Enterprise Fund Revenue the sum of \$1,507,667; and by transfer from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Reserved to the Water Enterprise Operating Capital Budget the sum of \$57,500. Passed majority.

Article 12B - Voted that the Town approve the Town of Wrentham's Fiscal Year 2013 operating expense budget in the amount of \$34,164,134 as shown in the Wrentham Finance Committee's Recommendations “Table B-2”, and to fund the budget from the following sources: raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,562,560; appropriate by transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account to the Fire Department's Salary Accounts the sum of \$370,000; appropriate by transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$80,000; appropriate by transfer from the Cemetery Receipts Reserve Account the sum of \$30,000; appropriate by transfer from the MWPAT the sum of \$20,020; appropriate from unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$761,324; appropriate by transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$340,230.

The Moderator then read Table B-2 as follows:

114	MODERATOR	
	Payroll Services	\$1
	Expenses	\$1
	Total	\$2

122	SELECTMEN/ADMINISTRATION	
	Payroll Services	\$153,210
	Expenses	\$17,218
	Total	\$170,428
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	
	Payroll Services	\$1
	Expenses	\$1,498
	Total	\$1,499
140	FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
	Payroll Services	\$307,018
	Expenses	\$147,124
	Total	\$454,142
141	ASSESSORS	
	Payroll Services	\$138,700
	Expenses	\$55,616
	Total	\$194,316
151	LEGAL	
	Expenses	\$85,000
	Total	\$85,000
161	TOWN CLERK	
	Payroll Services	\$109,020
	Expenses	\$20,756
	Total	\$129,776
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
	Payroll Services	\$40,427
	Expenses	\$2,977
	Total	\$43,404
175	PLANNING BOARD	
	Payroll Services	\$66,648
	Expenses	\$1,250
	Total	\$67,898
176	APPEALS BOARD	
	Payroll Services	\$7,348
	Expenses	\$1,480
	Total	\$8,828

180	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES	
	Payroll Services	\$1
	Expenses	\$201
	Total	\$202
196	CENTRAL SERVICES	
	Expenses	\$40,000
	Total	\$40,000
197	AQUATIC PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	
	Expenses	\$14,950
	Total	\$14,950
210	POLICE	
	Payroll Services	\$1,728,743
	Expenses	\$232,130
	Total	\$1,960,873
220	FIRE	
	Payroll Services	\$1,706,209
	Expenses	\$185,425
	Total	\$1,891,634
241	INSPECTION SERVICES	
	Payroll Services	\$129,666
	Expenses	\$14,206
	Total	\$143,872
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
	Payroll Services	\$0
	Expenses	\$2,000
	Total	\$2,000
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	
	Expenses	\$19,200
	Total	\$19,200
299	COMMUNICATIONS	
	Payroll Services	\$232,493
	Expenses	\$10,000
	Total	\$242,493

300	WRENTHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS	
	Payroll Services	\$7,576,490
	Expenses	\$2,003,855
	Total	\$9,580,345
306	NORFOLK AGRICULTURAL HS	\$24,000
	Total	\$24,000
380	TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL	\$844,933
	Total	\$844,933
390	KING PHILIP REGIONAL (Operating)	\$6,803,125
390	KING PHILIP REGIONAL (Capital)	\$0
390	KING PHILIP REGIONAL (Debt Service)	\$1,068,302
	Total	\$7,871,427
410	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	
	Payroll Services	\$484,004
	Expenses	\$257,600
	Total	\$741,604
410	STREET LIGHTING	\$55,000
	Total	\$55,000
410	PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE	\$378,900
	Total	\$378,900
410	SOLID and HAZARDOUS WASTE	
	Expenses	\$784,000
	Total	\$784,000
410	WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	
	Expenses	\$88,500
	Total	\$88,500
423	SNOW AND ICE	
	Payroll Services	\$50,000
	Expenses	\$100,000
	Total	\$150,000

510	BOARD OF HEALTH	
	Payroll Services	\$20,027
	Expenses	\$40,428
	Total	\$60,455
522	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES	
	Payroll Services	\$100,533
	Expenses	\$10,000
	Total	\$110,533
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	
	Payroll Services	\$96,720
	Expenses	\$17,488
	Total	\$114,208
543	VETERANS	
	Payroll Services	\$5,357
	Expenses	\$36,868
	Total	\$42,225
610	LIBRARY	
	Payroll Services	\$218,389
	Expenses	\$42,986
	Total	\$261,375
630	RECREATION	
	Payroll Services	\$97,745
	Expenses	\$18,500
	Total	\$116,245
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	
	Expenses	\$166
	Total	\$166
692	MEMORIAL DAY	
	Expenses	\$3,000
	Total	\$3,000
710	DEBT - PRINCIPAL	\$1,498,798
750	DEBT – INTEREST and ADMIN CHARGES	\$404,184
	Total	\$1,902,982

910	INSURANCE AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$5,493,719
132	RESERVE FUND (Appropriated)	\$70,000
950	STABILIZATION FUND	\$0
	Total	\$5,563,719
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$34,164,134

Holds were placed on line items Water Capital, 510 – Board of Health Payroll Services, 610 – Library Payroll, and 630 – Recreation Payroll Services and Expenses.

The holds were then discussed:

Mr. Skinner asked for an explanation of the Water Account.

Mr. Skinner presented an amendment to increase line item 510 BOH Payroll to \$38,392.60 (Principal Clerk, Step 1 - \$18,365.60 increase) to bring the salary of the secretary to full-time. The increase would be taken from available funds in the treasury. Mr. McGovern explained that because there is no more money available, if the amendment passed, the money would have to come from another department's account. Mr. Caruso asked where the BOH money goes and how much money comes in. A vote on the amendment failed: Yes 65, No 125.

Library Payroll 610 – A voter suggested contributions to the library.

An amendment was presented by Dave Justice to increase the Recreation payroll by \$60,000 and expenses by \$82,500 with funds from the stabilization fund. Mr. McGovern warned the town meeting that the stabilization fund is now under the 5% threshold and should not be used. After much discussion, a vote was taken on the amendment (2/3 needed because the funds would be taken out of stabilization. Motion failed – Yes 63, No 100.

Article 12B passed unanimously.

Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the town meeting to Tuesday, June 12, 2012, King Philip High School Auditorium, 7:30 PM.

Attendance: 279 voters checked in.



## Minutes of the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting – June 12, 2012

The adjourned session of the annual town meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at the King Philip High School auditorium.

Article 13 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Passed – majority.  
(Water Enterprise Fund)

Article 14 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Passed – majority.  
(Stabilization Fund)

Article 15 – Voted that the Town allocate appropriations for FY 2012 capital requirements according to the following listing.

- a. From unappropriated funds in the treasury the sum of \$31,628 to be allocated as follows:

Requirement	Cost
Purchase of New Election Equipment	\$11,628
Replacement of the Recreation Dept Pick Up Truck	\$20,000

- b. Further move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance with the appropriation coming from the following two sources:

Source	Amount
Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account	\$153,000
Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury	\$97,000

- c. Further move to appropriate from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Unreserved the sum of \$20,000 for the SCADA Water Control System.

- d. And further move to reallocate the appropriation approved at the 14 November 2011 Special Town Meeting under Article 8 regarding the replacement of Water Department Truck #29 and Backhoe #11 per the following:

Item	14 Nov 2011 Appropriation	New Appropriation Request
Truck #29	\$75,000	\$50,000
Backhoe #11	\$95,000	\$120,000
Total	\$170,000	\$170,000

Said sums to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen

Motion passed – majority.

Article 16 – See attachment at end of Minutes. (Parking spaces)

A motion was made and passed unanimously to waive the reading of the article.

The Planning Board report was read. Paige Duncan, Town Planner, presented an explanation of the article. There were no questions. A vote was then taken on the motion:

Voted that the Town amend the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws by replacing the existing Article 6.4(2)(g) with the following: (as waived and attached to the warrant) Motion passed – unanimous.

Article 17 – See attachment at end of Minutes. (Floodplain)

A motion was made and passed unanimously to waive the reading of the article.

The Planning Board report was read. Leo Immonen explained the article. If the town does not accept this article, residents will be unable to buy flood insurance. No questions were asked. A vote was then taken on the motion:

Voted that the Town amend the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws by replacing the existing Article 16 with the following: (as waived and attached to the warrant). Motion passed – unanimous.

Article 18 – See attachment at end of Minutes. (Definitions)

A motion was made and passed unanimously to waive the reading of the article.

The Planning Board report was read. Paige Duncan, Town Planner, explained the article. There were no questions. A vote was taken on the motion:

Voted that the Town vote to amend the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws Article 2 (Definitions) by replacing the existing definition of HEIGHT, BUILDING to read as follows: (as waived and attached to the warrant).

Voted that the Town amend the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws (Article 6.1, footnote 1) by replacing two existing references to the term “Average Ground Elevation” with the term “Grade Plane” as follows: (as waived and attached to the warrant).

Motion passed – unanimous.

Article 19 – Voted that the Town amend the Wrentham Zoning Bylaws Article 4.2 (Use Regulation Schedule) by changing item C.4 to allow Planned Business Development with SPA/SP in the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts, so that this line item in the Use Table would read as follows:

	R-30 <sup>1</sup>	R-43 <sup>1</sup>	R-87 <sup>1</sup>	B-1	B-2 <sup>3</sup>	C-1 <sup>2,3</sup>	C-2 <sup>3</sup>	CRSP
<b>C. COMMERCIAL USES</b>								
4. PLANNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	N	N	N	N	SPA/SP (PB)	SPA/SP (PB)	SPA/SP (PB)	N

Motion passed – Unanimous.

Article 20 – Voted that the Town accept MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20 in order to establish an Other Post Employment Benefit Trust Fund. Motion passed – majority. (Health Insurance)

Article 21 – Voted that the Town indefinitely postpone action on this article. Passed – majority.  
(Dispose of soil and gravel)

Article 22 – Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact enabling legislation to establish a district to operate a Regional Public Safety Communications and Dispatch Center for the Towns of Franklin, Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham, provided, that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition. Passed – majority.

Article 23 – Voted that the Town vote to amend Article 1, TOWN MEETING, of the General By-laws by inserting the following as Section 29, and renumbering the current Section 29 as Section 30:

Section 29: Warrant articles that, in whole or in part, propose an amendment to these Bylaws shall be first moved by a member of the General By-law Review Committee. If no member of the General By-law Review Committee offers a motion on such an article, then any Wrentham registered voter may do so.

Motion passed – majority.

Article 24 – Motion presented by Town Moderator. Moderator stepped aside and the temporary-appointed moderator, Leo Immonen, presided.

Voted that the Town amend the Town of Wrentham General Bylaws by adding to Article 2, section 1, paragraph C, the sentence: “Any person appointed to any Town Committee or Commission must be duly sworn in by the Wrentham Town Clerk or any other state authorized authority within 60 days of the date of the appointment or the appointing authority may consider that the person has declined the appointment and may appoint someone else.” Motion passed – majority.

Article 25 – Voted that the Town amend Section 14 of Article 2, COMMITTEES, of the General By-laws by deleting it in its entirety and inserting the following:

Section 14: General By-law Review Committee

The purpose of this committee is to review the existing General By-laws and make recommended changes, if any, at future town meetings. Additionally, the committee shall review all proposed amendments to the General By-laws which are included in a warrant article that is to be considered at any annual or special town meeting. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the town meeting, and may offer a motion on such warrant article in accordance with Article 1, Section 29 of these By-laws. The members of this committee will be appointed by the Moderator for 1-year terms expiring at each annual town meeting and shall consist of the following voting members: a member of the Board of Selectmen, a Finance Committee member, a Planning Board member, Town Clerk, and three citizens-at-large, preferably one from each precinct. Ex-officio, non-voting members shall be: Building Inspector, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and DPW Superintendent. A quorum shall be three present voting members. This committee shall elect its own chairperson and the first meeting will be called by the previous term’s chairperson, or if that person is not reappointed, by the Moderator.

Motion passed – majority.

Article 26 – Voted that the Town amend Article 3, FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, of the General Bylaws by inserting the following:

SECTION 9: DEPARTMENTAL FEES

- A. Any elected board or elected official, when fixing any fee as authorized by a Town of Wrentham Bylaw or by a Massachusetts General Law, shall encourage public participation and fiscal accountability in setting the amount of such fee.
- B. Each board, committee or department shall observe the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, s. 22F in setting any fee.
- C. Each year while preparing the Town's annual operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year, each officer, board, committee and department that is authorized to charge a fee for service shall analyze the cost of providing such service and recommend any appropriate revisions to the Board of Selectmen or other elected board that is the appointing authority.
- D. Prior to establishing or revising any fee, the appropriate elected officer or board shall hold a public hearing to obtain public comment on any revision to any fee, or on the establishment of any fee. Notice of such hearing shall be made at least fourteen days in advance by posting on the Town's website and other electronic media, issuance of public notices to newspapers of general circulation, and through similar action.
- E. Members of the public may submit written comments about any matter discussed during the public hearing to the appropriate elected officer or board within ten days after the hearing is closed.
- F. Any action by the appropriate elected officer or board to revise any fee shall not take effect until at least thirty days after the date of such action, and shall be posted on the Town's website and reported in the Annual Town Report.

Motion passed after discussion: Yes 25, No 19. Majority.

Article 27 – See attachment at end of Minutes. (Numbering of Buildings)

A motion was made and passed unanimously to waive the reading of the article. Fire Chief Jay McMorrow explained the article and thanked Don Lincoln for his research and input. There were no questions, and a vote was taken on the motion:

Voted that the Town amend Article 7, NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS, of the General Bylaws by deleting it in its entirety and inserting the text that appears in the warrant for this Town Meeting. Motion passed – majority.

Article 28 – See attachment at end of Minutes (Police Regulations)

A motion was made and passed unanimously to waive the reading of the article. Police Chief James Anderson explained the article. There were no questions, and a vote was taken on the motion:

Voted that the Town amend the General Bylaws by deleting in their entirety Article 12, POLICE REGULATIONS; Article 5, APPOINTMENT OF POLICE; Article 9, HAWKERS AND PEDLARS; Article 15, CODE OF CONDUCT AND DRESS; Article 30, OFF-ROAD VEHICLE REGULATIONS; and Article 31, PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA AND TETRAHYDROCANNABIL (THC) and inserting the text that appears in this warrant under the heading of Article 12, POLICE REGULATIONS. Motion passed – Majority.

Motion to adjourn sine die at 8:33 PM.

Attendance: 59 voters checked in.

## **Report of the Town Accountant**

In accordance with Chapter 41, section 61, of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

All invoices and payrolls presented during the fiscal year by the various departments were examined for accuracy and legal compliance prior to submission to the Board of Selectmen for approval and the Treasurer for disbursement of funds.

The Treasurer's cash was examined and found to be in order. Notices of the condition of appropriations and accounts were furnished, written and verbal, to the various departments and boards each month during the fiscal year.

A Combined Balance Sheet was submitted to the Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services/Bureau of Accounts for review. In accordance with Chapter 59, Section 23 of the Massachusetts General Laws, "Free Cash" as of July 1, 2012 was certified at \$1,375,174; and the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings as of July 1, 2012 was certified at \$480,519.

The accounting records of the Town are maintained under the Uniform Municipal Accounting System as promulgated by the Director of Accounts. In an effort to convey the budgetary conditions and financial health of the Town, several unaudited financial statements follow this narrative. An audit of FY2012 activity is currently being performed by the firm R.E. Brown & Company, CPA.

In accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53G a report of special accounts held for the employment of outside consultants follows.

Please contact the office to request any additional information.

I would like to express my thanks to all Town officials and personnel for the continued cooperation they have extended to the accounting department. In addition, I wish to welcome Heather Stanton as Assistant Accountant. Her efforts, on behalf of the citizens of Wrentham have been exemplary. She fulfills her responsibilities with integrity and diligence. It has been a pleasure to have her join our staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Sarno  
Town Accountant

TOWN OF WRENTHAM  
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP  
 June 30, 2012

	Governmental Fund Types			Enterprise Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group		UMAS Version	
	General		Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Water Fund	Trust & Agency		General	Long-Term Obligations		TOTAL (Memo Only)
<b>Assets and Other Debits</b>											
Cash and cash equivalents	5,313,172	1,697,753		55,462	1,296,993		2,862,240			11,225,620	
Investments							15,951			15,951	
Receivables:											
Property taxes	1,356,028									1,356,028	
Motor vehicle excise	179,273									179,273	
Intergovernmental		219,846								219,846	
Charges for services and other		1,162,220			344,254					1,506,474	
Total receivables	1,535,301	1,382,066			344,254					3,261,621	
Due from other funds										-	
Other assets	288,146									288,146	
Amounts to be provided for the retirement of general long-term obligations											
Total assets	7,136,619	3,079,819		55,462	5,004,832		2,878,191	17,281,745	17,281,745	20,645,330	
<b>Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits</b>											
Warrants and accounts payable	1,422,510	73,894			122,788		22,137			1,641,329	
Accrued liabilities:											
Compensated absences payable					9,629			146,052		155,681	
Other	43,198						666,248			7,010,814	
Due to other funds										-	
General obligation bonds and notes payable					3,353,956			10,834,325		14,188,281	
Deferred revenue	1,823,447	1,382,067			344,254					3,549,768	
Obligation under capital lease										-	
Total liabilities	3,289,155	1,455,961			3,830,827		688,385	17,281,745		26,545,873	
Retained earnings											
Fund balances:											
Reserved for:											
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	574,557				240,252					814,809	
Unreserved:											
Nonexpendable trust endowment										212,763	
Designated for subsequent year expenditures	841,324				397,730		212,763			1,239,054	
Designated for special purposes		1,623,858		55,462	55,704					1,735,024	
Designated for petty cash	200									200	
Undesignated	2,431,383				480,519		1,977,043			4,888,945	
Total equity and other credits	3,847,464	1,623,858		55,462	1,174,205		2,189,806			8,890,795	
Contingencies											
Total liabilities, equity and other credits	7,136,619	3,079,819		55,462	5,004,832		2,878,191	17,281,745	17,281,745	35,436,668	

TOWN OF WRENTHAM  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES & EXPENDABLE TRUSTS  
 June 30, 2012

	Governmental Fund Types			Enterprise Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Expendable Trusts	TOTAL (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Capital Projects	Water Fund		
<b>Revenues:</b>							
Real and personal property taxes	25,149,725						25,149,725
Motor vehicle excise	1,481,884						1,481,884
Licenses, permits & fees	484,587	1,463,609				11,716	1,958,196
Investment income	25,150						36,866
Intergovernmental	4,676,006	1,833,546					6,509,552
Charges for Services	64,616				1,852,883		1,917,499
Change in market value of investments							(5,421)
Other revenue	763,365	89,104			4,277		856,746
Total revenues	32,655,333	3,386,259			1,857,160	6,295	37,905,047
<b>Expenditures:</b>							
<b>Current:</b>							
General government	1,218,815	35,592					1,254,407
Public safety	4,075,511	155,007				2,332	4,232,850
Education	16,987,493	1,749,896					18,737,389
Public works	2,131,542	743,561				443	2,875,546
Water					986,984		1,036,892
Human services	318,863	49,908					596,107
Culture and recreation	385,985	277,244					385,985
State and county assessments	302,356						302,356
Insurance & other	4,948,344						4,948,344
Capital outlay	280,468				43,622		324,090
Debt service	2,263,440				390,081		2,653,521
Total expenditures	32,912,817	3,011,208			1,420,687	2,775	37,347,487
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over exp.	(257,484)	375,051			436,473	3,520	557,560
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>							
Bond proceeds							
Operating transfers in	1,231,317				422	300,000	1,531,739
Operating transfers(out)	(300,422)	(613,844)			(338,751)	(278,700)	(1,531,717)
Total other financing sources (uses), net	930,895	(613,844)			(338,329)	21,300	22
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	673,411	(238,793)			98,144	24,820	557,582
Fund balance (deficit), beginning of year	3,174,053	1,862,651		55,462	1,076,061	1,952,223	7,867,651
Fund equity, end of year	3,847,464	1,623,858		55,462	1,174,205	1,977,043	8,425,233



TOWN OF WRENTHAM  
Schedule of Bonds Payable  
At June 30, 2012

Debt Limit	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	TOTAL (in 000's)
<b>GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS:</b>																			
Outside	235	235	235	235	230	230	230												1,630
Delaney School Addition																			270
Inside	75	75	70	50															3,420
Fiske Library																			980
Public Safety Building - 2003	570	570	570	570	570	570													1,840
DiCarlo Land Settlement - 2004	125	125	125	125	120	120	120												2,030
Split	230	230	230	230	230	230	230												375
Town Hall Renovation - 2004	145	145	145	145	145	145	145												1,020
Elementary School Addition - 2006	75	75	75	75	75	75													55
Inside	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
School Roof Repairs - 2006																			55
Outside	1,515	1,515	1,510	1,490	1,430	1,355	780	550	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	11,565
Taunton Street Water Main - 2010																			
<b>SUBTOTAL, Principal Payments</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,165</b>
Interest Payments																			
<b>SUBTOTAL, General Obligation Bonds</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>13,730</b>
<b>MWPAT:</b>																			
Inside	33																		33
Water Quality/Wastewater Planning																			2,281
Outside	158	163	165	170	180	185	195	200	205	215	220	225							110
Water Improvements	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10							94
Septic Loan Program	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	52
Outside	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	54
Septic Loan Program	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2,624
Outside	214	186	188	193	203	208	218	223	228	238	243	238	13	13	6	6	3	-	
Water Improvements																			
<b>SUBTOTAL, Principal Payments</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>196</b>
Interest/Admin Fee Payments																			
<b>SUBTOTAL MWPAT</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,820</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>2,051</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>16,549</b>

**TOWN OF WRENTHAM**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**  
**BUDGETARY BASIS**  
 Year Ended June 30, 2012

	General Fund			Enterprise Fund - Water				
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Fav(Unfav)	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Fav(Unfav)
<b>Revenues:</b>								
Real and personal property taxes *	25,119,830	25,119,830	25,149,725	29,895	-	-	-	-
Motor vehicle excise	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,481,884	481,884	-	-	-	-
Meals and room excise	110,000	110,000	251,513	141,513	-	-	-	-
Licenses, permits & fees	343,000	343,000	494,587	151,587	-	-	-	-
Investment income	30,000	30,000	25,150	(4,850)	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	4,705,240	4,705,240	4,689,500	(15,740)	-	-	-	-
Water revenue	288,750	288,750	570,886	282,136	1,639,484	1,639,484	1,857,161	217,677
Other revenue	31,596,820	31,596,820	32,663,245	1,066,425	1,639,484	1,639,484	1,857,161	217,677
<b>Total Revenues</b>								
* net of allowance for A&E								
<b>Expenditures:</b>								
<b>Current:</b>								
General Government	1,306,569	1,318,344	1,251,313	67,032	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	4,072,183	4,133,088	4,075,455	57,603	-	-	-	-
Education	17,082,482	17,082,482	17,122,231	(39,749)	-	-	-	-
Public Works	2,103,347	2,133,347	2,116,485	16,862	-	-	-	-
Water	328,610	336,710	319,263	17,447	1,301,155	1,301,155	1,289,740	11,415
Human Services	392,770	395,170	385,986	9,184	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	331,073	331,073	319,483	11,590	-	-	-	-
State and County Assessments	5,337,587	5,271,212	4,921,942	349,270	-	-	-	-
Insurance & Other	218,450	500,078	492,898	7,180	227,500	247,500	247,500	-
Capital Outlay	2,263,674	2,263,674	2,263,440	234	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	33,436,745	33,766,148	33,268,495	496,653	1,528,655	1,548,655	1,537,240	11,415
<b>Total Expenditures</b>								
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,839,925)	(2,168,328)	(605,250)	1,563,078	110,829	90,829	319,921	229,092
<b>Other financing sources:</b>								
Bond proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers in	1,077,471	1,231,296	1,231,296	-	422	422	422	-
Operating transfers (out)	(250,422)	(250,422)	(250,422)	-	(338,751)	(338,751)	(338,751)	-
<b>Total Other Financing Sources:</b>	827,049	980,874	980,874	-	(338,329)	(338,329)	(338,329)	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(1,012,876)	(1,187,454)	375,624	1,563,078	(227,500)	(247,500)	(18,408)	229,092
<b>Other budget items:</b>								
"Free Cash" Appropriations	932,876	1,107,454	-	-	-	-	-	-
"Overlay Surplus" Appropriations	80,000	80,000	-	-	170,000	190,000	-	-
Water Retained Earnings	-	-	-	-	57,500	57,500	-	-
Water Retained Earnings Reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Other Budget Items</b>	1,012,876	1,187,454	-	-	227,500	247,500	-	-
<b>Net Budget</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**TOWN OF WRENTHAM**  
**General Fund Departmental Revenues - Fiscal Year 2012 Period Ending 6/30/2012**

