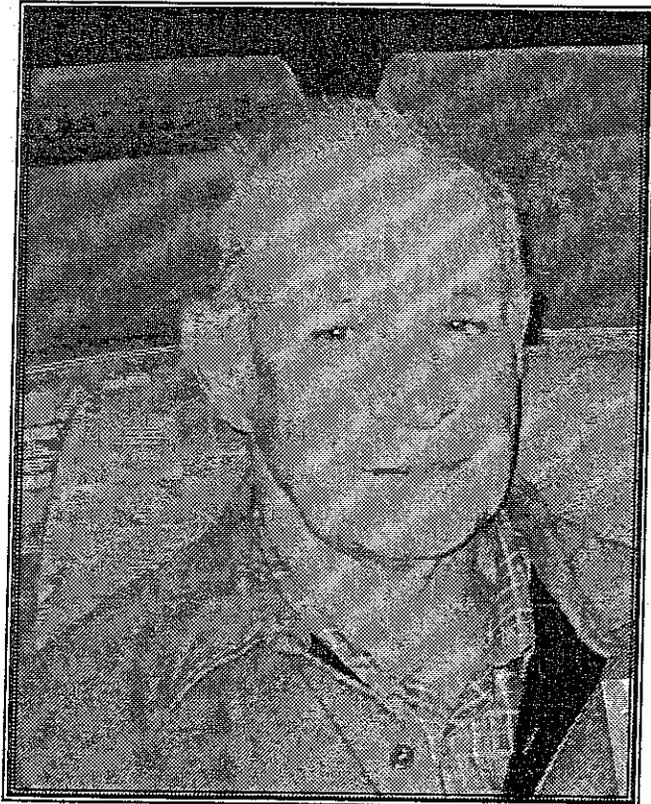


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This 2007 Annual Town Report is proudly dedicated to Carl Gustafson.

Carl has lived all of his life in North Brookfield. His father was a selectman in town, serving at the time the Grove School on School Street was converted into the present Highway Garage. Carl's mother was a librarian at the Haston Public library for many years.

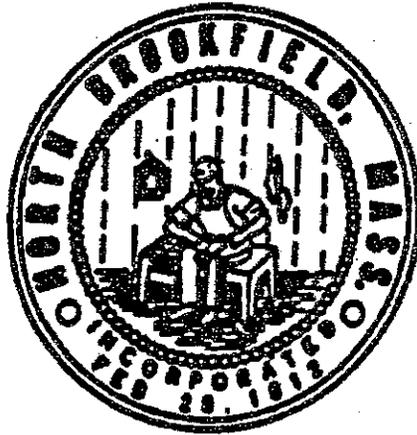
Carl has been married for 52 years to the former Doris Kelly. They have 4 children, Carl IV, Mark, Lynn, and Todd. He served in the US Army, and is retired from Norton Company, but continues to operate a farm on Lane Avenue where he raises pigs

Carl was a 4-H member as a child and has continued to be a strong supporter of the 4-H program. He has worked with 4-H Camp Marshall in Spencer since its beginning. As a 4-H member he was selected to go to Israel as a delegate for the 4-H International Exchange Program. Carl was also a longtime Boy Scout Leader who accompanied the boys to Treasure Valley Scout Camp many times. The scouts fondly knew him as "Uncle Gus" and even today some still refer to him in that way.

Carl and Doris served the town as co-Dog Officers and Pound Keepers for many years before retiring from that position. Carl continues to serve the town as a member of the Town Forest Committee and as chairman of the Conservation Commission.

North Brookfield is very fortunate that people like Carl Gustafson call our town "home."

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## **TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD**

INCORPORATED: 1812

### LOCATION

Worcester County, central Massachusetts, bordered by Oakham on the north, Spencer and East Brookfield on the east, New Braintree and Brookfield on the south, and West Brookfield on the west: approximately 25 miles from Worcester, approximately 55 miles from Boston

### POPULATION

2007 Census Figure: 4,730

### AREA

21.1 square miles, 12,303 acres, 70.35 miles of paved road and 12 miles of dirt roads

### TYPE OF GOVERNMENT

Open Town Meeting with a three member Board of Selectmen

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING & ANNUAL TOWN

#### ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is held on the first Monday in May of each year and the Annual Town Meeting is held the first Friday following the first Monday in May of each year.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A VOTER

Must be 18 years of age, American born or a fully naturalized citizen, and a resident of North Brookfield. Register in Town Clerk's office, before elections and town meetings on dates announced by the Town Clerk. Absentee Voting is available for all elections.