Account #	Description	6/30/2011 Amount	6/30/2012 Amount
<b>SELECTMEN:</b>			
4321	Cable T.V. Fee	1,757	1,785
4322	Copy Fees	331	
4370	Other Departmental Revenue	450	41
4410	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	40,315	27,760
4420	Licenses	4,370	13,550
4450	Permits - Lakes	14,560	17,279
		<u>61,782</u>	<u>60,415</u>
<b>FINANCE:</b>			
4322	Copy Fees	28	6
4323	Municipal Lien Certificate Fees	13,700	15,550
4325	Returned Check Fees	1,299	1,425
4339	Redemption Fees	5,658	6,085
		<u>20,685</u>	<u>23,066</u>
<b>ASSESSORS:</b>			
4322	Copy Fees	557	454
4370	Other Departmental Revenue	1,263	1,032
		<u>1,820</u>	<u>1,486</u>
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>			
4330	Vital Statistics	17,015	12,665
4331	Resident Books	210	140
4332	Zoning/Subdivision Books & Maps	100	83
4333	Uniform Commercial Codes		3,990
4370	Other Departmental Revenue	10,467	3,184
4422	Marriage Intentions & Licenses	1,325	975
4423	Dog Licenses	24,516	19,435
		<u>53,633</u>	<u>40,472</u>
<b>CONSERVATION:</b>			
4327	Hearing Fees	10,355	4,565
		<u>10,355</u>	<u>4,565</u>
<b>PLANNING BOARD:</b>			
4322	Copy Fees	85	
4327	Hearing Fees	5,060	12,019
		<u>5,145</u>	<u>12,019</u>
<b>APPEALS BOARD:</b>			
4327	Hearing Fees	875	3,720
		<u>875</u>	<u>3,720</u>
<b>POLICE:</b>			
4328	Insurance Reports	1,705	1,522
4329	Detail Administration Fees	28,483	33,420
4370	Other Departmental Revenue	350	38
		<u>30,538</u>	<u>34,979</u>

FIRE:			
4328	Insurance Reports	41	63
4329	Detail Administration Fees	4,219	6,566
4370	Other Department Revenue	583	
4450	Permits	18,225	21,110
		<u>23,068</u>	<u>27,739</u>
INSPECTION:			
4322	Copy Fees		
4460	Building Permits	122,299	154,701
4461	Electrical Permits	23,855	47,170
4462	Plumbing Permits	11,663	14,684
4463	Gas Permits	5,235	11,015
		<u>163,052</u>	<u>227,570</u>
PUBLIC WORKS:			
4240	Street Opening Fees	800	1,100
4244	Lawn/Brush Disposal Stickers	6,380	6,760
4247	Grave Openings	20,323	15,030
4248	Cemetery Foundations	4,603	3,652
4251	Trench Openings	950	1,450
4252	Overtime Fees - Cemetery		1,260
4370	Other Departmental Revenue	2,967	75
		<u>36,023</u>	<u>29,327</u>
RECYCLING PROGRAM			
4370	Other Departmental Revenue	538	
		<u>538</u>	<u>-</u>
SOLID WASTE PAYT PROGRAM:			
4241	PAYT - Bag Fees	60,798	64,616
		<u>60,798</u>	<u>64,616</u>
HEALTH:			
4370	Other Departmental Revenue	2,785	418
4420	Licenses	12,588	12,770
4450	Permits	38,989	39,510
		<u>54,362</u>	<u>52,698</u>
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES:			
4370	Other Departmental Revenue	7,086	12,408
		<u>7,086</u>	<u>12,408</u>
COUNCIL ON AGING			
4360	Rentals	4,650	4,250
		<u>4,650</u>	<u>4,250</u>
LIBRARY:			
4335	User Fees		
4336	Passport Fees	7,875	6,900
		<u>7,875</u>	<u>6,900</u>

**TOWN OF WRENTHAM  
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY - FY 2012  
FEDERAL GRANTS**

Special Revenue Fund	Balance 6/30/2011	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2012
<u>FEDERAL GRANTS</u>					
-					
CONSERVATION					
USDA Grant	-	1,677	1,200		477
SCHOOLS:					
* Title I FY 2012	-	75,079	73,706		1,373
* Sped 94-142 FY 2012	-	194,372	191,811		2,561
* Race to the Top FY 2012	-	5,640	4,953		687
* Early Childhood FY 2012	-	13,762	9,432		4,330
* Education Jobs FY 2012	-	176,824	176,824		-
* Teacher Quality FY 2012	-	11,194	11,194		-
* SPED Improvement FY 2012	-	9,979	9,979		-
* T1 Carryover	-	3,820	3,820		-
Title I FY 2011	181	14,858	15,039		-
SPED Entitlement FY 2011	472	26,157	26,629		-
Race to the Top FY 2011	1,219	7,317	8,536		-
Teacher Quality FY 2011	(570)	6,042	5,472		-
ARRA IDEA FY 2011	(7,747)	41,492	33,745		-
ARRA Title I FY 2011	6,252		6,252		-
AFFA SFSF FY 2011	6,299	12,598	18,897		-
FEDERAL GRANTS	6,106	600,811	597,490	-	9,427

**TOWN OF WRENTHAM  
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY - FY 2012 STATE GRANTS**

Special Revenue Fund	Balance 6/30/2011 1	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2012
<u>STATE GRANTS</u>					
POLICE:					
Norpac Grant	477	1,977			2,454
Governor's Highway Safety	3,422		971		2,451
Community Policing FY 2009	29		29		-
Police Vests	4,264				4,264
911 Training Grant	(3,302)		4,808		(8,109)
911 Equipment Grant	(29,269)	29,269	28,282		(28,282)
911 Regionalization Grant	(14,636)		32,573		(47,209)
Norfolk County Drug Enforcement		600	600		-
FIRE:					
Safety Equipment	924		900		24
Ambulance Task Force	421				421
Mass Decontamination Unit	12,123	2,000	166		13,957
S.A.F.E.	3,652		3,652		-
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
Mass.Emergency Relief	2,500		1,976		524
EDUCATION:					
Circuit Breaker	98,446	257,440	165,763		190,123
RECYCLING:					
D.E.P. Recycling Grant	14,057	1,000	1,113		13,944
HEALTH:					
Septic System Repair Program	156,542	797	20,076		137,263
PUBLIC NURSES:					
PHER I & II	-	3,372	3,372		-
PHEP	326		326		-
COUNCIL ON AGING:					
Elder Affairs Grant	7,608	12,831	10,585		9,855
LIBRARY					
State Aid to Libraries	9,897	10,083	9,897		10,083
RECREATION					
field development	20,248		12,547		7,701
CULTURAL COUNCIL:					
Arts Lottery Council	3,485	3,870	4,342	(99)	2,914
Museum Council	200		200		-
STATE GRANTS	291,414	323,238	302,176	(99)	312,377

**TOWN OF WRENTHAM  
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY - FY 2012 REVOLVING FUNDS**

<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Balance July 1, 2011</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Transfers In/(Out)</b>	<b>Balance June 30, 2012</b>
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Insurance Recovery	3,105	3,561	4,009		2,657
CONSERVATION: Wetlands Revolving (53E 1/2)	3,838	3,213			7,050
DISABILITY COMMITTEE: Parking Violations	43,783	14,725			58,508
POLICE: Vehicle Revolving Fund (53E 1/2) Firearms Licenses (53E 1/2)	62,876 16,276	22,450 16,000	33,607 13,984		51,720 18,292
SCHOOLS: Lost Books Account Wrentham Institute Activities Account Kindergarten Tuition WPS Facilities	2,759 25,567 48,683 72,277 142,000	599 33,834 168,127 409,581 79,223	42,159 166,444 385,047 108,950		3,358 17,242 50,367 96,810 112,274
RECYCLING PROGRAM: Composting Program (53E 1/2)	2,178	1,228			3,406
COUNCIL ON AGING GATRA	(5,081)	5,081			-
RECREATION: Recreation Revolving Fund (53D)	19,669	211,809	182,580		48,898
SPECIAL EVENTS: Festival Revolving Fund (53 E 1/2)	8,018				8,018
<b>REVOLVING FUNDS</b>	<b>445,948</b>	<b>969,431</b>	<b>936,779</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>478,600</b>

**TOWN OF WRENTHAM  
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY - FY 2012 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Balance July 1, 2011</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Transfers In / (Out)</b>	<b>Balance June 30, 2012</b>
<b>SELECTMEN:</b>					
Hatch Gift Fund	1,116				1,116
Municipal Sign Gift Fund	5				5
Gift Drive	2,914	225			3,139
Public Safety Auxiliary Station	5,000				5,000
<b>CONSERVATION:</b>					
Gift Fund	2,613				2,613
<b>POLICE:</b>					
Gift Fund	24,399	10,285	15,913		18,770
<b>FIRE:</b>					
Outside HazMat	19,573	16,209	14,336		21,446
Gift Fund	710	2,000	1,838		873
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>					
Gift Fund	1,670	370	176		1,864
<b>SCHOOLS:</b>					
Gift Fund	18,732	3,910	6,039		16,603
Scholarship - Tax Checkoff Program	1,165				1,165
Education - Tax Checkoff Program	1,435				1,435
<b>DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:</b>					
Gift Fund - Cemetery	2,385		170		2,215
<b>RECYCLING PROGRAM:</b>					
Hazardous Waste Day Gift Fund	996	375			1,371
Recycling Gift Fund	1,598	167			1,766
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>					
Septic Loan Program	162,573	37,655		(20,020)	180,208
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES:</b>					
Gift Fund	20,912	650	3,619		17,944
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING:</b>					
Gift Fund	2,190	6,000	4,570		3,620
Elderly/Disabled - Tax Checkoff	1,930				1,930



LIBRARY:					
Gift Fund	9,123	2,361	4,434		7,050
Gifts - Lilla Pond	56,848		10,005		46,843
Gifts - MacDonald	3,423				3,423
Gifts - Webster Book	1,276		1,032		244
Gifts - Fiske Friends	4,617	547	1,227		3,937
Gifts - Garvey	50		50		-
Gifts - Fiske Trustees	12,000				12,000
RECREATION:					
Playspace Gift Fund	7,956	557			8,513
William Rice Complex Gift Fund	66,337	50	3,102		63,285
HISTORICAL COMMISSION:					
Gift Fund	20,632	1,179	106		21,706
Lilla Pond Gift Fund	39,316		40		39,276
CULTURAL/HISTORICAL JOINT					
Gift Fund	-	22			22
CULTURAL COUNCIL:					
Gift Fund	1,236	2,383	255	99	3,462
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	494,730	84,945	66,911	(19,921)	492,842

	<b>Beg Bal</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>End Bal</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b>					
Eagle Brook Development	65.95	20,100.00	9,136.32	4.57	11,034.20
West Wrentham Village	3,732.49			5.96	3,738.45
Maplewood Village	200.66			0.31	200.97
Woods at Wrentham		20,000.00	20,000.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,999.10</b>	<b>40,100.00</b>	<b>29,136.32</b>	<b>10.84</b>	<b>14,973.62</b>
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>					
Wrentham Prop LLC	2,546.46			4.05	2,550.51
Paul Maher	1.91		1.91		
Toils End	343.26			0.56	343.82
Bab Trust Clemmey	1,807.00			2.90	1,809.90
Edward & Grace Spencer	500.67		501.18	0.51	
450 Washington Street	2,200.00				2,200.00
Thurston & Washington		4,600.00	4,600.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,399.30</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>	<b>5,103.09</b>	<b>8.02</b>	<b>6,904.23</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>					
Chelsea CGA	1,104.99			1.78	1,106.66
G Lopes Construction	825.05			1.32	826.37
N W Wrentham Woods	1,552.54			2.47	1,555.01
Wrentham Village Corp. (Ash St)	453.65			0.74	454.39
Meadowview Invest.-Preserve Oak Hill	168.67	500.00	487.50	0.47	181.64
Simeone Associates	404.82			0.64	405.46
Toils End	10,992.37	30,000.00	39,867.09	15.77	1,141.05
Reverend William	2.18		2.18		
Vincent Gamble (TLC Janitorial)	957.90			1.53	959.43
Bucks Hill	4,075.93			6.50	4,082.43
Ridge Estates	1,390.16	12,127.00	11,235.13		2,282.03
Fox Run		3,150.00	775.00		2,375.00
Tyco		2,500.00	2,444.59		55.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,928.15</b>	<b>48,277.00</b>	<b>54,811.49</b>	<b>31.22</b>	<b>15,424.88</b>

	<b>Beg Bal</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>End Bal</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>					
Sunrise Farms	1,691.92			2.70	1,694.52
Kings Grant	1,730.62			2.74	1,733.36
Wrentham Business Center	5,868.16			9.38	5,877.54
Chelsea GCA	951.63			1.53	953.16
Oxbow South	797.18			1.28	798.46
Deer Brook Estates	3,199.71			5.10	3,204.81
Eagle Brook Estates	8,719.21			14.20	8,733.41
Martha Dooley	176.76			0.27	177.03
Simac Realty	2,072.17			3.30	2,075.47
Thurston St Lorusso	119.38			0.19	119.57
Wrentham Crossing	1,119.10			1.79	1,120.89
Meadowview Investments	730.10			2.03	732.13
ABB Development	317.34			0.50	317.84
Cavallo/Searles	247.11			0.39	247.50
Wooding Dev Corp	46.15		46.25	0.11	0.01
45 Industrial Road	563.62			0.90	564.52
Wrentham Hills LLC	2,232.94			3.57	2,236.54
Amberfields	324.25			0.52	324.77
Kelco Development	1,022.70			1.64	1,024.34
Green Street Simeone	5,889.76			9.41	5,899.17
35 Cushing Drive	2.40		2.40		
Kelsi Way	6.63		6.63		
Maplewood Village	2,036.53			3.26	2,039.79
Meadowview Estates	3,022.60			4.82	3,027.42
FF Development LP	3,050.05			4.87	3,054.92
WM Rice Complex	614.88			0.97	615.85
Demetra Estates	83.74			0.12	83.86
Blackstone Valley	72.37			0.12	72.49
Maystar Realty Corp	120.81			0.19	121.00
Toils End Farm	155.12			0.26	155.38
Proctor Mansion	1,183.22			1.90	1,185.12
Wrentham Partners	222.29			0.37	222.66
Thurston Acres	989.52			1.57	991.09
Rev. William Estates	248.83			0.39	249.22
Rubie Wyllie	2,384.94			3.79	2,388.73
Ridge Estates	1,173.90			1.87	1,175.77
Dana Estates	1,229.23			1.93	1,231.16
Amberfields - Fleischman	0.31		0.31		
Amberfields - Capone	0.31		0.31		
Bucks Hill Realty-450 Washington	2,004.35			3.24	2,007.59
TLC Janitorial - Gamble	506.72			0.81	507.53
David Fleishman	0.20		0.20		
Richard Hayes	1.24	2,000.00	1.24		
Tyco Valves & Controls		2,000.00			2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,929.93</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>57.34</b>	<b>92.03</b>	<b>58,964.62</b>

## Report of the Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors was organized as follows:

	Joan A. Dooley, M.A.A.	Chairperson
	Thomas W. DiPlacido, Jr.	Vice Chairperson
	Irene L. Levesque	Clerk of the Board
Our staff:	Steven T. McCarthy, M.A.A.	Town Appraiser/Assessor
	Herta Boylan (retired June 30, 2012)	Administrative Assistant
	Claire Copeland	Principal Clerk

Total Number of Parcels	4,581
Single Family Dwellings	3,241
Condominiums	220
Residential Vacant Land	468
Commercial & Industrial	193
Mixed Use	35
Chapter 61, 61A & 61B	68
Misc. & Others	109
Personal Property	247
Value of Real and Personal Property	\$1,704,508,680
Split Tax Rate	
- Residential Tax Rate	\$14.43
- Commercial Tax Rate	\$17.06
- Personal Property Rate	\$17.00
New Growth Taxation from New Construction	\$289,911

January 1, 2011 was the effective date of assessment for Fiscal Year 2012 which began on July 1, 2011. The valuations for Fiscal Year 2012 were based on qualified arms-length sales in calendar year 2010.

At the Tax Classification Hearing held on December 6, 2011, the Board of Selectmen voted to continue a split residential/commercial tax rate for Fiscal Year 2012, in order to make any tax increase more equitable between the two classes of property. The Board of Selectmen also voted to adopt a Small Commercial Exemption of 10%.

Irene Levesque was re-elected to a three year term as Assessor, on April 2, 2012 and Steven McCarthy, M.A.A. was re-appointed Town Appraiser/Assessor on April 3, 2012.

The Board would like to thank all Town Departments for their assistance and cooperation during the past year and wishes to express appreciation to the office staff, especially Herta Boylan who retired on June 30, 2012, for her dedicated service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan A. Dooley M.A.A., Chairperson; Thomas W. DiPlacido, Jr., Vice Chairperson;  
Irene L. Levesque, Clerk of the Board

## Report of the Board of Health

Organization: During 2012, the Board of Health structure was: Debra Dunn, Chairwoman; Everett Skinner, Vice Chairman; Dr. Brian Kelly, Clerk. The Board would like to thank Mrs. Cafferky for her assistance with the inspections of food vendors for the various weekend events.

Appointments:

Debra Dunn	Milk Collector and Inspector
Everett Skinner, Jr.	Milk Collector and Inspector
Brian Kelly, MD	Milk Collector and Inspector Agent
William R. Domey, PE	Consulting Engineer/Agent/Septic Inspector
William Iannucci, Ph. D., R.S., C.H.O.	Agent/Sanitarian/Housing Inspector
Chris Wider	Inspector of Animals
Richard Gillespie	Agent
Carol A. Mollica, Town Clerk	Burial Agent
Ellen Wojcik	Burial Agent
Richard Ross, Funeral Director	Burial Agent
Robert Morrill,	Burial Agent

Other Committees: The Board members participated in Town committees: Dr. Brian Kelly is on the Old Fiske Library Museum Committee. Mr. Domey is on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Associations of Board of Health.

Planning: The Board of Health and Public Health Nurses have participated in Emergency Planning and have prepared plans for emergency dispensing of medicines in case of an emergency. Head Nurse Judy Fenton participated in Region 4a Emergency Planning on a regular basis. Judy Fenton, Head Nurse, conducted a very successful program on flu vaccination.

Title 5 Loan Program: Since 1997, the Board of Health has assisted homeowners with loans to repair failed septic systems. Funds for these loans came from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust. The program has been administered by Ravi Nadkarni. Funds are still available. The Board has reduced the interest rate on the betterment loans to two percent.

Rabies: The Board of Health conducted a rabies clinic. The clinic was run by Dr. T.C. Carpenter. Rabies fact sheets and pet inoculation cards were distributed. The animal inspector also responded to numerous suspected rabies calls.

Permits: The statistics below refer to permits/licenses issued for calendar year 2012 (from January 1 to December 2012) rather than for FY 2011 because many permits/licenses are renewed on a calendar year cycle. The Board of Health and its agents issued 60 Disposal Works Construction Permits in FY 2012. In addition, the Board of Health started five plan reviews under Chapter 593 (53G) in FY 2012. In the table below, the permits issued on a calendar year basis are marked with an asterisk.

Percolation Tests	10	Private Wells	2	Food Service Establishments	50*
Retail Establishments	44*	Mobile Food Service	1*	One Day/temp Food Permits	51*
Septic Installers	43*	Campgrounds & Motels	2*	Non-commercial Piggery	1*
Septage Handlers	25*	Offal, garbage/rubbish	6*	Public Swimming Pools/beach	3
Priv. Swimming Pools	10	Syringe (PHN)	7	Tanning Facility	*
Catering	3*	Funeral Director	1	Recreation Camps -children	1
Portable toilets	0*	Frozen Desserts	6*	Tobacco	9

Sanitary Inspections: In compliance with the provisions of Title VIII of the State Sanitary Code, opening inspections were conducted by a Registered Sanitarian at all the public and semi-public beaches and pools. Routine, comprehensive and follow up inspections, as applicable, were conducted at all schools, nursing homes, retail and food service establishments, mobile food operations, motels, campgrounds, temporary food facilities and restaurants.

Complaints: Numerous complaints about environmental, nuisance, noise and odor, housing and sanitary issues were addressed by the Board of Health. As in previous years, the Board has continued its policy of investigating or addressing all complaints, regardless of whether they are made orally, or in writing or with or without the complainant's name being given.

Animal Inspections: Christopher Wider is the Board of Health's Inspector of Animals. Mr. Wider performed all the barn inspections and farm animal inspections which did include the condition of the animals and the sanitary conditions of their housing and food. Some of the barn inspections require working in tangent with State inspectors. Mr. Wider also responds to all reports regarding rabies exposure. In the last year 15 quarantines were issued and tracked.

The Board strongly believes that its mission is to serve public health and the environment while fulfilling its statutory responsibilities under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It greatly appreciates the expertise and services of its agents and extends its sincere thanks to William Domey and Bill Iannucci, who have served the public in good stead. Even with the limited funds due to budget cuts, the office was able to remain open 17 hours per week.

## Report of the Board of Selectmen

It is with pleasure that the Board of Selectmen offer to the residents of the Town its report for Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012).

- In November of 2011, Peter Lown was sworn in as a Permanent Police Officer and in February 2012, the Board of Selectmen appointed Derick Cassidy as Patrolman.
- In December 2011, the Board of Selectmen ratified the vote taken in November, after the Public Hearing, to set the Fiscal Year 2012 Tax Rate at a shift of 1.14% and maintain the 10% small business tax exemption.
- After a Public Hearing in January on Town Water Rates, the Board of Selectmen voted no increase in the rates for FY2013, they remained at \$4.90 per/1000 gallons for 0-50,000 gallons and \$5.90/1000 gallons over 50,000 gallons.
- In March, Jerry McGovern, Peter Marinelli, Steve Thomas, Rev. George Hines, Elizabeth Valerio, Bob Bogardus, and Daniel Vieira were appointed as members of the Town Government Study Committee. This Committee will undertake the task of evaluating the effectiveness of the Town's organizational and structural management system.
- Also in March, the Board acknowledged the pending resignation of Irving Priest, Department of Public Works Superintendent. The Board voted unanimously at their March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to appoint Everett Skinner, Michelle Rouse, Charles Adelsberger, Theodore Schensnol, William Harrington, and alternates James Gagliard and Ken Arnold to the Department of Public Works Superintendent Employment Search Committee. Mr. Michael Lavin was appointed DPW Superintendent on June 5, 2012.
- The Board of Selectmen accepted the resignation of: Robert Leclair, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen – March 2012.
- The Board also acknowledged the retirement of Susan Harris, Principal Clerk in the Accounting office after 25 years of service, Carolyn Preston, Finance Department after 9 years of service, and Herta Boylan, Assessors office after 10 years of service.
- At their meeting on April 3, 2012, the Board of Selectmen congratulated and welcomed new member Charles Kennedy and welcomed back Stephen J. Langley to the Board. On April 17, 2012, the Board voted Joseph F. Botaish as Chairman, Stephen J. Langley as Vice-Chairman and Gail L. Pratt, Clerk.
- During the year, the Board issued 20 Alcohol licenses, 31 Common Victualler licenses, 7 Entertainment licenses, 3 Amusement licenses, 7 Junk and Antique licenses, 1 Class I license, 7 Class II licenses, and 3 Class III licenses. Parking Permits sold for Lake Pearl totaled 182 for Residents and 162 for Non-Residents.

The Board of Selectmen members and Town Administrator wish to thank the office staff Cynthia Thompson (Administrative Assistant) and Hope Beal (Board Secretary/Licensing Clerk) for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Botaish, Chair – Stephen J. Langley, Vice Chair – Gail L. Pratt, Clerk – Michael J. Carroll, Member – Charles Kennedy, Member – William F. Ketcham, Town Administrator

## Report of the Building Inspector

The Office of the Building Inspector respectfully submits its Annual Report for 2012. The Total Income generated by the Department from Permit Fees was \$218,555.00 for the year ending June 2012.

I wish to thank all of the residents of Wrentham for their continued support. I would like to personally thank my staff, Secretaries Sheila Buck and Maureen Perry, Mechanical Inspector Donald Jordan; Plumbing and Gas Inspectors, Gerard Smolinsky, Robert Larmey, Walter Burlingame; Wiring Inspectors, William St. Francis, David Wiklund, William Cooke for all of their efforts and hard work this past year. I want to thank William St. Francis, Wiring Inspector for his years of service and wish him well on his retirement. Also, I would like to thank Fire Chief Jay McMorrow and Deputy Chief David Wiklund for their continued cooperation with Building Department.

The following is an accounting of Permits and Inspections:

New Dwellings	23	Building Permits	522	Building Inspections	489
Remodel/Additions	33	Plumbing Permits	190	Plumbing Inspections	315
Commercial	4	Gas Permits	188	Gas Inspections	311
Signs	49	Wiring Permits	389	Wiring Inspections	487
Demolitions	36	Mechanical Permits	121	Mechanical Inspections	371
Swimming Pools	7			Certificate of Inspection	43
Foundations	12				
Tents	15				
Occupancy	7				
	39				
		Total Permits Issues	1326	Total Inspections	2016

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas P. Tobichuk, Jr.  
Building Inspector



## Report of the Collector

Collector's Receipts to Treasurer  
Annual Year to date - Fiscal 2012

Thru 06/30/12

<u>Description</u>	<u>Account #</u>	
2013 P.P. Tax Prepayment		89.36
2012 P.P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1222	806,854.70
2011 P.P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1211	20,737.71
2010 P.P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1210	0.00
2009 P.P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1219	0.00
2008 P.P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1218	0.00
2007 P.P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1217	0.00
2006 P. P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1216	0.00
2005 P. P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1215	0.00
2004 P. P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1214	0.00
2003 P. P. Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1213	0.00
2002 P.P. Taxes & Prior Years	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1212	0.00
2012 Real Estate Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1222	23,897,806.78
2011 Real Estate Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1221	238,718.74
Prior Year Real Estate	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1224	0.00
2013 Real Estate Prepayments		37,293.84
In Lieu of Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4180	8,245.95
2011 R.E. Septic Betterment - Principal	29-000-0-0000-00-00-1421	0.00
2011 R.E. Septic Betterment - Committed Interest	29-000-0-0000-00-00-1431	0.00
2012 R.E. Septic Betterment - Principal	29-000-0-0000-00-00-1422	29,133.35
2012 R.E. Septic Betterment - Committed Interest	29-000-0-0000-00-00-1432	8,521.62
Septic Betterment Payoff - Principal	29-000-0-0000-00-00-1440	0.00
Septic Betterment Payoff - Interest	29-000-0-0000-00-00-1440	0.00

2012 Motor Vehicle Excise	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1262	1,245,504.00
2011 Motor Vehicle Excise	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1261	239,714.48
2010 Motor Vehicle Excise	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1260	15,283.97
2009 Motor Vehicle Excise	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1269	2,665.31
2008 Motor Vehicle Excise	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1268	704.79
2007 Motor Vehicle Excise	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1267	285.22
Motor Vehicle Excise – 2006 & Prior Years	01-000-0-0000-00-00-1265	1,795.32
2012 Water Charges	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1312	1,506,687.52
2011 Water Charges	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1311	161,409.89
2010 Water Charges	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1310	6,047.40
Water Charges – 2009 & Prior Years	60-000-0-0000-00-00-13	0.00
2012 Water Liens	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1332	55,819.02
2011 Water Liens	60-000-0-0000-00-00-1331	1,059.23
Municipal Liens	01-140-0-0000-00-00-4323	15,550.00
Due to Deputy Collector - Fees	89-140-0-0146-00-00-4370	19,524.62
Due to Deputy Collector – Real Estate Collector's Fees	89-140-0-0146-00-69-4370	2,270.00
Penalties & Interest - Property Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4170	36,761.03
Penalties & Interest - Excise Taxes	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4171	45,369.31
Collector's Fees – Water	01-000-0-0000-00-00-4171	9,329.34
Penalties & Interest - Water Charges	60-450-0-0000-00-00-4175	8,930.69
	60-450-0-0000-00-00-4175	17,312.66
TOTAL		\$28,439,425.85

To the Accounting Officer:

The above is a listing of moneys collected by me for the period ending June 30, 2012 which I have paid to the Treasurer, whose receipt I hold thereof.

Karen P. Heinz  
Assistant Town Collector

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Karen F. Jelloe  
Finance Director

## **Report of the Conservation Commission**

During FY2012, the Conservation Commission held 15 public hearings for Notices of Intent and 5 meetings for Requests for Determination of Applicability. Orders of Conditions were issued to 12 applicants. In addition 5 Determinations of Applicability and 12 Certificates of Compliance were issued. The Commission and/or the Agent went on approximately 50 site visits throughout the year. Additionally, the Commission acted on a 3 enforcement cases.

Laura Gaudioso was appointed to the Commission in July 2011. She served for 3 months and resigned to do volunteer work in Sicily. Maria Jomides filled the open seat in October.

Members of the Commission took classes and attended training seminars in various MACC (Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions) offerings. Members were trained in the basics of everything from effective meeting skills to the science and policy of wetlands protection and open space management.

The Open Space Committee is working with the Conservation Agent to prepare a new Open Space and Recreation Plan which will be submitted to the State. This plan is necessary for the Town to be eligible for open space and recreation funds.

Stewardship continues to be a main focus of the Commission. They have many volunteers help in maintaining or improving its open spaces. Mr. Alex Leonard, working under the Senior Tax Work-Off and the Conservation Stewardship program, along with Josh Hasenfus and the Commissioners worked on removing invasive oriental bittersweet, black swallowwort, and Japanese knotweed near Crocker Pond conservation area on Myrtle Street. They cleared trails and land around the parking areas and removed invasive plants. The Commission has also been helped by David and Patrica Fogg who have kept the trails and fields open at Birchwold. Volunteers for maintaining and monitoring the Conservation Areas are always appreciated.

The Commission updated their Rules and Regulations. Copies can be found on the Town's website.

The Commission is grateful to the continuing outstanding efforts of our agent Darryl Luce and secretary Lee Ann Tavares. Both Mr. Luce and Mrs. Tavares are also pursuing Conservation Commission educational opportunities through the MACC and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Immonen  
Chairman, Conservation Commission

## Report of the Council on Aging

The Council on Aging is pleased to submit the following report for FY2012 to the Selectmen and Citizens of Wrentham. The Council is the officially designated agency to evaluate, promote and encourage new and existing services and activities for residents of Wrentham who are age 60 or older. When assistance is required to help seniors obtain services to which they are entitled, the Council becomes the link between the senior's needs and the services that are available. Our goal is to establish and monitor programs to ensure continuity and growth in needed services and activities for seniors.

- Support Services: Outreach to Wrentham seniors is a major part of the work we do here at the Center. Our Outreach Coordinator, Frances Padula, coordinates and conducts such programs as fuel assistance, food stamp applications (SNAP), reassurance line, protective services and friendly visits to Wrentham seniors either in their homes or at the Senior Center. Our SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) volunteer counselor is an important part of the support services offered at the Center in regards to questions and/or problems on health insurance and prescription information. We have volunteers who offer guidance in Elder Law as well as Financial Advising. We also have a blood pressure clinic at the Center on the third Wednesday of every month, conducted by the Public Health Nurses as well as a flu vaccine clinic every year and a pneumonia vaccine clinic. A podiatrist has office hours at the Senior Center one day a month.
- Activities: We have a wide range of continual activities here at the Center, many focused on both physical and mental well being. Aerobic exercise, sit & stretch, line dancing, Qi Gong and Chair massages as well as educational forums and varied speakers assist with this important focus. We have painting class, ceramics, craft/quilting class, movies, and cribbage, all focused on social interaction and general well being. We also offer various day trips and some overnight trips for interested seniors.
- Volunteers: We have more than 39 volunteers at the Center, with 5,032 hours of community service. Our volunteers serve in various capacities such as friendly visitors, reassurance line, clerical, newsletter, driving and escorting seniors to medical appointments, trip coordinator, tending to our gardens and grounds and janitorial services during the day.
- Lunch Program and Senior Van: The senior lunch program, serving over 3,646 meals at the Center and 5,249 home delivered meals, continues to be a very important part of the services we offer here at the Senior Center. The program is run by HESSCO Elder Services in conjunction with the Council. The van was used to transport seniors and/or the disabled to the Center, grocery shopping, errands, and for local medical and dental appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Angelico, Director of the Senior Center, for the Wrentham Council on Aging; Kendra Farling (Chair), James Palmer, Sarah Graves, Mary Gouthro, Thomas Myette, Emily Todd and Nicholas Tobichuk.

## Report of the Cultural Council

Mission Statement: The Wrentham Cultural Council (WCC) is the local branch of the Mass. Cultural Council (MCC). The goal of both agencies is to promote the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. Members of the WCC are appointed by the Board of Selectman and are responsible for reviewing and awarding grants for programs with funds received from the MCC.

Vision Statement: Enhance the vitality of the Wrentham community by engaging residents in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences.

Grants Program: The grants awarded for 2013 are:

Applefield, Janet	"Combating Hate and Prejudice"	\$350
Banna, Debra	Fine Arts/Art Education for Children	\$200
Battikha, Janice	A Visit from Ellen Craft	\$250
Black, David Lee	Wrentham Special Arts Project	\$200
Fiske Public Library	Summer Reading Song & Story Celebration	\$200
Howes, Nancy M.	Hand Made Paper Project	\$200
King Philip International Club	Boston Bastille Day Celebration, French Cultural Center	\$200
King Philip International Club	Boston International Film Festival	\$200
King Philip Parents' Network	KP Parents' Network Flower Project	\$150
Maichack, Gregory	Monet's Mirror: How to pastel paint "Water Lilies"	\$350
Mass. Audubon Society, Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary	A Celebration of Vernal Pools in NE	\$ 75
Neponset Choral Society	2012-2013 Concert Season	\$100
LiveARTS/PhilipHall	LiveArts Concert Series, 2012-13	\$100
Robin L. Panchuck, Librarian	Literacy Night/Artist in Residence	\$200
Root, John	Edible Wild Plants Walk	\$250
Southeastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band	Free Band Concert	\$595
Symphony NOVA/Neponset Valley Philharmonic Orchestra	"Play Ball!"	\$250
The Un-Common Theatre Company	"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"	\$250
The Un-Common Theatre Company	Young Adult Company's Production 2013	\$250
Wrentham Elementary PTO	Parent Presentation, Disability Awareness Program	\$200

Website: <http://wrenthamculturalcouncil.shutterfly.com/>, where visitors can learn about the grant program, events that the WCC presents, a calendar of cultural offerings in and around Wrentham, interesting links to a variety of cultural sites, and the opportunity to volunteer and sign up for our newsletter. Additionally, there is a SURVEY requesting input from Wrentham citizens about their interests and preferences for cultural events in Wrentham.

Old Fiske Museum Events: A JOINT VISION STATEMENT (Wrentham Cultural Council and Wrentham Historical Commission) guides our efforts:

The Old Fiske Museum and Gallery will be an events-based facility with rotating themed exhibits. The WCC and WHC will:

- Work together to provide the town with interesting and engaging events to make the renovated space a living part of Wrentham culture.
- Each plan individual exhibits and events

The WCC will strive to enhance planned historical exhibits with relevant lectures, music, or art exhibits via Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) grants program.

Old Fiske Museum: The WCC and WHC continue to purchase interior furnishings with a grant from the Sweatt Fund concentrating on Museum quality lighting. This is part of a three year plan to outfit the Museum as a high quality exhibit/gallery space. The Holly Club has also donated funds to provide room darkening materials enabling daytime viewings of videos.

Outreach: The Wrentham Cultural Council embarked on a series of cultural events and outreach to meet the varied interests of residents and uncover the many different aspects of Wrentham's current cultural community as well as collaborate with other Town organizations. Here is what we did:

- Held a Cultural Council Forum in March 2012 engaging Community leaders, businesses, and artists, to brainstorm and discuss possibilities for a cultural district
- Created a French Soiree, An Evening of French Culture, March 2012
- Collaborated with Friends of the Fiske, the Fiske Public Library and the Book Club Wrentham Reads, a month long project that included a visit from Sally Gruber in the character of Emily Dickinson. This was a grant the Book Club received from the Cultural Council
- Art 21 Preview Series of 4 PBS documentaries followed by discussion, art projects was held in April 2012
- Wrentham Cultural Council with the Historical Commission hosted Memorial Day Open House at the Old Fiske Museum with a patriotic sing-along
- Trash Mob "Aliens' Garden!" in August was a collaboration with the Wrentham Developmental Center, Wrentham Recycling Committee, & community members creating giant sculptures from recycled materials at the entrance of the WDC
- "Wrentham Works: Today" A collaboration with Wrentham artists, Wrentham farms, and The Abbey featured residents' passions and professions in an exhibit complementing the Historical Commission exhibit "Wrentham Works: Yesterday" at the Old Fiske Museum
- Open House at the Old Fiske Museum featuring the Shane Wood Jazz Trio and exhibiting artists, a Celebration of the Holiday Season
- "Art02093," an ongoing Cable 8 series features Wrentham artists and cultural events
- The Guild is the Cultural Council's online gallery of Wrentham artists
- WCC's Website calendar provides comprehensive easy access to local cultural events

**MEMBERS:** WCC is currently seeking new members and welcomes volunteers to assist with planned events.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Tooker, Chairperson  
Sheila Kelley, Treasurer  
Deborah Colella, Recording Secretary  
Renee Curry, Member  
Mare Ambrose, Publicity  
Jacqueline Volpe, Web Development and Design  
Joan Korslund, Member  
Joseph Levesque, Member

## **Report of the Economic Development Commission**

During the 2012 fiscal year, the Economic Development Commission met monthly and continued its role of collecting and analyzing information from various stakeholders regarding potential economic development opportunities for Wrentham. The Commission (a) conducted a survey of Town residents to solicit comments and ideas on economic development opportunities; (b) adopted a charter; (c) assisted with educating residents about the South Street and Highway Commercial District proposals; (d) met with the Town Planner, to further our understanding of the Town's infrastructure, resources, and processes which could impact economic development as well as specific impediments to economic development; and (e) met with commercial developers, to understand what developers consider to be current obstacles to economic development in Wrentham.

The Commission continues to gather information and analyze potential economic development opportunities for Wrentham which are consistent with the desire of Town residents and our Town's development as a vital community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Economic Development Commission

Keith Bilezerian, Chair  
Krista Anderson, Member  
Joe Bruno, Member  
Deirdre Foley, Member  
Marjorie Immonen, Member  
Joanna McFarlane, Member  
Jeff Robison, Member

# Report of the Finance Director

## Property Taxation

The principal revenue source of the Town is the tax on real and personal property. The amount to be levied in each year is the amount appropriated or required by law to be raised for municipal expenditures less estimated receipts from other sources and less appropriations voted from available funds. The total amount levied is subject to certain limits prescribed by law; for a description of those limits. The estimated receipts for a fiscal year from other sources may not exceed the actual receipts during the preceding fiscal year from the same sources unless approved by the State Commissioner of Revenue. Excepting special funds, the use of which is otherwise provided for by law, the deducting for appropriations voted from available funds for a fiscal year cannot exceed the “free cash” as of the beginning of the prior fiscal year as certified by the State Director of Accounts plus up to nine months’ collections and receipts on account of earlier years’ taxes after the date. Subject to certain adjustments, free cash is surplus revenue less uncollected overdue property taxes from earlier years. Although an allowance is made in the tax levy for abatements no reserve is generally provided for uncollectible real property taxes. Since some of the levy is inevitably not collected, this creates a cash deficiency, which may or may not be offset by other items.

## Tax Levy Computation

The following table reflects the calculation of tax levies for the following fiscal years.

	For Fiscal Year				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Gross Amount to be Raised:					
Appropriations . . . . .	\$36,754,544	\$35,755,463	\$34,446,691	\$33,422,685	\$34,227,985
Other Local Expenditures . . . . .	43,725	25,450	25,128	25,838	20,363
State & County Charges . . . . .	327,257	319,483	334,220	336,219	387,314
Overlay Reserve . . . . .	241,878	244,880	258,515	264,811	324,703
Total Gross Amount to be Raised	37,367,403	36,345,276	35,064,554	34,049,553	34,960,365
Less Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue					
Estimated Receipts from State . . . . .	4,775,320	4,668,474	4,713,967	5,008,993	5,492,091
Estimated Receipts – Local . . . . .	3,737,408	3,639,734	3,607,743	3,369,597	3,787,916
Available Funds Appropriated:					
Free Cash . . . . .	1,344,348	1,311,811	1,116,986	887,384	1,067,699
Revenue Sharing . . . . .	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other Available Funds . . . . .	1,109,370		1,014,538	1,047,640	1,681,107
Free Cash & Other Revenue Used to Reduce the Tax Rate . . . . .	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Estimated Receipts & Revenue	10,966,446	10,929,940	10,453,235	10,313,614	12,028,813
Net Amount to be Raised (Tax Levy)	\$26,400,957	\$25,415,336	\$24,611,319	\$23,735,939	\$22,931,552
Property Valuation . . . . .	\$1,687,626,527	\$1,703,486,912	\$1,701,829,482	\$1,763,558,525	\$1,825,264,561



Property Tax Limitation

Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws, an initiative statute commonly known as “Proposition 2 ½”, that among other things, generally limits the property taxes that may be assessed in any city or town to not more than 2 ½% of the full and fair cash valuation of the real estate and personal property therein. The law (as amended to date) is subject to further amendment or repeal by the legislature.

The Primary Levy Limit

The law provides that no city or town may levy property taxes in any year in excess of 2 ½% of the full and fair cash valuation of the taxable real and personal property therein, as that valuation is certified or determined by the State Commissioner of Revenue (the “Primary Limit”). The law includes a transition provision for cities and towns whose tax levies exceed the Primary Limit so as to limit any required reduction for any fiscal year to 15% of the total taxes levied in the preceding fiscal year until the city’s or town’s property taxes equal the Primary Limit.

Analysis of Property Tax Levies and Levy Limits

Under the law, the Town is allowed to increase future levies by up to 2.5% of the full and fair cash value, but not more than 2.5% of the previous fiscal year’s maximum levy plus by amounts permitted for debt overrides and certain valuation increases attributable to new growth. The following table reflects the calculation of levy limits for the following fiscal years.

	For Fiscal Year				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Primary Levy Limit (1)	\$42,190,663	\$42,587,173	\$42,545,737	\$44,088,963	\$45,631,614
Prior Fiscal Year Levy Limit	\$24,211,228	\$23,337,870	\$22,469,571	\$21,679,254	\$20,708,476
2.5% Levy Growth	\$605,281	\$583,447	\$561,739	\$541,981	\$517,712
New Growth (2)	\$390,039	\$289,911	\$306,560	\$248,336	\$453,066
Overrides	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Growth Levy Limit	\$25,206,548	\$24,211,228	\$23,337,870	\$22,469,571	\$21,679,254
Debt Exclusions	\$1,178,595	\$1,188,494	\$1,257,479	\$1,253,550	\$1,234,480
Capital Expenditure Exclusions	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other Adjustments	\$20,020	\$20,020	\$20,020	\$20,020	\$20,020
Tax Levy Limit	\$26,405,163	\$25,419,742	\$24,615,369	\$23,743,141	\$22,933,754
Tax Levy	\$26,400,957	\$25,415,336	\$24,611,319	\$23,735,939	\$22,931,552
Unused Levy Capacity (3)	\$4,206	\$4,406	\$4,050	\$7,202	\$2,202
Unused Primary Levy Capacity (4)	\$16,984,115	\$18,375,945	\$19,207,867	\$21,619,392	\$23,952,360

(1) 2% of assessed valuation

(2) Allowed increase for new valuations (or required) – certified by the Department of Revenue

(3) Tax Levy Limit less Tax Levy.

(4) Primary Levy Limit less Growth Levy Limit.

Property Valuations

The following table reflects the trend in assessed valuations, equalized valuations and percentage of total assessed valuation to equalized for the following fiscal years.

	For Fiscal Year				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Real Property(1)	\$1,638,537,707	\$1,656,383,072	\$1,651,361,942	\$1,716,252,075	\$1,773,802,301
Personal Property(1)	49,088,820	47,103,840	50,467,540	47,306,450	51,462,260
Total	<u>\$1,687,626,527</u>	<u>\$1,703,486,912</u>	<u>\$1,702,829,482</u>	<u>\$1,763,558,525</u>	<u>\$1,825,264,561</u>
Equalized Value(2)	\$1,904,265,700	\$1,904,265,700	\$1,904,265,700	\$2,024,826,300	\$2,024,826,300
Percent of Total Assessed to Equalized Valuation	88.6%	89.5%	89.4%	87.1%	90.1%

(1) As of the prior January 1st.

(2) Based on the equalized valuation in effect for each year.

Classification

The following table reflects the breakdown of assessed valuation by classification for the following fiscal years.

Type of Property	Fiscal 2013 Assessed Valuation	% of Total Assessed Valuation	Fiscal 2012 Assessed Valuation	% of Total Assessed Valuation	Fiscal 2011 Assessed Valuation	% of Total Assessed Valuation
Residential	\$1,341,942,944	79.5%	\$1,385,294,356	81.3%	\$1,378,766,140	81.0%
Open Space	-0-	0.0	-0-	0.0	-0-	0.0
Commercial	\$261,928,163	13.6	\$231,812,816	13.6	\$232,296,402	13.6
Industrial	\$34,666,600	2.3	\$39,275,900	2.3	\$40,299,400	2.4
Personal	\$49,088,820	2.8	\$47,103,840	2.8	\$50,467,540	3.0
Total	\$1,687,626,527	100%	\$1,703,486,912	100%	\$1,701,829,482	100.0%

Motor Vehicle Excise

In addition to the tax on real and personal property, an excise tax is imposed on the registration of motor vehicles (subject to exemptions) at the rate of \$25 per \$1,000 valuation. Valuations are determined by a statutory formula based on manufacturer's list price and year of manufacture. Bills not paid when due bear interest at 12 percent per annum. Provision is also made for revocation of registration upon timely notice from the city or town to the registrar of motor vehicles, who may also after a hearing suspend the owner's operating license.

The Town collects the motor vehicle excise tax from bills prepared by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. The following table reflects motor vehicle excise receipts for each of the following fiscal years.

	For Fiscal Year				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes(1)	\$1,481,884	\$1,471,911	\$1,323,143	\$1,496,768	\$1,418,808

(1) Net after refunds. Includes receipts for prior years.

### Tax Levies and Collections

The taxes for each fiscal year generally are due in two installations on November 1 (subject to deferral if tax bills are sent out late) and May 1. The Town has accepted a statute, providing for quarterly tax payments; under that statute, preliminary tax payments are to be due on August 1, and November 1, with payment of the actual tax bill (after credit is given for the preliminary payments) in installments on February 1 and May 1 if actual tax bills are mailed by December 31. Interest accrues on delinquent taxes currently at the rate of 14 percent per annum from the due date. Under recent legislation, cities and towns are authorized to establish a municipal tax amnesty program through June 30, 2004 permitting the payment of delinquent property taxes without interest or with reduced interest during the period of the program. Real property (land and buildings) is subject to a lien for the taxes assessed upon it (subject to any paramount federal lien and subject to bankruptcy and insolvency laws). If the property has been transferred an unenforced lien expires on the fourth December 31, after the end of the fiscal year to which the tax rate relates. If the property has not been transferred by the fourth December 31, an unenforced lien expires upon a later transfer of the property. Provision is made, however, for continuation of the lien where it could not be enforced because of legal impediment. The persons against whom real or personal property taxes are assessed are personally liable for the tax (subject to bankruptcy and insolvency laws). In the case of real property, this personal liability is effectively extinguished by sale or taking of the property as described below. The following table reflects the total tax levy, the reserve for abatements, the net tax levy, and the amount of levy collected during the fiscal year payable and the total collected against each fiscal year as of January 1, 2013:

	For Fiscal Year				
	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Tax Levy	\$26,400,957	\$25,415,336	\$24,611,319	\$23,735,939	\$22,931,552
Overlay Reserve for Abatements	241,878	244,880	258,515	264,811	324,703
Net Tax Levy(1)	\$26,159,080	\$25,170,456	\$24,352,804	\$23,471,128	\$22,606,849
Amount Collected During Fiscal Year Payable(2)	N/A	\$24,716,507	\$24,025,294	\$23,234,561	\$22,327,959
Percent of Net Tax Levy	N/A	98.2%	98.7%	99.0%	98.8%
Amount Collected Thru 01/01/13	\$12,500,980	\$25,079,596	\$24,409,610	\$23,598,250	\$22,561,988
Percent of Net Tax Levy	47.8%	99.7%	100.2%	100.5%	99.8%

(1) Net after deductions of overlay reserve for abatements.

(2) Actual collections of levy less refunds and amount refundable but not including proceeds of tax titles and tax possessions attributed to such levy but not including abatements or other credits.

## Additional Information

### Budget and Appropriation Process

The annual appropriations of a town are ordinarily made at the annual meeting, which takes place in February, March, April or May. Appropriations may also be voted at special meetings. Every town must have an appropriation, advisory or finance committee. The committee (or the board of selectmen if authorized by by-law) is required to submit a budget of proposed expenditures at the annual town meeting.

Under recent legislation, the city council of a city on the recommendation of the mayor and the board of selectmen of a town with the concurrence of the finance committee may transfer within the last 2 months of the fiscal amount appropriated for the use of any department to the appropriation for any other department, provided that no such transfer may be made from any appropriation for a school department, regional school district, or municipal light department.

State and county assessments, the overlay for abatements in excess of overlays, principal and interest not otherwise provided for and final judgments are included in the tax levy whether or not included in the budget. Revenues are not required to be set forth in the budget but estimated non-tax revenues are taken into account by the assessors in fixing the tax levy.

### Operating Budget Trends

The following table sets forth the operating budgets for the following fiscal years as voted by the Town. As such, said budgets reflect neither revenues nor state and county assessments and other mandatory items. Similarly, the budgets summarized below exclude expenditures for “non-operating” or extraordinary items authorized under “special” warrant articles at special town meetings.

	<b>Appropriated Fiscal Year 2013</b>	<b>Appropriated Fiscal Year 2012</b>	<b>Appropriated Fiscal Year 2011</b>	<b>Appropriated Fiscal Year 2010</b>
General Government	\$1,210,446	\$1,163,568	\$1,152,686	\$1,196,435
Public Safety	\$4,260,072	\$4,055,225	\$4,068,200	\$3,881,913
Education	\$18,320,705	\$17,082,482	\$16,612,425	\$16,044,344
Public Works	\$2,198,004	\$2,103,314	\$2,168,896	\$3,307,924
Human Services	\$327,421	\$328,610	\$359,669	\$387,243
Culture and Recreation	\$380,786	\$392,770	\$406,716	\$405,724
Insurance and Other	\$5,563,719	\$5,337,587	\$4,903,813	\$4,516,860
Water Department Enterprise	1,167,437	\$1,300,733	\$1,293,829	-0-
Debt Service	\$1,902,982	\$2,263,674	\$2,335,635	\$2,860,819
Totals:	\$ 35,331,571	34,027,963	33,301,869	\$32,601,262

Capital Improvements Program

The Town has a capital improvements program providing for annual financing of capital requests. Presently, Wrentham has relatively few projects in excess of \$100,000 planned under their Capital Improvements Program. The following are the projects that exceed \$100,000: \$850,000 for a DPW garage in 2014, \$275,000 for Vogel School brick work in 2013 and \$1,000,000 for the Vogel school roof replacement to be presented some time during fiscal 2013 through 2015.

Indebtedness

Bonds are generally authorized on behalf of the Town by vote of two thirds of the registered voters present and voting at an annual or special town meeting. Borrowings for certain purposes require state administrative approval.

The general debt limit of the Town of Wrentham consists of a normal debt limit and a double debt limit. The normal debt limit is 50 percent of the valuation of taxable property as last equalized by the State Department of Revenue. The Town can authorize up to \$95,213,285 without state approval and up to twice this amount (\$190,426,460 – double debt limit) with State administrative approval.

	<b>Outstanding 1/1/2013</b>
Long-Term Indebtedness (1)(2)(3)(4) Within the General Debt Limit:	
Sewers & Drains	\$-0-
Land Acquisition	\$570,003
Schools	\$2,185,000
Other Building	\$5,300,000
<b>Total Within the General Debt Limit</b>	<b>\$8,055,003</b>
Outside the General Debt Limit:	
Schools	\$1,630,000
Other Outside General	\$236,690
Water	\$3,478,090
<b>Total Outside the General Debt Limit</b>	<b>\$5,344,780</b>
<b>Total Long-Term Indebtedness</b>	<b>\$13,399,783</b>
Short-Term Indebtedness	
Revenue Anticipation Notes	0-
Grant Anticipation Notes	-0-
Bond Anticipation Notes	-0-
<b>Total Short-Term Indebtedness</b>	<b>-0-</b>

(1) Principle amount only. Excludes lease and installment purchase obligations, overlapping debt and unfunded pension liability.

(2) At the present time the normal General Debt Limit is \$95,213,285 and the Double General Debt Limit is \$190,426,570.

(3) \$2,136,690 has been exempted from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½.

(4) \$3,193,093 is self-supporting.

(5) Self-supporting.

Five Years Outstanding Debt

<b>As of June 30</b>					
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Long-Term Indebtedness (1) Within the General Debt Limit:					
Sewers & Drains	\$32,912	\$65,312	\$96,753	\$127,262	\$204,794
Land Acquisition	\$653,336	\$801,669	\$950,002	\$1,098,335	\$1,246,668
Schools	\$2,405,000	\$2,625,000	\$2,845,000	\$3,075,000	\$3,305,000
Other Building Architectural & Engineering Services	\$5,530,000 -0- \$40,000	\$6,445,000 \$40,000	\$7,635,000 \$80,000	\$8,290,000 \$120,000	\$9,220,000 \$165,000
Total Within the General Debt Limit	\$8,621,248	\$9,976,981	\$11,336,755	\$12,710,597	\$14,141,462
Outside the General Debt Limit:					
Sewers	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$40,000
Schools	\$1,630,000	\$1,865,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,335,000	\$2,570,000
Other Outside General	\$256,414	\$276,434	\$296,454	\$316,474	\$336,494
Water	\$3,680,620	\$4,223,588	\$4,766,628	\$4,107,467	\$4,523,220
Total Outside the General Debt Limit	\$5,567,034	\$6,365,022	\$7,163,082	\$6,758,941	\$7,469,714
Total Long-Term Indebtedness	\$14,188,282	\$16,342,003	\$18,499,837	\$19,469,538	\$21,611,176
Short-Term Indebtedness					
Revenue Anticipation Notes	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Grant Anticipation Notes	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Bond Anticipation Notes	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$1,145,000	-0-
Total Short-Term Indebtedness	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$1,145,000	-0-
Total Outstanding Indebtedness	\$14,188,282	\$16,342,003	\$18,499,837	\$20,614,538	\$21,611,176

Overlapping Debt

In addition to direct debt, the Town is indirectly liable for a port of the debt and other expenses incurred by various overlapping governmental authorities and agencies(1). The following table sets forth the outstanding and authorized by unissued bonded debt of each authority or agency. Wrentham’s percentage and dollar share of this outstanding debt and the Town’s fiscal year dollar assessment.

	<b>Outstanding 6/30/12</b>	<b>Authorized Unissued 6/30/12</b>	<b>Estimated Share % Wrentham</b>	<b>Fiscal 2013 Assessment for Operations and Debt Service</b>
King Philip Regional School District (2)	\$22,550,000	-0-	40.0%	\$6,803,125
Tri-County Regional Vocational- Technical School District(3)	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$1,068,302

(a) Excludes temporary loans in anticipation of revenue. Omits debt of the Commonwealth.

(b) Source: King Philip Regional School District. Debt is as of June 30, 2012. Share and assessment is for fiscal 2012. The operating expenses and debt service of the regional school district are apportioned among the member municipalities. The share of the member municipalities vary from year to year according to pupil enrollment. The Town has voted to exclude its allocable share of the District’s authorized/unissued debt from the limits of Proposition 2 ½.

(c) Source: Tri-County Regional Vocational-Technical School District. Debt is as of June 30, 2012. Assessment is for fiscal 2012. Share and assessment figures are for fiscal 2011. The operating expenses and debt service of the regional school district are apportioned among the member municipalities. The shares of the member municipalities vary from year to year according to pupil enrollment.

Undesignated General Fund Balance, Stabilization Fund Balance and Fund Equity

Under Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Tow may for the purpose of creating a stabilization fund, appropriate in any year an amount not exceeding ten percent of the amount raised in the preceding year by taxation of real estate and tangible personal property or such larger amount as may be approved by the Emergency Finance Board. The aggregate amount in the fund at any time shall not exceed ten percent of the equalized valuation of the Town and any interest shall be added to and become a part of the fund. The stabilization fund may be appropriated in a town at a town meeting and also at a special town meeting by a two-thirds vote for any lawful purpose.

The following table reflects the Undesignated General Fund Balance, the Stabilization Fund Balance and Fund Equity for the following fiscal years.

	<b>For Fiscal Year Ending June 30</b>				
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011(1)</b>	<b>2010(1)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Undesignated General Fund Balance	\$4,280,046	\$4,459,772	\$4,306,970	14,705,419	\$1,560,235
Stabilization Fund Balance	\$1,757,097	\$4,733,401	\$1,793,132	\$1,892,159	\$1,872,366
Fund Equity	\$5,846,775	\$5,076,197	\$5,114,867	\$2,721,114	\$3,432,601

Source: Town Accountant.

(1) Reclassification GASB54

Free Cash

Under Massachusetts law, an amount known as “free cash” is certified as of the beginning of each fiscal year by the State Bureau of Accounts and this, together with certain subsequent tax receipts, is used as the basis for subsequent appropriations from available funds, which are not required to be included in the annual tax levy. Subject to certain adjustments, free cash is surplus revenue less uncollected and overdue property taxes from prior years. Free cash as of the beginning of the fiscal year, together with collections of prior years’ taxes through March 31, is available under current law for appropriation to reduce the following fiscal years’ tax levy.

The following table reflects the free cash for the following fiscal years.

	For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1				
	2012	2011	2011	2009	2008
Free Cash	\$1,375,174	\$1,616,754	\$1,283,180	\$738,411	\$773,212

Financial Statements

The Town’s financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 have been prepared by R.E. Brown & Company, Certified Public Accountants.



# Report of the Finance Committee

## Introduction

The Town of Wrentham Finance Committee (FINCOM) acts in accordance with the By Laws of the Town of Wrentham, specifically Article 1, Section 28 and Article 2, Section 5. Under these two sections, it is the responsibility of the FINCOM “to consider all articles of the Town Meeting warrants, to make a report in writing with estimates and recommendations regarding the warrant articles, and to move all articles of a financial nature. The FINCOM is also to act as an Advisory Committee for the Town.”

The Fiscal Year (FY) runs from July 1 to June 30. As the Annual Town Report covers the calendar year of 2012, our contribution here will cover our actions in the spring of 2012, with regards to the preparation of the FY2013 budget, and our actions in the fall of 2012 with regards to the execution of the FY2013 budget.

In 2012, the FINCOM began operating within a revised and much improved budget development process. This process, which was largely instigated by the Town Administrator, provided for a more comprehensive review and input by the Board of Selectmen prior to FINCOM reviews. The result was that many of the operational issues and considerations were addressed and reconciled before the FINCOM received the budget. This allowed the FINCOM to focus more on policy and ensuring budgeting consistencies and much less time on budget development.

A review of the process was conducted following the June 2012 Annual Town Meeting to evaluate the new process. A few tweaks were identified – particularly a recommendation that the FINCOM provide representation during the BOS reviews. This will reduce the number of presentations that the boards and departments need to make as well as provide improved insight for the BOS. These recommendations will be incorporated into the FY2014 budget process.

The following provides a recap of the recommendations the Finance Committee made at town meetings in 2012.

### Annual Town Meeting (ATM): Monday, 11 June 2012

This was the first year that the Annual Town Meeting was conducted solely in June, without an opening meeting in April, based on approval of the date change made at the June 2011 Special Town Meeting. This action also helped improve the new budget process.

For the Annual Town Meeting, the FINCOM provided the following noteworthy points in preparation and recommendation for the FY2013 Budget:

- The only new municipal position added to the budget is for the police department. Adding a new patrolman enables the department to transition one of the sergeants from patrol to investigations.
- With regard to the school budgets, part of the increase is to off-set the fact that they are no longer receiving federal jobs funding. For KP, this is \$450,000 that they received last year. For Wrentham Public Schools, the amount received last year was \$231,000.

- Two funding requirements have been moved into the operating budget this year for the first time. The first is the weed control program for Lake Pearl. The other item is the insurance deductibles for municipal buildings. In past years, these two annual requirements were funded via separate warrant articles outside of the budget.
- This year for the first time the operating budget contains a consolidated listing of building maintenance expenses, listed under the DPW budget. Previously, building maintenance was listed within individual departments (e.g., Library, Council on Aging, etc). This new method should provide improved visibility and efficiencies.
- This recommended budget establishes an expense line for the Recreation Department where none previously existed. The recommended expense is \$18,500.
- Our use of non-recurring funding (free cash and stabilization funds) to balance the budget remains a significant challenge. For the FY2013 operating budget we are using an inordinate amount of free cash to balance the budget, which is not a course we desire to continue. The bullet points above provide part of the reason why this is necessary. However, this undesired course is partially off-set by the fact that we were able to add \$300,000 of free cash to our stabilization accounts at the November 2011 Special Town Meeting. We are also able to add \$128,628 for additional capital items at the ATM, in addition to the \$201,500 that was approved in November 2011, for a total of \$330,128 towards capital. Combined, this is \$630,128 in Free Cash applied to non-recurring expenses, a much more appropriate use of this source.

The most significant action that occurred on the floor of Town Meeting was a proposed citizen amendment to supplement the Recreation Department budget by \$120,000 in order to reduce user fees. The proposed source was the Town's Stabilization Account. The FINCOM heartily debated this and argued that this would not a sound financial use of the Stabilization Account. The amendment was defeated.

*Special Town Meeting (STM): Tuesday, 13 November 2012*

The focus of the November STM for the FINCOM is addressing supplemental operating budget requests, and capital requirements. Supplementals are additions to the operating budget that was approved at the June ATM. These are generally requests for requirement that were unforeseen or were undetermined at the time of the ATM.

Capital items are items that have a life cycle of at least five years and a cost of at least \$10,000. These are generally related to vehicles, equipment and infrastructure. Because our operating budget is so tight, we largely rely on Free Cash to fund capital requirements once it is certified in the Fall.

This year, FINCOM recommended and Town Meeting approved a total of \$265,000 for capital items. \$140,000 of this came from Free Cash, the remaining \$165,000 came from other sources (Water Enterprise, Police Cruiser Revolving Fund, and Taxation). The most significant capital requirement was the replacement of Fire Engine #1, a 1995 vehicle. Its maintenance requirements are causing it to be kept out of service for ever increasing periods of time. It's anticipated that it will be completely unserviceable by the summer of 2013. A replacement engine costs approximately \$500,000. After careful pre-meeting analysis with the Fire Chief and the BOS, the identified recommendation was to acquire a replacement via a seven year lease.

Our starting Free Cash total prior to the STM was \$1,375,174. Upon completion of the STM, Town Meeting voters approved total appropriations of \$408,446 from Free Cash. This included the \$140,000 for capital as well as \$200,000 to our Stabilization accounts. The remaining \$68,446 went to relatively small FY13 supplemental requests. The remaining amount in Free Cash after the STM is \$966,728.

*Final Comments*

Upon completion of the Annual Town Meeting, the Town Moderator, who is the FINCOM appointing authority, accepted the resignation of long time FINCOM member Ms. Sue Kost. Ms. Kost joined the FINCOM in 2001 and served as the Committee Secretary for nearly that entire period. More importantly, Ms. Kost was a dedicated and diligent contributor to the responsibilities of the FINCOM. She was always insightful, innovative and provided great counsel. She is moving on to new challenges but will be sorely missed by the FINCOM. Ms. Kost was replaced on the FINCOM by Mr. Jay Scollins.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerome McGovern, Chairman

Andrea Sweed, Secretary

Ken Arnold, Mark Keilen, Arthur Robison, Jay Scollins, and Kelly Williams, Members

## Report of the Fire Department

Please accept the annual report for the Fire Department activities and status of your Fire Department from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

### Fire Department Response Overview FY 2012:

Structure Fires	28	Vehicle Fires	22
Outside Fires	84	Fire/Other	46
Hazardous Conditions	184	Good Intent	44
Service Calls	264	False Alarms	175
Inspections	651		
Property loss	\$390,000		

### Emergency Medical Services Overview FY 2012:

Total Responses	1338
Persons Transported	970
Billable transports	\$989,999.00

Total incidents: 2836

### Permits Issued:

26B New home fire alarm	34
26F1/2 Home resale	104
CMR 4 Oil Burner systems	47
CMR 6 LP Gas storage	56
CMR 9 Flammable liquids	19
CMR 13 Explosives	42
Miscellaneous	69
Reports	8
Burning permits	517

Total Permit Fees Collected: \$18,881.00

### Department Activity:

Overall department activity has remained at a steady level trending indicates that our workload is shifting to a greater amount of emergent calls versus routine service load. Response time into the west end of Town remains a point of concern, short and long term budget projections include requests for increased manning to allow for personnel with an ambulance to man Station 2 which will dramatically increase life safety into this area of Town. Through the support of Town meeting funding was approved for replacement of Engine 1 and Rescue 2. Delivery for both of these apparatus should be complete during 2013.

Apparatus:

<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Car 1 2012 Explorer	Excellent
Car 2 2008 Expedition	Excellent
Car 3 1999 Crown Victoria	Poor
Engine 1 1995 Class A pumper	Poor
Engine 2 1985 Class A pumper	Fair
Engine 3 1994 Class A pumper	Good
Ladder 1 1997 Aerial Ladder	Excellent
Tanker 1 2500 gal. Tanker	Good
Rescue 1 2010 Rescue	Excellent
Rescue 2 2005 Rescue	Fair
Squad 1 2001 F450	Good
Squad 2 1994 F350	Good
Squad 6 1954 Brush	Fair

Personnel:

Our department is currently staffed with 18 full time personnel, administrative assistant and 9 paid on call members. The retirements of Lieutenant Edward C. Perry and Firefighter Frederick S. True who combined had over 80 years of service to the Town has left a large gap to fill. Their experience and knowledge may never be matched again. It is wished they enjoy long and healthy retirements.

Presently the Fire Department is structured at:

Chief of Department, James J. McMorrow  
Deputy Fire Chief, David H. Wiklund  
Administrative Assistant, Betsy Mayhew

Captain Michael Heinz	Captain Robert Harrison
Captain Robert Heinz, Jr.	Captain Kenneth Jefferson
FF/Medic J. Cuddihy	FF/EMT G. Brooks
FF/Medic P. Connolly	FF/EMT D. Dow
FF/Medic J. Donovan	FF/EMT D. Gill
FF/Medic C. Duvarney	FF/EMTI N. Gray
FF/Medic M. Galasso	FF/EMT B. Harrison
FF/Medic R. Holst	FF/EMTI A. Marino
FF/Medic R. Juergens	FF/EMT W. Pelrine
FF/Medic R. Maduskuie	FF/EMT J. Wilanson
FF/Medic P. McMorrow	FF J. Heinz
FF/Medic J. Monboquette	
FF/Medic P. Rockett	
FF/Medic R. Torrey	
FF/Medic M. Wainwright	

Thank you to the members of the Fire Department for your commitment and dedicated service, we will continue to strive to provide the highest level of services to our residents and visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. McMorrow, Fire Chief

## Report of the Fiske Public Library

Fiske Library continues to be extremely busy with an average of 50 new registrations each month. Our collection has become more diverse in response to requests for eBooks and downloadable materials that patrons can access from home. Our Overdrive program provides audiobooks that can be loaded onto computers and iPhones for later use. The Friends have generously provided the Overdrive titles as well as three computers for in-house use and extra copies of best-selling titles.

We now offer college enrichment courses accessed from home, paid for by the Friends of the Fiske.

We appreciate the museum passes and programs paid for by the Sweatt Fund and the Friends, as well as the Wrentham Cultural Council.

Thank you to our Staff, Trustees and Friends for all you do to make Fiske Library flourish.

### Circulation Statistics

Books	62,267
Audiobooks	3601
Videos	4442
E-Books	5176
Downloadable Audio	2963

(Statistics not Included for Database Use)

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Tobichuk, Library Director

## Report of the Housing Authority

The Wrentham Housing Authority has sixty-six apartments dedicated to senior/disabled housing and fifteen apartments for families. All senior/disabled units are one bedroom while the family units are two, three and four bedrooms. A town resident or a person who works in town has a priority over non-residents for acceptance using the state guidelines. The Department of Housing and Community Development publishes specific guidelines for all authorities to follow in determining an applicants eligibility and the amount of rent they will be charged.

Applicants who qualify for our senior/disabled housing pay 30% of their adjusted monthly income for rent which includes all utilities except for telephone and cable television. Family housing tenants pay 27% of their adjusted monthly income, minus a heat allowance between \$500.00 and \$700.00, and also pay for gas and electricity. To qualify for the senior/disabled housing, you must be sixty years of age or older or have a permanent, documented disability and have adjusted net income of \$45,500.00 or less for one person. For two people, the income can be no more than \$52,000.00.

Family housing income limits range from \$52,000.00 for two people up to \$85,000.00 for a family of eight.

During our last fiscal year, we placed eight tenants in our senior/disabled housing at Bennett Gardens. During the same time period, we placed four tenants in our family development.

We have begun extensive upgrading to our senior complex with the Capital Planning Funds. This year windows in two of our buildings have been replaced, rear storm doors were replaced in three buildings and all exterior front doors were replaced in the 667-1 complex. We will be continuing further work as it is approved by DHCD.

We have continued to extensively remodel all units that have not been done over the past few years when they are vacated as the work being done cannot occur when the apartment is occupied. WHA is also funding new landscaping for each building as it is completed with the windows and doors.

The Board of Commissioners meet once a month for their regular meeting at the Community Building located at One Garden Lane. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and start at 1:00 p.m. Special meetings are held periodically, as needed. All meetings are posted well in advance at the Town Hall, Town Website and at the Community Building.

Any resident or person who works in Wrentham may call the office, (508)384-2054, or come to see us between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for more information or to obtain applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Morrill, Chairperson  
Margaret Peterson  
Charles Booth  
Nancy Siegel, Executive Director, Secretary Ex-Officio

Mary Geromini, Treasurer  
Marjorie Hooper, Vice Chairperson

## Report of the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project

Our operations apply an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to mosquito control that is rational, environmentally sensitive, and cost effective.

### Surveillance

We are engaged in an intensive monitoring process through weekly field collections and data analysis in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) to detect for disease-vectoring mosquitoes. Virus isolations assist us in focusing our surveillance to hot zones thereby allowing us to alert nearby towns of a potential epidemic.

Virus Isolations in the town:                      no isolates in town in 2012

### Water Management

Communication with residents and town/state/federal officials, site visits, monitoring, wildlife management, and land surveys while maintaining regulatory compliance is integral to the management of waterways that may contribute to mosquito breeding. Pre- to post-management documentation allows us to assess the efficacy of our work.

Culverts cleared	16 culverts
Drainage ditches checked/hand cleaned	10,550 feet
Intensive hand clean/brushing*	600
Mechanical water management	0

\* *Combination of brush cutting and clearing of severely degraded drainage systems or streams by hand.*

### Larval Control

When mosquito larval habitat management is not possible, larval mosquito abatement is the most environmentally friendly and effective method of disease control. An intensive monitoring program, aides in our decision to effectively target culprit locations.

Spring aerial larvicide applications	(April)	0 acres
Summer aerial larvicide applications	(May – August)	0 acres
Larval control - briquette & granular applications by hand		11.3 acres
Rain basin treatments – briquettes by hand (West Nile virus control)		496 basins
Abandoned/unopened pool or other manmade structures treated		3 briquets

### Adult Control

Adult mosquito control is necessary when public health and/or quality of life is threatened either by disease agents, overwhelming populations, or both. Our rigorous surveillance program, along with service request data and state of the art GPS and computer equipment, allows us to focus our treatments to targeted areas.

Adult aerosol ultra low volume (ULV) applications from trucks                      5,329 acres

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Lawson, Director



## Report of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

The Registry of Deeds is the principle office for real property records in Norfolk County. The Registry receives and records hundreds of thousands of documents each year, and is a basic resource for title examiners, mortgage lenders, municipalities, homeowners, and others with a need for land record information.

The Registry operates under the supervision of the elected Register, William P. O'Donnell. In over two hundred years of continuous operation, the Registry's objectives have remained the same; to maintain the accuracy, reliability and accessibility of our communities land records for the residents and businesses of Norfolk County.

Ongoing technology improvements, the security and management of records and increased levels of customer service remain areas of focus for the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. Some of our recent and ongoing initiatives in 2012 include:

- Register O'Donnell and his staff continue to visit town halls, senior centers and civic groups across Norfolk County. Register O'Donnell visited Wrentham Town Hall on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The full service telephone and walk-in Customer Service and Copy Center continues to provide residents and businesses of Norfolk County with quality customer assistance in all areas of Registry operations.
- Multiple technological improvements were implemented in 2012 including an upgrade of the Registry's server and the introduction of an improved Registry of Deeds website. The Registry's new website [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org) is regularly updated and enhanced to include recent news, resources for homeowners, real estate statistics and answers to frequently asked questions.
- Our ongoing community programs; Suits for Success, the Annual Holiday Food Drive, Cradles to Crayons and Toys for Tots Collection were once again successful thanks to the generosity of Registry employees as well as many residents and businesses across Norfolk County.
- Improvements to the physical and structural appearance of the historic Registry Building continued in 2012 with the installation of new energy efficient windows throughout the facility.
- Electronic recording which allows for documents to be sent for recording via the internet has attracted interest from the real estate business community.
- The internet library of images accessible to the public through the Registry of Deeds online research system at [www.norfolkdeeds.org](http://www.norfolkdeeds.org) continues to expand. All documents back to the first documents recorded in Norfolk County in 1793 are available for viewing online.

Real estate activity in Wrentham, MA during 2012 showed increases across most measurement categories with the exception of total volume, average sale price and notice to foreclosure mortgage filing.

There was a 32% increase in documents recorded by the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds for the Town of Wrentham during 2012 at 3,492 which was 844 more documents than the 2011 total of 2,648.

The total volume of real estate sales in Wrentham during 2012 was \$56,575,956.00 which showed a small 3% decrease from 2011. The average sale price of deeds over \$1,000 (both residential and commercial properties) was also down in Wrentham by 26% in 2012 at \$377,173.04 which showed a \$84,681.22 decrease from the 2011 average.

The number of mortgages recorded on Wrentham properties in 2012 was up 47% from 2011 at 921, while total mortgage indebtedness increased by 67% to \$279,553,380.00 from the 2011 total of \$167,332,883.

The number of foreclosure deeds filed in Wrentham during 2012 remained even with the 2011 total of 11 filings, while the number of notice to foreclose mortgage filings decreased by 6 with 20 filings during 2012 compared to 26 filings in 2011.

Finally, homestead activity was on the rise in Wrentham during 2012 with 217 homesteads filed representing a 17% increase over the 2011 total of 186.

The modernization and business improvements that have enhanced our ability to provide first rate customer service to residents and businesses of Norfolk County will continue. I have been and always will be committed to an efficient customer service oriented operation here at the Registry. It is a privilege to serve as your Register of Deeds.

Respectfully submitted by,



William P. O'Donnell  
Norfolk County Register of Deeds



## **Report of the Old Fiske Library/Museum/Gallery Committee**

Years 2011 and 2012 were busy years for this Committee. In the latter part of November of 2011, a new efficient heating system was installed along with an HVAC system.

Landscaping of the front was done by Peter Charpentier as an Eagle Scout Project.

Year 2012, found the following items being completed:

- Installation and activation of a fire/burglar alarm system
- Front building columns were repaired and painted
- Front door taken off, repaired, new lockset installed and painted
- Outside plumbing installed
- Damaged tree limbs removed

One of the items that were most happily received was the Town Seal done in granite. This was created and done by Tribute in Stone Monument Company and will be installed in a recessed area in the front foyer for all to admire.

During the year, the building has been used by the Historical Commission and the Cultural Commission for various displays.

2013 will be a challenging year both in projects to complete the building and also monetarily as we would like to finalize the completion of the refurbishment of this lovely old building.

As has been stated in previous reports, this Committee is very thankful to the Sweatt Fund for their continuation of the support for this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Pratt, Secretary

## Report of the Planning Board

The agendas of the Wrentham Planning Board during FY2012 year continued to reflect a slowdown in development with few applications from developers. The Planning Board and staff took this time to focus on long range planning, including zoning amendments and grant applications, for the Town.

The first item was an update to the Special Permit and Site Plan Regulations and the Planning Board Fee Schedule, which were adopted after a Public Hearing in July 2011.

In the Fall of 2011, zoning amendments were proposed and approved by Town Meeting to change the existing definition of kennels, and to create a new category for commercial kennels. Other approved amendments included a change to fuel business permitting requirements (special permit now required) and changes to the parking bylaw to bring the minimum required space table into conformance with a recent study done by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council ("MAPC" which is Wrentham's Regional Planning Agency). Finally, another change resulted in the Zoning Board of Appeals obtaining permit granting authority for the any application involving the Aquifer Protection District that is submitted with an application for non-conforming uses.

The Planning Board also facilitated two landowner petitions for zoning amendments in the fall; both were to change parcels on South Street from residential to commercial.

At the Annual Town Meeting in June, the Town adopted the Planning Board's new Highway Commercial District for Route 1 (Thurston Street to the Foxboro line), and Planned Business Development in the C1 and C2 districts. The Town was also required by FEMA to update the Floodplain District so the Planning Board facilitated this approval at Town Meeting.

There are three subdivisions currently under active construction in Wrentham: Toils End/Fox Run (off Park Street), Amberfields (off Hancock Street) and Ridge Estates (off Creek Street). The Planning Board continues to monitor these projects through their various construction phases.

Special Permits were approved during the year for 139 Wampum Street for a non-commercial kennel and for 15 Kenneth Minor Drive to design but not construct additional reserve parking spaces. A Special Permit was also granted to Tyco/Crosby Valve for Earth Removal that was required as part of the building demolition and to 30 Cushing Drive for an interim use of a construction business. Wrentham Crossing on South Street obtained permits to merge three of the commercial buildings on their site.

The Board also approved three modifications to previously approved Special Permits and Site Plans. Five Approval Not Required (ANR) plans were approved during the year.

The PB collected \$13,919 in fees and \$154,477 in Engineering review fees.

The Town Planner's hours were increased in December from nineteen to twenty-six.

Annual elections in April resulted in the re-election of Bill Skinner, Alex Lyon and George Smith to the Planning Board. Michael McKnight was also appointed to the Board to replace Glen Pisani who resigned. Tom Wrynn was elected as the new Chairman to the Board.

In April 2012, the Town received a District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) funding from the MAPC for a project to undertake land use and transportation analyses related to planning for future development in the South Street Premium Outlet Mall area and in downtown Wrentham Village.

The Board welcomes public comments, participation, and recommendations concerning the Board's activities. The Board meets the first and third Wednesday's of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room at the Wrentham Town Hall. For information regarding meeting agendas or other questions, please call the Planning Office at 508 384-5441. Please also check our website at [www.wrentham.ma.us](http://www.wrentham.ma.us).

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Wrynn, Chairman  
Wrentham Planning Board

# Report of the Police Department

## Official Roster

Chief of Police  
James E. Anderson

### Lieutenants

Michael J. Robillard                      William R. McGrath  
George C. Labonte

### Sergeants

Richard L. Mayhew              James M. Barrett  
Jeffrey T. Smith

### Patrolman

Robert B. O'Connell	Stephen W. Hearon	Stephen P. Saulnier
Todd S. Schwalbe	Barry R. McGrath	Scott D. Ellis
Christopher Cowley	Jonathan A. Coliflores	David K. Halloway
Derick R. Cassidy	Peter M. Lown	Daniel R. Morris

### Permanent Intermittent Police Officers

Edward G. Fitzgerald                      William B. Leary

### Special Police Officers

Paul A. Schwalbe	Richard J. Gillespie	Fredrick S. True
Robert Forsythe	Joseph Collamati, Jr.	Robert K. Casavant
Peter W. Preston	Patrick W. Griffin	

### Administrative Assistant

Grace Conforti

### IT Administrator/ Special Police Officer

Darrell True

## Mission Statement

The Wrentham Police Department is committed to working in partnership with the citizens of Wrentham to provide the highest level of public safety and services to the community. The members of the Department are empowered to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the By-Laws of the Town of Wrentham. We are committed to respond effectively to the changing needs of the community, improve the quality of life in our community and reduce the fear of crime.

I hereby submit the twelve month Report of the Police Department for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

The Wrentham Police Department handled 11,405 incidents in FY12. Included in this total were 163 arrests, 224 criminal complaints issued, 84 restraining orders, 23 harassment orders, 61 letters of disinvite and 5 people taken into protective custody. The Department processed 251 licenses for firearms.

A total of 1,791 motorists were issued civil citations for traffic violations and 378 parking tickets were processed.

The following revenues were generated for the Town as a result of police activity:

Motor Vehicle Fines	\$57,358
Parking Tickets	\$30,194
Firearm Permits	\$16,375
Insurance Report Requests	\$1,522
Detail Administrative Fees	\$33,424
Cruiser Use for Details	\$22,450
Court Fines/Costs of Prosecution	\$6,272
Total	\$167,591

The Police Department was the beneficiary of four competitive grants totaling \$ 1,526,777:

Public Safety Communication Regionalization Grant	\$1,481,806
State 911 Support and Incentive Grant	\$ 32,923
State 911 Equipment Grant	\$ 10,527
Governor Highway Safety	\$ 1,521

The Wrentham Police and Fire Department are in the process of housing a Regionalized 911 Public Safety Communications Center with the communities of Franklin, Norfolk and Plainville. It makes sense to look at opportunities to share resources and reduce duplication of efforts with neighboring towns. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts encourages regionalization of services through competitive grants to provide better services to participating communities.

Ford Motor Company no longer makes the Crown Victoria police vehicle so the department transitioned to Dodge Chargers which have been well received in the community.

In the past year we offered community programs such as D.A.R.E. in the elementary and KPJR school system, T.R.I.A.D., Autism Awareness, and Female Awareness and Self Protection Training.

The Wrentham Police Department has adopted a community policing philosophy based on the concept that police and citizens work together to create a partnership to solve contemporary community problems related to crime and improve the quality of life of everyone who lives, works, or travels through Wrentham. Strategies include walking beats, bicycle and motorcycle patrols, neighborhood walk and talks, and citizen surveys.

The Department has entered the age of social networking to keep our residents and area agencies informed. You can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and eBlogger: <http://wrenpd.blogspot.com>

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Wrentham Police Department and their families for their sacrifices and dedicated effort in serving the citizens of Wrentham. Their selfless effort and commitment requires many personal sacrifices with family and friends that most people never witness nor understand. Department members continue to provide the best services possible and we should all be grateful for such a dedicated and skilled workforce.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Anderson  
Chief of Police

## Report of the Public Health Nurses

In August 2011, the Board of Health and Judy Fenton, R.N., Senior Public Health Nurse, were pleased to welcome Joanne Cobb, R.N. into our department, thereby, filling the vacancy made when Lynne Harrison R.N. retired. Throughout the year, our nurses department provided services to help maintain and ensure the physical and emotional health, safety and well-being of our residents. Some of the services we have provided include:

Home Visits - 770 home visits were made to assess our residents.

Office Visits – 1134 visits were made to our office at Town Hall. Some of the services we provided include vital sign monitoring, glucose testing, cholesterol screenings, administration of injectable medication and vaccines, dressing changes, suture removal, health education and teaching, nursing assessments as well as referral services to name just a few.

BP Clinics – Blood Pressure Clinics are held monthly at the Senior Center for residents of any age. 247 residents attended.

Flu clinics – 8 Clinics were held to administer the seasonal flu vaccine. We also offered daily home and office visits for those unable to attend our clinics. Our office continues to participate in the State Flu Vaccine Reimbursement Program which resulted in \$13,150.00 being placed into the Town’s General Fund.

Communicable Diseases – In compliance with the MA General Laws all communicable disease reports received by the Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health are investigated by the Public Health Nurses. Reported Communicable Diseases in FY12:

Lyme	26	Hepatitis C	5	Varicella	3	Streptococcus	3
HGE	3	Hepatitis B	2	Giardia	2	Encephalitis	1
Calicivirus	1	Campylobacteriosis	1	Group A Strep	2	Group B Strep	1
Salmonella	1	Pertussis	1				

I would like to thank Board of Health members Debra Dunn, Everett Skinner and Dr. Brian Kelly as well as my co-worker Joanne Cobb, R.N., for all their continued hard work and support throughout this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Fenton, R.N.  
Senior Public Health Nurse



## Report of the Public Works Department

The Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining the Town's public roadways; sidewalks; storm water drainage system; the Town common and parks; Town owned cemeteries; the boat landing and roadway; Crocker Pond area; Trout Pond area; general maintenance of the Town owned buildings and properties; solid waste and recycling contracting and management; public shade trees; the Yard Waste Drop-off; Public Works and other Town departments vehicle maintenance; maintaining the fuel storage and delivery system for all Town vehicles; snow and ice control; contracting and managing the school, Town Hall and Public Safety's waste water treatment facility; and the municipal water system.

The Highway Division has continued to rebuild all failing catch basins, cleaned all the catch basins in Town and performed street sweeping town wide as required by the Town's Storm Water Permit. The Highway Division performed asphalt repairs to all Water Division excavations, berm repairs, aprons, trenches, and patching around town as necessary. This year the department oversaw the complete reconstruction and Paving of William Street. Forest Gove Ave received a leveling and final paving course. Spring Street and Myrtle Street both received an overlay paving.

The Department put forth an effort to educate its employees. Individuals or all were educated in subjects such as: Chain Saw Safety, Work Zone Safety, excavation safety and Competent Person training, snow and ice Control, arborist training, confined space training, water distribution system training, cross connection surveyor training, backflow prevention testing training, continuing education in the water system treatment and distribution, supervisor training, medical preparedness and response for bombing incidents, and advanced driver training,

This summer our community was faced with another hurricane. Our department worked in conjunction with the Fire and Police Departments to ensure the safety of all of Wrentham's resident. The department rose to the challenge. The Public Works Department responded to and cleared over one hundred obstructed roadways. While the general public was advised to stay indoors and off the roads because it was not safe to travel, the members of the department placed themselves in harm's way to ensure our public safety personnel could respond unobstructed to any emergency that arose.

The Town's Wastewater Plant received a Notice of Noncompliance in 2011. The department oversaw the construction upgrades required to bring the facility back into compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental standards.

The department oversaw the inspection and maintenance of Red Dam and the inspection of the failing Eagle Dam. We are currently exploring the best way to address the issue of Eagle Dam.

Finally, the Highway Division takes pride in working with the children of Wrentham Schools. The Department holds an event called "Touch-A-Truck" approximately five times per year, where the employees show the trucks and equipment to the children.

The detailed report of the Water Division follows.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Lavin, Superintendent

## Report of the Department of Public Works – Water Division

Total gallons of water pumped:	366,131,000 gallons
Total hours pumps operated:	11,233.6 hours
Number of customer service calls:	1,530
Number of emergency water call backs:	47
Number of meters replaced:	214
Number of water main breaks and service leaks repaired:	11
Number of hydrants in use as of 6/30/11:	878
Number of water services as of 6/30/11:	3,702
Total amount of water revenue generated:	\$1,861,072.34

### New water mains installed:

Bennett Street	8-in. Ductile Iron	190 feet
Christina Drive (Ridge Estates)	8-in. Ductile Iron	995 feet
Off Christina Drive (Cross-country to Franklin Street)	8-in. Ductile Iron	430 feet
Cranberry Lane (Safe Meadow Estates)	8-in. Ductile Iron	800 feet
Off Cranberry Lane (Cross-country to Roger Goodwin Drive)	8-in. Ductile Iron	300 feet
Farrington Avenue (Fox Run Estates)	8-in. Ductile Iron	2,220 feet
Hemmingway Place (Fox Run Estates)	8-in. Ductile Iron	1,225 feet
1007 South Street (Shops at Wrentham)	8-in. Ductile Iron	2,400 feet
	6-in. Ductile Iron (sprinkler lines)	575 feet
Summit Circle (The Preserve at Oak Hill)	8-in. Ductile Iron	532 feet
Warren Drive (Fox Run Estates)	8-in. Ductile Iron	370 feet
Total feet of new water mains installed:		10,037 feet
Total miles of water main in use as of 6/30/12:		90.88 miles

### Precipitation Report

Month	Liquid	Snow
July 2011	2.41 in.	
August 2011	7.42 in.	
September 2011	7.64 in.	
October 2011	6.30 in.	8.00 in.
November 2011	4.67 in.	
December 2011	4.44 in.	
January 2012	3.78 in.	9.50 in.
February 2012	.25 in.	
March 2012	1.38 in.	4.00 in.
April 2012	3.95 in.	
May 2012	3.80 in.	
June 2012	3.86 in.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49.91 in.</b>	<b>21.50 in.</b>

John R. Manchester  
Asst. Supt of Public Works/  
Water Division Superintendent

Dean R. Johnson  
Acting Asst. Supt of Public Works/  
Water Division Supervisor

## Report of the Public Works Department - Water Division Revenue

Date: July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012									Fiscal Year 2012				
Charges Committed & Billed									Monies Collected				Totals
Month	Monthly, District & Final Usage	Final Reading Fee	Turn On/Off	Labor Repair	New Service	Sprinkler Fees	Cross Conn. Fees	Capital Fees	Other Usage	Misc.	Permit	Entry Fee	Totals
JUL	113,987.60	120.00	35.00	96.61	546.73			11,231.90	3,560.00	90.00	350.00	10,000.00	139,017.84
AUG	123,714.20	330.00	140.00		1,610.67			11,052.24	5,620.00	292.50	950.00		143,709.61
SEP	138,539.80	240.00	50.00	358.40	1,281.90		9,550.00	10,528.95	180.00	1,792.14	350.00	2,500.00	165,371.19
OCT	156,454.10	240.00	35.00	149.52	1,329.60	600.00		12,034.27	1,120.00	1,430.00	100.00	9,000.00	182,492.49
NOV	193,040.91	360.00	290.00	74.91	406.78		50.00	12,672.31		770.00	50.00	4,000.00	211,714.91
DEC	189,402.40	270.00	175.00		642.93		350.00	13,400.06	100.00	2,158.21	100.00	4,000.00	210,598.60
JAN	109,901.90	180.00	610.00	523.70	558.58			10,972.67		1,018.00	500.00	4,000.00	128,264.85
FEB	106,989.40	240.00	135.00	268.14	453.06		6,750.00	11,042.27	1,380.00	2,600.92		6,500.00	136,358.79
MAR	93,307.29	180.00	90.00	272.66	453.06	33,600.00		10,464.09		50.00	100.00	4,000.00	142,517.09
APR	95,582.30	210.00	115.00	136.60	228.62			12,004.36					108,276.88
MAY	105,482.37	180.00	465.00	180.00	2,897.60			12,587.56	7,940.00	295.00	50.00	5,000.00	135,077.53
JUN	127,607.90	300.00	280.00	70.70	1,251.49		100.00	13,429.97	3,900.00	382.50	350.00	10,000.00	157,672.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,554,010.17</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>	<b>2,420.00</b>	<b>2,131.24</b>	<b>11,661.02</b>	<b>34,200.00</b>	<b>16,800.00</b>	<b>141,420.64</b>	<b>22,800.00</b>	<b>10,879.27</b>	<b>2,900.00</b>	<b>59,000.00</b>	<b>1,861,072.34</b>
TOTAL CHARGES COMMITTED & BILLED = \$1,765,493.07									TOTAL FEES COLLECTED = \$95,579.27				
GRAND REVENUE TOTAL = \$1,861,072.34													

## Report of the Public Works Department - Pumping Stations

Date: July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011										Fiscal Year : 2011		
Month	Pump #2		Pump #3		Pump #4		Pump #5		Pump #6		Total Hours	Total Gallons
	Gallons	Hours	Gallons	Hours	Gallons	Hours	Gallons	Hours	Gallons	Hours		
Jul-10	5,353,100	197.7	9,608,400	324.2	10,531,700	361.6	23,849,200	612.3	369,000	50.0	1,545.8	49,711,400
Aug-10	2,827,800	104.7	2,392,100	81.3	8,711,700	300.5	24,264,000	623.2	300	0.1	1,109.8	38,195,900
Sep-10	5,530,400	204.8	436,700	15.1	9,768,500	335.6	14,108,100	362.3	0	0.0	917.8	29,843,700
Oct-10	936,600	34.7	1,645,900	55.8	6,126,300	210.5	16,559,500	425.6	2,400	0.3	726.9	25,270,700
Nov-10	107,900	4.1	4,003,100	135.4	1,991,200	68.0	15,928,400	410.2	458,300	65.3	683.0	22,488,900
Dec-10	18,800	0.8	597,200	20.5	5,102,900	170.7	17,311,600	445.2	555,700	78.4	715.6	23,586,200
Jan-11	38,700	1.6	432,700	14.8	5,121,800	171.5	19,111,400	491.6	551,700	78.0	757.5	25,256,300
Feb-11	1,901,900	70.3	5,371,800	182.8	4,785,000	160.1	8,759,900	225.5	587,000	82.9	721.6	21,405,600
Mar-11	1,381,400	51.3	9,013,200	306.6	2,090,000	70.0	11,302,700	291.0	3,900	0.5	719.4	23,791,200
Apr-11	5,455,600	201.8	341,200	11.8	3,978,000	132.9	20,870,800	536.1	908,300	128.2	1,010.8	31,553,900
May-11	6,483,200	239.5	1,081,400	37.4	7,001,800	233.9	21,179,100	544.7	585,100	83.2	1,138.7	36,330,600
Jun-11	1,859,900	68.9	3,484,700	119.0	10,025,900	335.1	22,775,000	585.1	551,100	78.6	1,186.7	38,696,600
Totals	31,895,300	1,180.2	38,408,400	1,304.7	75,234,800	2,550.4	216,019,700	5,552.8	4,572,800	645.5	11,233.6	366,131,000

Grand Total Gallons Pumped: 366,131,400

## Report of the Recreation Department

Recreation Department enjoyed another positive year running programs for all age groups in Wrentham. Also, overseeing and maintaining all of our recreation facilities to provide a safe place for all people from the area to experience.

Director: Jeffrey Plympton  
Assistant Director: Donna Burt  
Secretary: Sharon Eagan

Recreation Committee  
Chuck Adelsberger – Chair  
John Jackson – Chair  
Lynne Adams  
Robert Bogardus  
Mark Champagne  
Tom Connor  
Mike Cotter  
Jane D’Amico  
Dolores Duffy

Facilities managed and maintained by Recreation Department include:

- Sweatt Field
- Sweatt Beach
- William A. Rice Recreation Complex
- Sweatt Park

Programs and Events managed by Recreation Department include:

- Norfolk / Wrentham Youth Basketball
- Wrentham Flag Football
- Concert on the Common (Sponsored by the Sweatt Fund)
- Wrentham Day – September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Wrentham Wroad Wrace
- Summer Playground – children’s camp
- Senior Citizen and Town Employee Cookout (Sponsored by Eaglebrook Saloon)
- Aerobics
- Swimming Lessons at Sweatt Beach
- Sweatt Beach swimming
- Floor Hockey

Organizations involved with our facilities include:

- Wrentham Youth Baseball and Softball Association
- Wrentham Youth Soccer Association
- King Philip Youth Lacrosse Association
- King Philip Regional High School Athletic Teams
- Wrentham Elementary Schools
- Wrentham Men’s Softball League
- Softball Tournaments
- Outside User Groups
- Major Corporations

### Financial Accounts

The recreation department uses four accounts to support our daily operation.

1. Town Budget: \$116,245 - Salaries / Gas / Vehicle maintenance
2. Revolving Account: services / supplies / labor / Assistant Director
3. William Rice Gift Account: Supports projects at Rice Complex
4. Playspace Gift Account: Future playground at Rice Complex

Money collected from User Fees is placed in Revolving Account. In 2012, recreation collected \$166,080 to balance our budget. In the future, recreation committee would like to collect less from our in-town users and gain support from our tax base. The Town of Wrentham made an effort to decrease these high fees paid by in town users, by increasing our budget \$18,500 in Fiscal Year 2013.

### William Rice Recreation Complex

Recreation Committee continues to make progress completing the town's complex. Currently, the complex is at 60%. With the addition of a new building (office space, bathrooms, concessions) that is under construction, we continue to complete our initial plan in the upcoming years. Three additional baseball fields, six acre open space field, walking path, volleyball courts, synthetic multi-purpose field, additional parking and roadway, additional bathrooms and irrigation will complete our goal to have the best recreation complex in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Recreation Committee continues to fund raise, as well as, receive donations from our Towns people. The following have been major support in our efforts.

1. Eaglebrook Saloon: Chuck Horne
2. Miles of Excavation: Tim Konowitz
3. Distinctive Creations: Charles Frucci
4. Cooke – Pacheco Electric: William Cooke
5. Richards Electric: Shawn Richards

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Plympton  
Recreation Director

## **Report of the Southeastern Regional Services Group**

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) was initiated in 1993 with a mission “to serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities that desire to act jointly to solve governmental problems or to deliver services to their citizens more effectively or efficiently.” The nineteen member communities of SERSG benefit from shared administrative services provided by a regional administrator. Lara Thomas has served as regional administrator of SERSG since 2004. SERSG’s work is supported by dues from the member communities, and dues have not increased since 2003.

Annual procurements designed to save municipalities time and money are a major part of SERSG’s services. Cooperative procurements for Paper and DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals were held in the spring of 2012. More than fifty supplies are procured for public works projects, and in the fall, SERSG coordinated procurement of more than twenty categories of DPW Services.

As a participant in SERSG’s office supply contract with Universal Business, the Town of Wrentham enjoys a discount of 65.63% off the list price of non-excluded office supplies in the S.P. Richards wholesaler’s catalog. Based on projections, Wrentham will have saved about \$8,000 off list prices for fiscal year 2012 for purchased office supplies. The Town also pays a fixed competitive price for cartons of paper through the SERSG paper contract with W.B. Mason.

The estimated value of supplies and services procured for the Wrentham Department of Public Works totaled more than \$250,000. In addition to the savings of time due to SERSG handling the entire procurement up until contract execution, additional savings per year result from contract pricing. For example, Wrentham has a contract price of \$64 per ton for hot mix asphalt and the lowest price available on the state bid is \$68 per ton. A survey of five varieties of stone items indicates SERSG’s prices were lower than the lowest state contract price by an average of more than \$4.00 per ton, and SERSG’s prices for washed sand are also very competitive.

In addition to an annual survey on snowplowing rates and payment policies, SERSG explored the idea and collected several proposals to facilitate and subsidize a hoisting license training for DPW and Highway Department personnel. This may involve co-sponsorship with the Plymouth County Highway Association and conversations and negotiations are ongoing.

Finally, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway Superintendents continued to provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns and receive ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

## Report of the South Norfolk County Arc

As part of a number of local chapters representing more than thirty states, The Arc of South Norfolk (formerly The South Norfolk County Arc) has joined in a rebranding initiative to promote a powerful, shared identity that reflects the energy and action of The Arc US as we work together to transform the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). The Arc's vibrant new logo and tagline, as shown above, communicate the organization's commitment to promoting and protecting the human rights of people with I/DD and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

With funding through the Town of Wrentham, the Arc of South Norfolk provides supports and services to citizens of Wrentham who are disabled by I/DD including autism. The Arc of South Norfolk is a private, non-profit, membership-based organization founded in 1954 by local parents. For more than half a century The Arc of South Norfolk has been, and continues to be, governed by the family members of the individuals we serve. It is a testament to the good works we perform that the town of Wrentham, along with the other towns we serve, continues to provide the vital funding support as it has done for over thirty years. Our mission is, "To advocate for and provide supports and services to people disabled by intellectual and other developmental disabilities and to their families."

Supports and services provided to the citizens of Wrentham include:

### Family Support and Respite Care

The Arc provides temporary in-home or out-of-home professional care and training for children and adults with intellectual or other developmental disabilities on a planned or emergency basis. It operates after-school/school vacation week programs for children, provides a wide range of support groups for families and operates a resource center for parents and professionals at our facility in Westwood. We are excited about our new Adult Foster Care program currently in development for adults who cannot live safely alone but want to live in a family setting.

### Family Autism Center

Our Family Autism Center implements high quality programs, services and environments for all persons with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. This program provides individuals with autism, their families and the general community with information and referral services, educational services, parent and sibling support groups and a resource library with Internet access.

### Autism and Law Enforcement Education Coalition (ALEC)

ALEC is a nationally recognized training program for First Responders relative to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). ALEC training helps foster a deeper understanding of ASD among public safety and law enforcement personnel. Training is available for police officers, ER and courtroom personnel, EMT's and firefighters, using curriculum and videos specific to each group. Presenters are first responders with direct knowledge of ASD through a family member.

### Social-Recreational Programs

The Arc provides special after-school and evening education classes, sports activities, social clubs and events, and special summer programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. A principal component of these programs is one-to-one volunteer friendships (citizen advocacy).



### Advocacy

The Arc provides specialized education, information and referral services, social support, as well as legal, financial and other consultation support. This program also provides self-advocacy training to individuals and advocacy support to families with members who are disabled by intellectual or other developmental disabilities.

### Harbor Counseling Center

The Arc provides behavioral and other psychological counseling and psychiatric services for adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families.

### Residential Management

The Arc provides Residential Management Services for residential homes and apartments housing individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

### Day Habilitation Program

The Arc provides educational and therapeutic services for adults with severe and multiple developmental disabilities. The program works to help individuals improve their communication skills, physical well being, domestic and self-care skills, community living skills and social skills. This program includes a component for elderly individuals I/DD. Its primary objective is to enable these individuals to continue to maintain their functional and social skills and to meaningfully participate in the life of their community.

Services supported by The Arc of South Norfolk through its affiliate, Lifeworks:

### Vocational Training and Job Placement Programs

Lifeworks Employment Services provides vocational rehabilitation for developmental disabled persons age 18 and over. These services include vocational evaluation, work adjustment training, sheltered employment, transitional or supported employment and competitive job placement and follow-up support.

### Residential Programs

Lifeworks Residential Programs provides home-like environments and supervision, care and training in independent living skills, functional academics and social skills. These programs include community residences and supervised apartments (both with 24-hour staffing) and cooperative apartments (with staff assistance less than 24 hours per day).

Wrentham residents who wish to visit or learn more about our programs or who wish to request services for someone challenged with intellectual or other developmental disabilities should contact us at (781) 762-4001.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. Burke,  
President and CEO

## Report of the Town Common Landscape and Memorials Committee

During 2012, much of the work done by the Town Common Landscape & Memorials Committee focused on repair and/or replacement of trees that were damaged during 2011, which brought Hurricane Irene, the Halloween Nor'easter and a difficult winter moth season.

The result was significant tree loss or damage to both new plantings that had been done in the late fall of 2010 and spring 2011, and established trees on the common. Trees that were lost or damaged have been replaced and/or repaired. In addition, Tree Specialists Inc. did an overall tune-up of all of the trees on the common to promote good health.

The improvement of Sweatt Park has been well received and we thank the people who use the park for their care and respect of the new grounds. The park is looking good, the new trash bins are being used and we hope that folks are enjoying the space. We have purchased two new larger capacity barrels that will be installed in Spring 2013.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate Troy Neubecker on his remarkable achievement in completing the 9/11 Memorial, which is a magnificent monument and an impressive addition to Wrentham Center. Two members of the Landscape Committee, Todd Duffy of Tribute in Stone, and Doug McDuff of Landscape America, worked with Troy to help him accomplish his vision and both were very happy to be involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen McDonald, Chairman



## **Report of the Wrentham Public Schools' School Committee**

The Wrentham Public Schools' School Committee comprises five members, elected at large for three year terms. For the school year 2011 - 2012, our committee members were Michelle Rouse, Vice Chair, Dr. Tracey Murphy, Eric Greenberg, Lynn Desrochers, and Edward Goddard, Esq., Chair. The School Committee maintains charge of the Wrentham Public Schools (Pre-K through Sixth Grade) and the buildings and grounds under the control of the Wrentham Public Schools.

For the school year 2011 - 2012, the Wrentham Public Schools provided education to 1,190 students.

The School Committee establishes educational goals and policies for the Wrentham Public Schools, consistent with legal requirement and statewide goals and standards established by the Massachusetts Board of Education. Our budget priorities for the 2011 – 2012 school year were:

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- High academic achievement for all students
- Excellence in teaching
- Enhance early childhood education
- Increase revenue generation to help offset a challenging funding environment

The School Committee reviews and approves the Wrentham Public School's annual budget. The budget supports the Wrentham Public Schools' educational priorities and other system needs. The operating budget for 2011 – 2012 school year was approved in June, 2011.

The School Committee hires the Superintendent of Schools to serve as the educational advisor and chief executive officer in charge of overseeing the administration of the school system in a manner consistent with district goals and policies. Under the current Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Marsden, the Wrentham Public Schools have seen significant increase in student achievement district wide. The number of advanced and proficient in English Language Arts has risen to 78% of the students and mathematics to 75%. Our students, teachers, and the leadership team of Dr. Melissa Peterson, Mr. Stephen Grenham, Mrs. Becky Stockbridge, and Mrs. Karen McNamara, continue with their excellent performances in focusing on student achievement and teacher professional development. The School Committee specifically commends our teachers and parents for their dedication, leadership and commitment to the Districts' students.

The School Committee will continue to work diligently to establish educational goals, policies, and maintain an annual budget that best provides each student with the knowledge and skills to reach his or her full potential. As the philosopher Plato said, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life." The School Committee strives to use the education provided by the Wrentham Public Schools as a positive compass for our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Goddard, Esq. Chairman  
Michelle Rouse, Vice Chair  
Dr. Tracey Murphy  
Eric Greenberg  
Lynn Desrochers

## Report of the Wrentham Public Schools' Superintendent

On behalf of the Wrentham School Committee and the entire school community, I submit our report for 2011-2012. The 2011-2012 school year opened with an enrollment of just under 1,190 students in Preschool through Grade 6. The entire staff and students work hard everyday to model our core values of *respect, responsibility, communication, collaboration and continuous growth and learning*.

### Professional Development and Improvement Efforts

The quality of our teachers and administrators is very important to the Wrentham Public Schools. Professional Development took place throughout the 2011-2012 school year. Teachers participated in job embedded professional development each week. Teachers collaborated to design lessons, review student work, and discuss improvements. This model of professional development has proved very beneficial for teachers as the focus on providing students with multifaceted learning experiences through consistent teaching practices and curriculum. In addition, each grade level team focused on a targeted and measurable student centered goal that was monitored and assessed for effectiveness.

### Accountability

Wrentham continues to show strong overall achievement scores on the MCAS. Over the past five years, the percent of students in the Advanced and Proficient levels has increased 8% in Language Arts to 78% and 20% in Mathematics to 75%. The school community is working diligently to improve student achievement, not only on state testing but in everyday learning. The District continues to use test data to improve curriculum and instruction and we anticipate additional gains to continue. The 2012 MCAS results and a three year comparison follow this report.

### School Organizations

The District's non-profit organizations, the Wrentham Elementary Schools Trust (WEST) and the PTO continue to generate additional revenue to provide learning experiences for our students and activities that bring families together. In 2011-2012, WEST funded grants to teachers that provided innovative programs for our students. Our PTO continues to raise and disburse funds for field trips, purchase classroom supplies, and provide enrichment for students. We thank these organizations for providing assistance to our school district.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the citizens of Wrentham for their continued support of education. Our children greatly benefit from the importance you place on educating the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Marsden  
Superintendent of Schools

<b>GRADE 06 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS</b>			
<b>PERFORMANCE LEVEL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ADVANCED</b>	23	28	40
<b>PROFICIENT</b>	67	60	43
<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	8	9	16
<b>WARNING</b>	2	3	1

<b>GRADE 04 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS</b>			
<b>PERFORMANCE LEVEL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ADVANCED</b>	24	20	23
<b>PROFICIENT</b>	49	59	48
<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	23	16	25
<b>WARNING</b>	3	4	4

<b>GRADE 06 MATHEMATICS</b>			
<b>PERFORMANCE LEVEL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ADVANCED</b>	39	37	45
<b>PROFICIENT</b>	36	39	42
<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	19	20	9
<b>WARNING</b>	6	5	3

<b>GRADE 04 MATHEMATICS</b>			
<b>PERFORMANCE LEVEL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ADVANCED</b>	21	20	16
<b>PROFICIENT</b>	44	46	42
<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	32	31	37
<b>WARNING</b>	3	4	5

<b>GRADE 05 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS</b>			
<b>PERFORMANCE LEVEL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ADVANCED</b>	23	28	25
<b>PROFICIENT</b>	55	56	49
<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	18	18	21
<b>WARNING</b>	4	1	5

<b>GRADE 03 READING</b>			
<b>PERFORMANCE LEVEL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ABOVE PROFICIENT</b>	24	24	31
<b>PROFICIENT</b>	60	49	54
<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	15	23	12
<b>WARNING</b>	1	5	3

<b>GRADE 05 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY</b>			
<b>PERFORMANCE LEVEL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ADVANCED</b>	23	32	45
<b>PROFICIENT</b>	52	44	37
<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	22	23	15
<b>WARNING</b>	3	2	3

<b>GRADE 03 MATHEMATICS</b>			
<b>PERFORMANCE LEVEL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ABOVE PROFICIENT</b>	35	20	47
<b>PROFICIENT</b>	47	60	36
<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	15	17	12
<b>WARNING</b>	4	4	5

<b>GRADE 05 MATHEMATICS</b>			
<b>PERFORMANCE LEVEL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>ADVANCED</b>	27	38	33
<b>PROFICIENT</b>	41	43	39
<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	24	14	19
<b>WARNING</b>	8	5	8

## Report of the Wrentham Elementary Schools – Principals

We are pleased to submit our annual report which includes the staffing, enrollment, and programs implemented at the Wrentham Public Schools during the 2011 – 2012 school year.

### School Council

The Wrentham Public Schools School Councils were comprised of the following members during 2011 – 2012:

#### Roderick School:

Stephen S. Grenham (Principal)  
Eileen DeWitt (Parent)  
Roberta Hugus-Cohen (Parent)  
Jennifer Moon (Teacher)  
Mandi Kelley (Teacher)

#### Delaney School:

Melissa D. Peterson (Principal)  
Karen Khung (Parent)  
Kristen Longobardi (Parent)  
Cindy Jones (Teacher)  
Kathy Ahern (Teacher)

Based on results compiled from a School Council survey distributed to parents, staff, and the community, five major goals were established:

- Goal #1: Curriculum and Instruction: to raise the academic achievement of all students.
- Goal #2: Community: to continue to develop an inclusive and vibrant school culture.
- Goal #3: Staffing Resources: to provide an equitable number of staff based on the enrollment of our student body.
- Goal #4: Facilities and Physical Environment: to ensure a safe, attractive, and functional school facility.
- Goal #5: Technology: to provide hardware, software, and teacher professional development to support a 21st century education.

These five goals provided the structure for the three year School Improvement Plan. Strategies and activities were created under each goal to guide the improvement process. Some examples of these strategies included:

- Providing the DARE program to students in the 6th grade
- Continuing to increase teacher mastery and range of strategies to accommodate diverse learning styles
- Fostering a strong home/school connection to keep families involved
- Maintaining small class sizes
- Installing a buzzer system for all main entrances and keeping all other entrances locked
- Providing additional security measures on voting days to ensure the safety of the students
- Promoting continued technological advancement for all of our students

### Enrollment and Staff

We began the 2011 – 2012 school year with 1,190 students divided into 10 preschool classes, seven kindergartens, seven first grades, seven second grades, eight third grades, eight fourth grades, eight fifth grades, and eight sixth grades. We said goodbye to Linda Plotczyk (2nd grade teacher), Laine Hendy (Art teacher), and Mary Belmonte (Enrichment teacher).

New staff members for 2011 – 2012 included: Deb Poirier (4th grade teacher), Laura White (6th grade teacher), and Robin Panchuk (librarian).

### Wrentham Public Schools PTO

Our PTO was extremely active providing a Fall Fundraiser, year-round Soup Labels/Box Tops/Ink Cartridges collections, Halloween Costume Party, Frosty's Wish List, Read Across Wrentham, 2nd and 3rd grade Boys' Game Night, 2nd and 3rd grade Girls' Valentine's Dance, Book Fairs, Disability Awareness, Spring Fundraiser, 4th and 5th grade Sports Night, monthly Staff Appreciation days, Memorial Day/Special Person's Day, Art Gallery, Annual Art Show, Sixth Grade Graduation, Sixth Grade Yearbook, and Sixth Grade Yearbook Celebration.

Our Board of Directors for 2011 – 2012 was as follows:

President – Eileen Hickey

Vice President – Lisa Lucas

Treasurer – Suzanne Moskal

Secretary – Holly Wheeler

Teacher Representatives – Janice Young and Pam Swartzendruber

### Conclusion

Our quest for excellence at the Wrentham Public Schools could only be realized through the collaborative efforts of our many contributors. We were fortunate to receive the unwavering support of the following benefactors: the Wrentham Public Schools School Committee, Dr. Marsden, Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. Stockbridge, Mrs. Gilbert, and Mrs. Nickerson. Our staff and parents always worked as a unified force on behalf of our students. Mrs. Linda Chambers, Mrs. Toni Rando, Mrs. Eileen Monahan, and Mrs. Rhonda Granchelli (secretaries) and Mrs. Karen Prew, Mrs. Kerry Richardson, and Mrs. Julie Cashman (nurses) were superior performers on whom we could depend implicitly.

We conclude this year's report by publicly recognizing and thanking Linda Plotczyk, Mary Belmonte, and Laine Hendy for their years of continuous excellence on behalf of our community. We are sad to see these three women leave the Wrentham Public Schools, but we are all proud and happy for them as they embark on their much deserved retirement. They will certainly be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa D. Peterson, Ed.D, Principal

Stephen S. Grenham, Principal

## Report of the King Philip Regional High School Superintendent

It has been an exciting and eventful year in the King Philip Regional Schools. We have had many challenges this year, including the construction of a new septic system for the high school. The King Philip Regional School District and its School Committee continue to work collaboratively with the three towns. Given the ongoing fiscal challenges the King Philip Regional School District did reduce its teaching force by five positions and raise class size to approximately 28-32 pupils per core academic classes. The Leadership Teams in each school worked diligently to provide course schedules that helped to minimize increases as much as was possible and to provide students with maximum academic options and opportunities.

The current district profile for King Philip reflects a history where the district has met expectations for either Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) since 2006 or Level I Accountability in all areas within the new 2012 state system for determining school status. Comparisons of 2012 performance in ELA indicate that overall, 91% of our students have met or exceeded the standards for proficiency versus 69% at the state level. Comparisons of 2012 performance in Math indicate that overall, 69% of our students have met or exceeded proficiency standards versus 59% at the state level. While the AYP determinations were designed to measure the progress that districts/ schools were making towards having all students achieve 100% proficiency on MCAS in ELA and Math by 2014, the new goal is to have all schools and districts narrow proficiency gaps in half by the 2016-2017 school year, relative to the aggregate group (all students) and to a high needs subgroup. . District and School results are reason to celebrate the continued work that is being done to support student learning at 7-12 grade levels. King Philip is the only district within the Hockomock League to have received a Level 1 Accountability Determination. cross the state, 25% of districts and 32% of schools received this rating. Longitudinal trends indicate all King Philip students have been able to meet or exceed the proficiency level required to earn their HS Diploma. This has been accomplished with students taking the standard MCAS, MCAS retest, or through an Educational Proficiency plan. The focus in the district has been working to align curriculum with the common core and complete the NEASC self-assessment. NEASC will be visiting KPRHS September 22, 2013-September 25, 2013.

King Philip was one of 539 schools across the nation to receive distinction with placement on the 3rd Annual AP® District Honor Roll for simultaneously increasing access to [Advanced Placement®](#) course work while increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. In addition, the district's student's successes in academic achievement can also be measured by their competitiveness for acceptance to post-graduate institutions of learning. A focus in the district building academic rigor and the instructional frame began last year and continues today.

As a community service King Philip Regional School District provided IMPACT testing to students living in the tri-town area. This allowed families of even our youngest athletes to obtain a baseline testing score as a reference point should they become concussed at any point in time. King Philip Regional High School is focused on improving life for all in the Tri-town area and beyond. A few of the community service initiatives which took place over the 2011-2012 school year included: the food drive with donations collected at the KP GAPS and Drama production of A Christmas Carol. Over 3000.00 was collected and divided among the three local food pantries. The KP Peer mentors participated in a very successful toy drive to benefit the children of Horizons for Homeless Children. Furthermore, the annual Halloween Spooktacular was held for the Tri-town community. Representatives from all classes and clubs hosted an activity for our younger community members so that they, could participate in a safe and fun Halloween activity.



### Student Academic Achievements

Our students continue to earn accolades for their outstanding academic performances. Alyssa Siegmann was high school valedictorian and Zachary Sogard was salutatorian. Both students were outstanding leaders. Senior Cecelia Plaehn was the recipient of this year's Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award as she demonstrated the qualities of dependability, service, patriotism and leadership. The faculty nominated Cecelia and she was chosen amongst a list of nominees by her peers. The National Merit Scholarship Cooperation recognized the following students for their exceptional academic promise: Matthew Hootstein, Evan Layne, Alexander Lumnah, Peter Marcotte, Ryan Molloy, Cecelia Plaehn, Sophia Raia, Zachary Sogard, and Megan Tunno. Commended students placed in the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2012 competition.

Each year the State of Massachusetts awards the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship to members of the senior class. This is a non-need based undergraduate tuition waiver to attract more high-performing students to Massachusetts public higher education. Eighty-one members of the senior class received this award. These students were designated as scoring advanced on at least on sub test and advance or proficient on the second. Additionally, they ranked in the top 25% of students in our district based on their combined MCAS score.

King Philip Regional High School inducted thirty six new members into our National Honor Society on November 21, 2011. These students are recognized for their scholarship, leadership, service and character. On the science front, junior Megan Mcneil has been chosen to receive an inaugural Junior Women Leaders in STEM award. She received a full scholarship to the Sea, Science and Leadership program at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

Our fine arts students continue to shine. 14,000 pieces of art were judged in the Scholastic Art Competition and KP students made their names known. Katie McEachern and Sarah Sullivan were both awarded the "Gold Key", Katie for her mixed media self-portrait and Sarah for fashion with her plastic bag jacket and raincoat designs. Charlotte Benson earned a "Silver Key" for a mixed media piece as well as an honorable mention for a photography piece. Matt Harnois was awarded a "Silver Key" for his drawing, "Self-Portrait on Fire". Liam Kirwan, Emily Manning, Sarah Mealy, Victoria Norman, Jenna Petruzzello, Grace Sanita and Austin Sherman all earned honorable mentions in this competitive contest.

The 2012 Massachusetts DECA State Conference was held at the Marriott Hotel at the Copley Plaza in Boston from March 8th through March 10th. The annual conference was attended by 1,800 students, teachers, and chaperones from across the state. King Philip Regional High School under the leadership of Business and Marketing teacher, Mr. James Dow brought 113 members of the DECA chapter to compete in this event. The theme of this year's conference was "Reach for the Summit" and King Philip did just that. Twenty-seven projects received eligibility to compete at an International level in Salt Lake City, Utah in April. Eleven competitors received a Gold Award, seven a Silver Award and seven a Bronze Award. The International Career Development Conference (IDCD) brought further recognition to the King Philip Regional DECA Program. The competition was stiff and over 100 groups participated in each category. King Philip had the best success in almost ten years when the group of Maddie Porrier and Molly McGowan place in the top ten in their category and the team of Libby Boissy and Savannah Tyo placed third overall in another category. 2011-2012 was again a strong year for students participating in the renowned King Philip Music Programs. After seven months of hard work the King Philip Marching Band, The Pride and the Passion took second place in the US Bands National Championship. They were a slight one hundredths of a point off of first place.

The MICCA festival held March 30th through April 1st resulted in Gold Medal Performances by both the King Philip Middle school band under the direction of Mr. Michael Keough and the King Philip High School band under the direction of Mr. Joshua Wolloff. The King Philip High School Jazz Ensemble won Gold at both the district and state level. As recipients of Gold at finals the Jazz Ensemble performed at the Hatch Shell in Boston.

Two King Philip Middle School Science teams, the Smarticle Particles, and Nano-knows-it –all, coached by Dr. Michele Austin, Mrs. Kell Fecteau, Mrs. Emily Leone, and Dr. Kathryn Post, took two first prizes in the 6th annual Science Trivia Challenge. The teams traveled to MIT last April where the majority of teams were high school students. Nano Knows It All Team members included: Tim Lengel, Stephen Malacaria, Will Hagen, Emma McGrory, Michaela Downey, Karthik Karnik, and Eshaan Patel. Smarticle Particle Team. . While members of each team received a museum of science pass, pen, and certificate, they also had the privilege of having dinner with Nobel Laureates Dr. Jerome Friedman and Dr. Philip Sharp.

As part of a joint English and Science curriculum venture, all middle school students took part in “One School, One Read” with students reading Double Helix and having an opportunity to have author Nancy Werlin visit the school in assembly. Mrs. Werlin received a B.A. in English from [Yale College](#) and was a [National Book Award](#) nominee for The Rules of Survival, a winner of the [Edgar Award for Best Young Adult Novel](#) for The Killer's Cousin in 1999, and an [Edgar award](#) finalist for Locked Inside. In addition to author Nancy Werlin’s visit, Grade 8 students had a unique visit from “Dr. Skateboard,” otherwise known as Bill Robertson, Ph.D. currently Associate Professor in Science and Technology Education at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Dr. Skateboard reinforced some the basic force and motion aspects of our science curriculum. Patriots linebacker #47 Mike Rivera and Patriots linebacker #53 Jeff Tarpinian also played a visit to the school to talk about the importance of Summer Reading, setting goals, and life experiences. Middle School student, Karthik Karnik was named as the Massachusetts state Geography Bee Champion for two consecutive years, receiving a fully paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Championship where he came in 6th place in the country. Mr. David Quinn, Advisor for the Middle School Geography Club, also accompanied Karthik to Washington, D.C.

### Course Offerings

The school district regularly reviews its course offerings to ensure that its students are in the best possible position to receive outstanding experiences that expand their academic skills and enable them to compete, at the highest level, for post-graduate education and employment opportunities. The district offers an articulated sequence of programs from Grade 7 through Grade 12.

In the fifth year of changes to its sequence of courses available to students, the Foreign Languages Department continued to make adjustments to the content of its third and fourth year courses. This year was the second year that placement in fifth year course offerings in French and Spanish were available to high school students. As a result of the changes to date, more students are enrolled in third and fourth year foreign language courses.

### Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities

Students participate in a wide range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Both schools have active Student Councils that provide leadership and sponsorship of school activities and community service activities. The high school Student Council and senior class co-sponsor an annual holiday party in December for students from a selected city elementary school. Students from the David A. Ellis Elementary school located in Roxbury Massachusetts joined us this year for a wonderful celebration. The middle school student council provides leadership for a wide variety of community service and charitable fund-raising activities.

On March 19, 2012 twenty-four sophomores along with science teacher Mrs. Brennan visited the Harvard Life Science Center and participated in the Harvard Life Sciences Outreach Laboratory Workshop. The students worked with zebra fish, becoming familiar with the characteristics that make this a model organism for many research studies. Our students stained embryos for landmark vertebrae structures such as the heart and cartilage and became very familiar with techniques used in embryological research.

The date May 24th 2012 was one that twenty-one juniors would not soon forget as they participated in Biotech Futures: A Career Exploration Event for Biotech students sponsored by the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The students attended various workshops and participated in a collection of lab activities with the goal of learning about potential career opportunities in the biotech industry.

The King Philip Regional High School Math Team competed in the WPI Math Invitational Meet under the advisement of Mr. Scott Kramer on October 19th

The King Philip Middle School New England Math League results showed that our Grade 7 scores ranked 19/128 schools in New England participating. Grade 8 school scores reflected that we rank 24/129 schools in New England participating. The top scores in Grade 7 were Jack Dewitt (1st); Stephen Malacaria and Jillian Heasley (2nd); Eshaan Patel (3rd); and Sedona Claypoole (4th). The top scores in Grade 8 were: Karthik Karnik (1st); Carter Ball (2nd); Zack Garrity (3rd); and Isabel Allardi, Sara Fazel, and Justin Rohan (4th).

KP Drama & GAPS proudly presented a holiday treat for the whole family. A Christmas Carol was performed by the students under the direction of Mr. Joseph Ferreira, Christopher Woycik played the part of Jacob Marley with Ethan Johnson as Bob Cratchit. Emily Sexton did a fabulous job as Scrooge and Daniel Corwin took the stage down as Tiny Tim Cratchit. KP Drama and the Grady Auditorium proudly presented *The Tempest* in the spring of 2012. The leads in this performance were Alexander Palango playing Alonso, King of Naples, Daniel Corwin playing Sebastian his brother, Alexander Garrity as Antonia, and Christopher Woycik as Ferdinand. The scenic design for the show is by KP Drama Assistant Director Missy Taddeo (Class of 2002). The lighting design is by senior Kaitlyn Bannon and the audio design by senior Ryan Bakinowski. Middle school students presented performances of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. to enthusiastic audiences in the sold-out middle school auditorium under the direction of advisor Jamie Osborne.

The middle school music program continues its high standards of excellence with MICCA medals for the 7th Grade Band (Gold), 8th Grade Band (Silver), and the chorus (Silver) with the Grade 7 Band having the opportunity to perform at Symphony Hall in Boston. The high school's Symphony Band and Chorus earned gold medals and the concert band a silver medal at the annual MICCA Festival.

As a regional school district we were honored to be able to send three Grade 8 students, one from each of our partner towns to participate in the Governor's Project 351 Initiative. The purpose of Project 351 was to assemble a congress of Grade 8 youth representing each city and town in Boston for dialogue and participation in service project. Project 351 Derek Roschelein—representing Plainville, Erin Doolin—representing Norfolk, and Daria Fabiano—representing Wrentham were selected by the school administration for their enduring characteristics of humility, integrity, compassion, commitment, and generosity of spirit. Whether it was Derek's voluntary participation in our peer mentoring programing, which aims at supporting disabled students in physical activity and socialization, or Erin's leadership in the Student Ambassador's "We are the Change-- 72 hours of Kindness Campaign", to Daria's participation in a community 4H program where she was vital to leading a "revolution in responsibility" by leaving a lasting impact on her community, these students exemplified what project 351 is all about.

This year students boarded a bus in Mansfield to travel to Boston to meet up with other Project 351 volunteers. They participated in making blankets for shelters, creating essential school packs for elementary school children and had the experience of a lifetime! One student said, "It was awesome to see what kids can do"! This is the mindset that we try to cultivate here at KPMS. The Yes, We can mindset! Ultimately, our students learned that 351 Grade 8 students working together across the Commonwealth can really make a difference.

King Philip Middle School seventh graders raised \$13,500 for the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by participating in the Math-A-Thon. St. Jude's is the world's premier pediatric cancer research center. As part of the fundraiser, every seventh grader completed the 250 problems in the Math-A-Thon booklet for additional math review; over three hundred students also collected sponsors. Kyle Guenther was our top fundraiser; she raised \$361, Matt Shiels collected \$310, and Nils van den Boogaard brought back \$260, while Bryan Yarbrough collected \$255. Erin Daly raised \$250 a. These were the top five fundraisers from King Philip Middle School. Since 2006, King Philip has raised \$75,000 for St. Jude's organization.

The King Philip Middle School Student Council was awarded the Top Project Award by the Massachusetts Association for School Committees for their outstanding leadership in raising food for local families in their annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drive. Middle School Student Council Members included: ( 7th Grade): Nicole Belanger; Sarah Butts; Justin Malacaria; Chris Owen; Meghan Piller; Natasha Saviano; Colin Stergios; Tim Watson; Caroline Wilkins; and Shawley Zeller; (8th Grade) Kristen Corrigan; Rylie Dalzell; Clayton Geuss; Jen Lacroix; Ryan Layman; Kali Magane; Kelley McSweeney; Justin Rohan; Patrick Roy; and Connor Zimmerman. King Philip Athletics finished strong in many programs this year. The King Philip Football team is the 2011 Hockomock League Champions. The boys' basketballs program posted the best regular season record in the school's history with a 17-3 record. Leading KP was Jake Layman, who was named the league MVP. Christian Fair and John Mullane along with teammate Jake were all selected to the All Star team. Boys Ice Hockey's Tanner Jensen, Chris Bosselli and Chris Beck were selected to the Hockomock League All Star team, while Alyssa Siegmann, Annmarie DiRienzo and Danielle Hamilton were selected to the girls All Star team. The boys and girls swim teams both finished third in the state. The boys were led by Aaron Gustafson who placed first in the 100-yard backstroke. He also set a state record with his time in this race. Aaron was a member of the first place 400-yard freestyle relay team that also included Ryan Palmer, Kyle Vieira, and Chris DiGiacomo. Kyle Vieira also placed second in the 200-yard freestyle. Ryan Palmer placed third in the 200-yard individual medley.

Our girls' team was equally successful as they were led by Stephanie Nasson who took first place in two events: the 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle. Her younger sister Sydney took third place in both events as well. Emily McQuaid took a 5th place finish in the 100-yard backstroke race. The KP 400-yard free relay team came in second overall in the state behind Carly Schnable, Emily McQuaid, Sydney and Stephanie Nasson. The boys track team placed third in the state. They were led by Charles Ruffin's first place finish in the 55-yard dash and Owen Gonser placed 8th in the state in the mile run. Additionally, Owen finished 12th in the mile run at New Balance Indoor Track at Nationals which was held in New York City. Spring outdoor track received accolades in that Chris Allen won the Hockomock League Championships in the two mile setting the meet record setting a time of 9:15.23 Matt Bowers won the 100 meters and Ellery Lyon won the high jump at the Hockomock League Championship. KP Wrestling had a strong season as wrestler Logan David placed second in the All State Wrestling Tournament and took first place in the Division 2 State tournament. This is Logan's third time winning the state championship-a first for any wrestler in KP history. Tyler Florio came in fourth place in the Division 2 State Tournament. Chris Allen and Alyssa Siegmann recently received the Scholar Athlete awards from the Hockomock League. These awards were presented to the top male and female athlete/student from each school within the league. They will be attending Harvard University in the fall. Chris plans on running cross country and Alyssa plans on playing softball. The girls' softball team won the state tournament in 2010 and 2011. In 2012 they played in the South Sectional Finals, despite their loss, they have a six year streak as the Hockomock Champions.

#### Staff Recognition and Academic Programs

The teaching staff continues to achieve recognition through teacher-of-the-year awards and competitive grants. High School Science teacher Mrs. Ann Lambert was selected for membership into Aula Laudis Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society. This honor society was established in 1985 for high school chemistry teachers. Mrs. Lambert was selected for membership due to the fact that she has had several student winners in the Avery-Ashdown competition over the years; In addition she has led workshops, held leadership roles in national organizations and has published articles.

Mrs. Cathie Carneiro was named Educator of the Year and Mrs. Pam Buchanio the Layperson of the Year by the King Philip Teacher's Association. Their dedication to the students of King Philip Regional High School stands out on a daily basis. Both individuals go above and beyond in promoting academic and personal excellence in our students. Our teacher/coach Mr. Jim Leonard was selected as the 2012 Softball coach of the year based upon excellence of character, impact upon students and community. As such he is the nominee to the National Federation of High Schools National Coach of the Year Award.

Middle School Teacher Mrs. Whitney Hartwell was honored as Student Council Advisor of the Year by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees at a ceremony in Blackstone, Massachusetts. Over the course of Mrs. Hartwell's advising career, she has educated almost 10,200 students about the importance of caring and contributing to humanity and has guided her councils to raise about \$200,000 for humanitarian efforts. Her councils have even served as ambassadors that visit the elementary schools and actively participate in our new student orientation. In addition, Mrs. Hartwell was also one of two teachers selected by the New England Patriots as the recipient of the Super Bowl for Super People Award for all of her humanitarian efforts. Mrs. Hartwell was featured on FoxNews and had the opportunity to travel to the 2012 SuperBowl with the New England Patriots.

### Staff Changes

The following staff members were new to the high school: Mrs. Eileen Belastock, Mrs. Emily Antul, Mr. Ryan Bennett, Mr. Eric Swansburg, Mrs. Neva Brown, Ms. Yi Feng, Mrs. Chefeng Wang, Ms. Ashley Doiron, Ms. Kate Sullivan, Mrs. Stephanie Sweeton.

The following staff members were new to the middle school: Ms. Christine Dunn, Mr. Jonathan Gorky, Mr. Patrick Holland, Mr. Sean Ingle, Mr. Conor Jacobsen, Dr. Kathryn Post, and Mr. John Spaziano.

### *Staff Development*

Student learning is central to the focus of King Philip Regional School District. The district continued to emphasize its focus on accountability. Directed by building leadership teams, department based professional learning communities regularly meet throughout the year to discuss specific aspects of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. These collaborative meetings are guided by S.M.A.R.T action plans that are developed early in the school year. Though departments are at different stages of collaboration and depth of their action plans, progress toward a more reflective professional practice has become more evident through the analysis of data within each department and within each school.

The district is currently undergoing a major review and update of curriculum within each of departments to address alignment with the Common Core Standards. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, all Massachusetts' classrooms are expected to make the transition to the new ELA/Literacy and Mathematics standards (based on the Common Core State Standards adopted by 45 states). These new standards are designed to prepare students for college and careers after high school. Both the middle school staff and high school staff are benefiting from reviewing updated techniques in curriculum mapping and unit design. The last major district curriculum writing initiative occurred in the district in 2003.

Additionally, as part of professional development at the Middle School, the middle school staff was engaged in a year long training that included advanced techniques for data analysis. As part of the professional development at the High School, high school staff has been involved in a reflective study of school practice in preparation for their New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) site visit to occur in the Spring of 2013. All district mentors and curriculum team leaders were trained in Research for Better Teaching's Studying Skillful Teaching.

### Town of Wrentham Enrollment History 2007 – 2012 Wrentham Students Enrolled in King Philip Regional School District

<b>As of October 1</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>
Apportionment Percent for the following Fiscal Year	38.75%	39.81%	41.25%	40.36%	41.54%	40.47%
Wrentham Enrollment	804	834	872	888	901	888

School Committee

The School Committee has continued to work positively with the three member towns to develop a responsible budget while offering King Philip Regional School District students the best possible educational and extracurricular programs given the current fiscal crisis. The Committee has remained sensitive to local budget constraints and continues to be transparent with its budget and with the school district's requirements. On behalf of the School Committee, thank you for your continued support as we strive to provide our young people with a solid foundation for success in their future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Zielinski".

Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski, Superintendent  
King Philip Regional School District

## **Report of the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District**

The School Committee reorganized in July of 2011, and elected Jonathan Dowse from Sherborn as its Chair, Donald Seymour from Norfolk as its Vice Chair, and Christine Geering from North Attleborough as its Secretary. Monthly meetings continued to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the school. Subcommittee meetings were held as needed.

Tri-County's secondary program, postsecondary program and continuing education program experienced continued enrollment growth. The ongoing increase in numbers is recognition of our successful three-fold mission: high vocational standards to train the workforce; high academic standards to prepare students for college; and high community service standards to prepare good citizens. These standards are visible in the achievements of our students and in their services throughout our member towns.

In these difficult economic times, the vocational and civic skills of our students are extremely helpful when plumbing, carpentry, electrical and other programs work on public sector buildings and projects to save our towns labor costs. The vocational skills of our students can also be witnessed by a visit to Tri-County to take advantage of services such as Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Auto Collision and Auto Technology.

The academic skills are visible in our students' achievements such as hosting the state-wide Vocational Mathematics Competition, participating with MIT in the NASA HUNCH (High School Students United with NASA to Create Hardware) program or scoring well in the High Schools That Work Assessment. Their academic skills are also evident when all students have passed MCAS since 2005 or when 68% of the graduating class continues on to further education.

Their citizenship skills are also to be observed throughout the member towns as each one performs his/her annual mandatory community service. Look for them as they undertake projects to improve their local community oftentimes utilizing skills learned in their respective program majors here at Tri-County RVTHS. We were especially proud to be honored for excellence in energy and environmental education at the State House. Tri-County received a First Honors Certificate of Excellence award for clean energy initiatives which range from the installation of a photovoltaic training structure and the formation of the TC Green Club to the creation of an organic vegetable garden by the Student Council.

Recognition belongs not only to Tri-County's students and staff but to its School Committee as well. Through the ongoing efforts of various subcommittees, the Tri-County School Committee has been able to accomplish several significant milestones. Tri-County received preliminary approval for a Massachusetts State Building Authority science grant to renovate our science labs. In addition, and most impressively, with the guidance of the School Committee, Tri-County has been able to operate school on a required minimum contribution budget. In other words, for the last four years, Tri-County has not asked member towns to contribute anything more than what the State has determined each town must contribute for the education of its students at Tri-County. The Committee recognizes the economic stress prevalent in our member towns and works collaboratively for the betterment of all.



## Graduation

Two hundred seven students graduated in a notable afternoon ceremony on Sunday, June 3, 2012. Superintendent-Director, Stephen Dockray, presided over the ceremony. School Committee members, Jonathan Dowse and Victor Knust Graichen, presented diplomas to the graduates. Adele Sands, Director of Student Services, presented scholarships and awards totaling \$57,750 to deserving seniors. The grand total of scholarships and awards for the class of 2012 was \$615,000.

## Guidance & Special Education Services

In September, 2011, Tri-County welcomed 1006 students to the new school year. The respective number of students from member towns was as follows: Franklin – 210, Medfield – 12, Medway – 64, Millis – 38, Norfolk – 37, North Attleborough – 258, Plainville – 99, Seekonk – 64, Sherborn – 4, Walpole – 63, and Wrentham – 80.

During the 2011-2012 school year, the Guidance department continued its programs to provide information to students, parents, sending schools and district communities. The Guidance department provided counseling for students in career pathways and postsecondary education. Tri-County continues to work with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on its development of *Your Plan For College*, a no-cost, comprehensive college and career planning portal designed to help Massachusetts students manage their educational and career pathways.

Tri-County was again named *2012 Top of Class* by *Your Plan For College* and was honored by membership into its 2011-2012 Circle of Champions. Tri-County earned this distinction by performing in the top ten percent of Massachusetts high schools that engaged students and parents through *Your Plan for College* during the 2011-12 school year. Tri-County's faculty and staff were recognized for helping students better prepare for college and careers.

Tri-County hosted Career Days for over 2,000 Grade 8 students from the regional districts. The Guidance department, with assistance of personnel from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA), presented programs on college preparation.

The Special Education department has been working diligently to develop a more comprehensive service delivery structure. General education and special education faculty have met together for professional development in order to establish new methods of instruction, including co-teaching.

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council met monthly and discussed topics such as college admissions. Dana Walsh, School Social Worker, also spoke on school anxiety and teen mental health during a well attended meeting.

## Academics

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School continues to earn wide-spread recognition for academic and vocational success by combining rigorous and challenging academic courses with modern vocational studies. The initiatives implemented through *High Schools That Work* allow Tri-County to be recognized as a forerunner in vocational education. Implementation of the newest technology as well as innovative vocational technical programs ensures student success. Their success is measured in the classroom and ultimately in a chosen career path whether it is higher education, entrance in their vocational trade or military careers.

All students completed the Mass Core Curriculum requirement which is the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recommended academic program for college and career readiness.

More than 60 seniors from the Class of 2012 were awarded John and Abigail Adams Scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to students who achieve two advanced scores or one advanced and one proficient score on the Grade 10 English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Biology MCAS exams.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, Tri-County held a Senior Project Summit designed to review and evaluate all aspects of the Senior Project initiative which has been recognized by HSTW as a promising practice for developing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that integrates academic learning with career technical education. The Senior Project allows students to discover how their academic knowledge and career technical skills can be integrated to create three components – a research paper on a topic in their assigned technical field, a related product or service, and a formal presentation.

Another area of recognition was the local Voice of Democracy Contest. The Voice of Democracy Contest was created in 1947 to foster patriotism by allowing students in grades 9 through 12 to voice their opinions on an annual theme. Many of our local students participated by composing essays, stories, and scripts based on a theme. In November 2011, three Tri-County students were chosen as winners of the VFW Post 3402 Voice of Democracy Contest based on recordings of their essay scripts addressing the theme, “Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?” One student received additional recognition by winning the Norfolk County District 5 competition.

Finally, Tri-County continued its leadership efforts within the vocational math community by hosting the Fifteenth Annual Vocational Mathematics Competition in the Kenneth Custy Gymnasium with thirteen vocational schools from throughout the State competing for top honors. Tri-County’s Mathematics team placed third in the competition made up of 30 teams.

### Vocational Technical Programs

Students in the Vocational Technical Programs experienced many successes, both school wide, and in their individual career areas. The grade 10 students from every vocational program completed the 10-hour OSHA training program in November. The training included interactive, specialized training in construction and general industry health and safety standards. All students passed the required exam and received a 10-hour OSHA card.

Tri-County students again achieved success at the State SkillsUSA Competition. The State SkillsUSA T-shirt was designed by a student in our Graphic Communications Program. Also, a senior student won the gold medal for extemporaneous speech in the State SkillsUSA Competition. Both of these students competed in Kansas City at the National SkillsUSA Conference this past June.

Tri-County again received a grant from the U.S. Army to help fund the Robotics Team. J.C Penny and the EMC Corporation also sponsored our Robotics team. The Robotics team, named “Tri Force” was busy this year competing at the *FIRST Robotics* Competition in April at Boston University, at the *Beantown Blitz* Competition at Northeastern University, and at the WPI Robotics Competition.

The CIS students competed at Bristol Community College and came away with many medals and awards in their respective computer literacy categories.

Auto Collision Repair: Students in the Auto Collision Repair program continued to serve the needs of the community and the Tri-County District by repairing vehicles under the supervision of their instructors. Students participated in field trips to emphasize the diverse career opportunities for students pursuing a career in this field. In preparation for the school year 2012-2013, the students prepared an estimate to repair a 1999 Jaguar for the Medway Senior Center. We are proud that the Auto Collision Program met all standards for continued NATEF Certification at the mid-cycle review.

Auto Technology: Auto Technology, one of the most popular programs at Tri-County, continued to maintain school vehicles, and repaired and serviced cars, trucks and motorcycles owned by residents in the eleven-town district. Students participated in the AYES shadowing program by observing employees in local auto repair shops, to learn the many aspects of the career.

Both Collision Repair and Auto Technology continue to be ASE Certified from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation. This nationally recognized certification is considered to be the highest achievement known in the Automotive Industry.

Carpentry: The Carpentry students were busy working at several outside community projects this past year. Some notable community based projects included constructing signposts for a third grade class in Medway. The signposts will be displayed at historical sites in the town adorned with artwork done by the children. The Carpentry students also built garden sheds for both the Franklin Community Gardens and the Sherborn Woodhaven Elder Housing Complex. Many seniors received their pre-apprenticeship cards through the Massachusetts Division of Apprenticeship Training. The cards were issued to students who successfully completed all requirements for graduation from a Chapter 74 approved Carpentry program and achieved at least a 3.0 GPA.

Computer Information Systems: Students in the CIS Program again successfully completed many certification exams, such as MOS, IC and A+. Tri-County continued as a Prometric Testing Center, giving our students the opportunity to take these exams on site. The CIS students also partnered with the Engineering students on the Robotics Team, developing the computer codes to allow the robot to function. Two notable projects completed by students in CIS were the development of websites for the Town of Norfolk and the Sons of Italy in Franklin.

Construction Craft Laborer: Now in its third year at Tri-County, the Construction Craft Laborer students continued to participate in field trips at the NELTA Training Center in Hopkinton. Six grade eleven students received Hazard Communication Training and received a certificate of successful completion. Also, the junior class began construction of an outside classroom at the site of the former Tri-County tennis courts.

Cosmetology: The Cosmetology Program continues to operate a full service hair and nail salon for members of the eleven towns in our district. Several Senior Citizen groups enjoyed hair and nail services by the grade 11 and 12 Cosmetology students. The students traveled to Assisted Living Centers in district communities to provide services to the residents. They also participated in Teacher Appreciation Week at an elementary school in Plainville where they offered manicures to the teachers. The grade 9 and grade 10 students welcomed many guest speakers to promote various career opportunities for both men and women in the beauty industry. The grade 12 students once again were successful in passing the Massachusetts Board of Cosmetology exam and are gainfully employed in salons.

Culinary Arts: Gerry's Place Restaurant and Bake Shop continue to offer lunch and baked goods to the public, Tuesdays through Fridays, when school is in session. Culinary Arts continues to be one of the more popular programs in the school. Many senior citizen groups enjoy lunch at Gerry's Place Restaurant during the school year. Students attended field trips at a variety of venues to learn about the diverse career opportunities in the food and hospitality industry. Students in the Culinary Arts Program received their certification in Serve Safe, OSHA, as well as meeting all standards set forth by the American Culinary Foundation.

Dental Assisting: Students in Dental Assisting took the DANB Infection Control Exam and the Radiography Exam this past year as a requirement of the curriculum. The students in the Dental Assisting Program also volunteered to assist at the Community Health Day in Walpole. Students in grades 11 and 12 participated in a required clinical practicum at local dental offices. Grade 9 and grade 11 students participated in professional development seminars at the Yankee Dental Conference in Boston January 2012.

Early Childhood Careers: The Preschool Program and the Toddler Program were again fully enrolled, serving children from our sending towns. The students participated in a required field placement at local child care centers and public kindergarten classrooms to expand their experiences working with young children. Along with certifications in CPR, First Aid and OSHA, students in Early Childhood Careers achieved certificates for successful completion of the *Strengthening Families* workshop. Graduates of the Early Childhood Careers Program continue to pursue careers in the field of education by becoming gainfully employed in private centers immediately upon graduation or attending a four year college in order to teach in public schools.

Electrical: Students in the Electrical Program are learning all aspects of both residential and industrial application. The grade 9 and grade 10 Electrical students practice their skills in the vocational shop. Juniors and seniors in the program work on live projects in the Tri-County school building and in outside projects. Students in the Electrical program worked with the Carpentry students on a project to renovate a farmhouse on the Medway Community Farm this past school year. Students also gain valuable training in renewable and sustainable technology by practicing installation and monitoring energy conservation at the photovoltaic PV system which was constructed on the Tri-County grounds. Students prepare for the State Journeyman license examination as they successfully complete both the theoretical and shop aspects of the program. Students will accrue up to 300 hours of Electrical Code instruction and 1,500 hours of practical application toward their license requirements upon graduation.

Engineering Technology: The Engineering Technology Program now incorporates Digital Electronics, Principles of Engineering, Computer Integrated Machining, and Architectural Design into their curriculum. With Project Lead the Way Certification, the students are able to transfer their skills from Tri-County to many PLTW affiliated colleges upon graduation. The Engineering Robotics team, known as the Tri-Force Robotics Team, competed once again in the *FIRST Robotics* Competition held at Boston University, in the *Beantown Blitz* Competition, held at Northeastern University, and at the WPI Robotics Competition. The Tri-County engineering students were also chosen as one of only twenty four high school teams to design research for the International Space Station. The competition included a simulation and ground contest where the teams tested algorithms for the SPHERES satellites to accomplish tasks relevant to future space missions.

Facilities Management: Students in the Facilities Management Program gained skills in the many aspects of managing and maintaining a large industrial complex. They are required to take a CAD course in order to read and interpret blueprints, and perform important maintenance here at the school. They gained experience in renovating classrooms, replacing ceiling tiles, and performing landscaping projects on Tri-County school grounds.

Graphic Communications: The Graphic Communications students continued to provide design and print services for Tri-County as well as for in-district municipalities. Projects included the Town of Wrentham letterhead stationery and the Medfield Public Schools school forms. The Graphic Communications students also created artwork for the Norfolk Historical Society. They continued to provide services to other non-profit organizations in the eleven town district. Design, pre-press, and printing skills are honed by students enrolled in this program. State of the art technology is used to enable students to be competitive as they pursue careers in this high demand industry.

HVAC&R: Students are trained in all aspects of heating, cooling and ventilation of both residential and commercial buildings. This past year, students in the program repaired refrigeration units in the Culinary Arts program and installed split system air conditioning units in the Tri-County school building. Students took the EPA 608 certification exam as an integral part of the curriculum this past school year. With this certification, graduates from the HVAC&R program will be well prepared for high paying employment and further education. Students who complete 2,000 hours as a refrigeration apprentice and achieve a trade certificate upon graduation may sit for the Refrigeration Technician's license exam.

Medical Careers: Once again, all students in the Medical Careers program passed the Certified Nursing Assistant state examination at the end of their junior year. They also received Home Health Aide certification at the end of their senior year. Students also successfully completed the Pharmacy Technician on-line course during their senior year. The grade 10 students received Epi-pen training leading to a certificate. All students in the program were trained in medical office technology skills as well as basic healthcare knowledge. Tri-County continued to enjoy a partnership with HMEA (Horace Mann Educational Associates) this past year, which allowed the students to gain experience working with developmentally delayed young adults. Students also participated in a clinical practicum at local skilled nursing centers and hospitals. The students who graduate from this program have many career opportunities in the highly competitive health field.

Metal Fabrication: The Metal Fabrication Program is in its second year. Students in grade 10 have received many AWS certifications, including GMAW-V, GMAW-O, GTAW-ST and GTAW-SS. Students will also learn the fundamentals of metal fabrication and joining processes. State of the art welding equipment allows students to become adept at oxy-acetylene, shielded metal arc, gas metal arc, flux core arc, and gas tungsten welding processes. Students are also being trained in the fundamentals of forming metals, and performing cutting operations.

Plumbing: The Plumbing students practiced their skills in residential and commercial plumbing in the shop. Plumbing students also participated in outside projects in Medway this past school year. Tri-County continues to have an articulation agreement with the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local Union 4 that allows our students the opportunity for advanced placement in the apprenticeship training program. The Plumbing students in grade 11 completed the Tier I Plumbing course and the seniors completed Tier II. Five graduates have already attained their apprentice licenses.

## Continuing Education

The Continuing Education Department at Tri-County offers both day and evening courses. The day program includes two Post-secondary programs, Cosmetology and Practical Nursing. The entire evening program consists of additional Cosmetology and Nursing programs as well as sixty to seventy other course offerings. The majority of adults served are from within the school district; however, students represent cities and towns from all over Central and Eastern Massachusetts, as well as Rhode Island. Tri-County has offered access to Federal Financial Aid in the form of Pell Grants to qualifying students in our Practical Nursing and Adult Cosmetology programs for the past two years with about one-third of our students taking advantage of the PELL grants. This offering continues to improve community access to these programs through this need based support.

Adult Day Cosmetology: There were fourteen graduates from the Adult Day Cosmetology program in 2012. Tri-County students once again were successful competing in SkillsUSA sending 2 students to the national competition. The Adult Day Cosmetology program is a full-time program that follows the high school calendar and runs from September to June. All phases of cosmetology are introduced the first half of the year. The student learns hairstyling, cutting, permanent waves, coloring, manicuring and skin care. This program provides students with the mandated 1,000 hours of schooling and prepares them to pass the State Board of Cosmetology's licensing exam. Registration for the program begins in the spring and details are available by contacting the Continuing Education office at Tri-County.

Evening Cosmetology: In June 2012, ten students from the Evening Cosmetology program participated in the postsecondary graduation exercises held on Friday evening June 22. The program's curriculum mirrors the day program in content but is spread out in more sessions due to the limited hours at night. This program also provides its students with the 1000 mandated hours and prepares the students to pass the licensing exam. This is still a one-year program that begins in September and runs until the end of June. Classes are held Monday thru Friday evenings from 5:00 to 10:30 p.m.

Adult Day Practical Nursing: Graduating twenty-eight students in 2012 the Practical Nursing program continues to flourish. The Nursing program also had a very successful year competing in SkillsUSA, sending several students to the national competition in Kansas City. This is a full-time day program which follows the high school calendar as classes are held from September through June. The Practical Nursing program at Tri-County is designed to prepare graduates for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN), which tests for entry-level competency. Successful completion of this examination permits practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Registration for this program requires that prospective students take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) exam. The pre-admission tests are administered from October to January. Details are available by contacting the Practical Nursing office at Tri-County.

Adult Evening Practical Nursing: Tri-County's Evening class is entering the second year of the two year program and expects to graduate as many as 15 students from the class in June of 2013. The evening Practical Nursing program is a part-time, two-year program that is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4:00-9:30 p.m. After successful completion of the course, the students are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN examination for licensure. Successful completion of this examination permits practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Evening Adult Program: The evening Adult Education program at Tri-County consists of approximately sixty to seventy courses which are offered in the fall and spring semesters. Registration for fall courses takes place during August and September. Registration for spring courses takes place in January and February. Continuing Education course information can be found in brochures available to the public via direct mail and local newspapers. The evening program information is also included on the Tri-County RVTHS website at <http://www.tri-county.tc>, or by calling the Continuing Education office.

### Student Activities

National Honor Society: The Peter H. Rickard Chapter of Tri-County inducted 12 new members on October 26, 2011, raising the number of members to 24 for the 2011-2012 school year. These students participated in many fund-raising and community service activities during the 2011-2012 school year. Among these activities were campaigns for Pennies for Patients and Cradles to Crayons. NHS members organized these drives, which the entire student body participated, raising money for the Leukemia Society and collecting school supplies for local disadvantaged children.

On April 24, the National Honor Society hosted the annual "Leadership Breakfast" honoring Tri-County students who have served in various leadership roles, both elected and appointed during the school year. On May 30, NHS activities culminated with the organization and presentation of Tri-County's twentieth Honors Night held in the Kenneth Custy Gymnasium.

### Student Government

Student Advisory Committee: The student body elected seven students to membership on the Student Advisory Committee. The principal appointed one of these elected members to attend the monthly school committee meetings, where she reported on student concerns and activities. Students from this group also served on the Tri-County School Council. Three others served on the High Schools That Work Site Committee. These seven students also served as ex officio members of the Student Council. The student body elected two students to represent Tri-County on the Regional State Student Advisory Committee. These students met once a month at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School with students from other schools in the Central Massachusetts region. One of these students was elected to the State Student Advisory Committee, which met once a month at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Malden.

Class Officers: The sophomore, junior and senior classes elected a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for their respective classes for the 2011-2012 school year. The freshman class elected officers in January after their last exploratory. Under the supervision of the Class Advisors, officers scheduled, organized and conducted monthly after-school meetings to plan activities which included the Freshman class trip, Freshman/Sophomore Semi-Formal, the Junior/Senior Prom and the Senior Week activities. The class officers heard and communicated students' ideas to the Student Advisory Committee, and also served as ex-officio members of the Student Council.

Student Council: Each class elected four representatives to the Student Council. These students, along with the class officers and Student Advisory Committee members, served as the overall student governing body committed to the principle of student government. The group met weekly after school, and discussed issues and activities affecting the student body. The Student Council served as a liaison between the student body and the school administration and provided a means for student statement in school affairs. Under the supervision of the Student Council Advisors, this group was also accountable for conducting and ensuring fair elections for Class Officers, the Student Advisory Committee, and the at-large Student Council

membership. The Student Council served as leaders for the student body, sponsoring and organizing social activities which included Freshman Orientation in August, followed by the Friday night activities for the September school Kick-Off Weekend. Student Council students assisted the Athletic Director in planning Homecoming in November and sponsored the many Spirit Week activities and the addition of the Tri-County vegetable garden. In addition, the Student Council planned and coordinated civic, social, fundraising, and community service activities, provided input to the administration on student handbook revisions and acknowledged administrators and teachers throughout the school year.

### Extra Curricular Activities

There are nine extra-curricular activities at Tri-County. These clubs provided students with after school opportunities to explore and enjoy. Tri-County worked to provide a myriad of opportunities for all students during the extended week day and many weekends. The Drama Club performed "Afraid of the Dark", allowing students to showcase their acting talents; and the Music Club offered students who play instruments a chance to share their abilities. Additionally, the Math Club and Robotics Club participated in interscholastic competitions where students put both their academic and vocational experience to the test.

### Summary

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School is proud to provide a quality career education to the residents of its eleven member towns. Tri-County students are highly visible in our sending districts in a variety of roles. They serve as interns, summer employees, and cooperative education students and have completed a number of outside projects within our member communities. Each of these experiences assists our students in demonstrating what they have learned in their vocational programs.

Vocational training is only part of our success. Academic preparation is noted through the growing number of scholarships acquired from local associations and organizations, as well as the increased number of students now attending college upon graduation. Tri-County continues to prepare students as good citizens and this is witnessed through the actions of individual accomplishment of students through the mandated community service graduation requirement, as well as community service projects organized through a number of extra-curricular organizations. Two major school-wide projects this year were the annual *Holiday Gift Drive* and selling energy-efficient light bulbs.

Tri-County is your town's vocational technical school. Our goal is to prepare our students to be good citizens who serve their community. Many of the programs offered at Tri-County are available to the public and service programs are open to residents. Our facilities continue to be available to town administrators for meeting use.

Projects for member towns which were completed by Tri-County students included: *Franklin*, Carpentry students built a shed for the Franklin Community Gardens; Plumbing students completed plumbing for the Beaver Pond Bath House; *Medway*, Carpentry and Electrical students have been working on the rehabilitation of an old farmhouse for the Medway Community Farm. *Norfolk*, Computer Information Systems students designed a website for the town; Graphics students completed design work for Norfolk Historical Society. *Sherborn*, Carpentry students built a shed for Woodhaven Senior Housing and cabinets for the Fire Department. The Medway Farms project will continue in the fall as well as our Graphics Program providing printing services for several towns.



Tri-County students also completed many projects located here at the school: Plumbing students replaced a backflow protector in the HVAC shop. Electrical students installed GFCI outlets in the Metal Fabrication shop and installed lighting in various areas of the school. Facilities Management students completed demolition in a vocational classroom – removed all built-in cabinets and ceiling tiles, installed new ceiling tiles and painted the walls. These students also installed a balance beam in the outdoor play area of the Early Childhood Careers program and installed shelving in Cosmetology. Construction Craft Laborer students repaired manholes on school premises and removed and replaced the sidewalk in front of school. Carpentry students built and installed shelving in the newly renovated Medical Careers shop, business office and Dental Assisting shop storage area.

Tri-County lives by its mission statement, specifically in the charge to prepare tomorrow's workforce; to provide a solid academic foundation for further education; and to prepare good citizens. Over the past year, this mission statement continued to move from words on a page, to action.

## Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

The Wrentham Zoning Board of Appeals held public hearings and acted on the following applications for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Location	Type	Action	File #
129 Lakeside Ave	Special Permit	Granted	2012-01
263 Shears Street	Special Permit	Granted	2012-02
235 Taunton Street	Special Permit	Granted	2012-03
150 Eastside Road	Special Permit	Granted	2012-04
180 Autumn Road	Home Occupation	Withdrawn	2012-05
92 & 96 Forest Grove Ave	Special Permit/ Variance	SP Withdrawn Variance Granted	2012-06
612 East Street	Special Permit	Granted	2012-07
277 Hancock Street	Home Occupation	Granted	2012-08
Eaglebrook Development LLC	Comp. Permit Modification	Granted	2012-09
George St, Wrentham Wampum Street, Plainville	Comprehensive Permit (40B)	Withdrawn	2012-10
Green Street	Building Inspector Appeal	Upheld	2012-11
31 Lloyd Avenue	Special Permit	Granted	2012-12
48 Cypress Street	Special Permit	Granted	2012-13
425 Franklin Street	Special Permit	Granted	2012-14

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Sexton, Chairman  
 Leo E. Immonen, Clerk  
 Shawn Gough, Member  
 Walter Pelrine, Associate Member

Keith Langer, Vice Chairman  
 Gerald Danca, Member  
 William Casbarra, Associate Member  
 John Redman, Associate Member

## Municipal Directory

Accountant	508-384-5406
Animal Control Officer	508-384-2121
Board of Assessors	508-384-5408
Board of Health	508-384-5480
Board of Selectmen	508-384-5400
Building Inspector	508-384-5421
Collector/Treasurer	508-384-5413
Conservation Commission	508-384-5417
Constables	508-384-5415
Council on Aging	508-384-5425
Emergency – Police and Fire	911
Police Department	508-384-2121
Fire Department	508-384-3131
Emergency Management	508-384-6980
Finance Department	508-384-5413
Fiske Public Library	508-384-5440
Harbormaster	508-384-6943
Housing Authority	508-384-2054
Moderator	508-384-1141
Planning Board	508-384-5441
Public Health Nurses	508-384-5485
Public Works Department	508-384-5477
Recreation Committee	508-384-5427
Recycling	508-384-5418
Schools	
Wrentham Elementary School	508-384-5439
King Philip Regional Middle School	508-384-3875
King Philip Regional High School	508-384-1000
Tri-County Regional Vocational High School	508-528-5400
Norfolk County Agricultural High School	508-668-0268
Town Administrator	508-384-5400
Town Clerk	508-384-5415
Veterans Services	508-384-8333
Zoning Board of Appeals	508-384-6320