WATER BILLS

Water bills are due September 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

SEWER BILLS

Sewer bill first half is due October 1<sup>st</sup>, and the second half is due April 1<sup>st</sup>.

TAX BILLS

Real Estate Taxes are payable on a quarterly basis on May 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and February 1<sup>st</sup>. The bills are due and payable 30 days from the date of mailing.

Motor vehicle excise bills are due 30 days from the date of issue.

LANDFILL STICKERS

Stickers cost \$50. Bags are \$1.50 each. New residents must provide proof of residency.

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses expire March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. All dogs must be licensed at three months with proof of rabies vaccine certificate to be shown at time of licensing.

Fees: \$6.00 for neutered or spayed dogs and \$10.00 for all others.

**SENATORS IN CONGRESS**

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D)  
Senate Russell Building Room 315  
Washington, DC 20510-2101  
(202) 224-4543

JFK Federal Building  
Boston, MA 02203  
(617) 565-3170

Senator John F. Kerry (D)  
Senate Russell Building Room 421  
Washington, DC 20510-2102  
(202) 224-2742

1 Bowdoin Square 10th floor  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 565-8519

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Richard E. Neal (D) 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
2266 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-5601

1550 Main Street, Suite 309  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413) 785-0325

**STATE SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE**

Senator Stephen M. Brewer (D) Barre  
State House Room 109B  
Boston, MA 02133  
(617) 722-1540

PO Box 258  
Barre, MA 01005  
(978) 355-4505

Representative Anne M. Gobi (D) Spencer  
State House Room 473F  
Boston, MA 02133  
(617) 722-2800 x 8907

40 Cherry Street  
Spencer, MA 01562  
(508) 885-9596

**TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD  
OFFICE HOURS**

BOARD OF ASSESSORS: 867-0209 167 Main Street  
Monday thru Thursday  
8:00 AM -12:00 PM

BUILDING INSPECTOR: 867-0222 167 Main Street  
John Couture, Inspector  
Monday 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

TOWN CLERK: 867-0203 167 Main Street  
Sheila Buzzell, Town Clerk  
Tuesday and Thursday  
12:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
Friday  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Tuesday evening  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

TOWN COLLECTOR: 867-0202 193 Main Street  
Donna Gauthier, Town Collector  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Wednesday  
9:00 AM - 12 PM  
Tuesday evening  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

HASTON FREE LIBRARY: 867-0208 161 Main Street  
Ann Kidd, Director  
Monday and Wednesday  
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Tuesday  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Thursday  
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

BOARD OF HEALTH: 867-0201 14 Bell Road  
Lucinda Thompson, Administrative Assistant  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 6:00 PM @ 29 Forest Street

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: 867-0213 58 School Street  
Kim Kort, Administrative Assistant  
Wednesday and Thursday  
9 AM – 2 PM

PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR: 867-8336  
Paul Bouchard, Inspector

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: 867-0200 193 Main Street  
Leslie Burton, Administrative Assistant  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Wednesday  
9:00 AM – 12 PM

Meetings: Tuesday @ 6:30 PM @ 29 Forest Street

SENIOR CENTER: 867-0220 29 Forest Street  
Louise Bouchard, Director  
Monday thru Friday  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

SEWER DEPARTMENT: 867-0211 59 E. Brookfield Road  
Laurie Lapierre, Administrative Assistant  
Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 6:00 PM

WATER DEPARTMENT: 867-0207 14 Bell Road  
Shiela LeBlanc, Administrative Assistant  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 6:00 PM

VETERANS' AGENT: 867-0205 167 Main Street  
John Byszek, Director of Veteran's Services  
Thursday 9 AM -12 PM

WIRING INSPECTOR: 867-0238  
Donald Doe, Inspector

**THE FOLLOWING BOARDS MEET  
ON A MONTHLY BASIS:**

2<sup>nd</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Council on Aging	5:15 PM @ 29 Forest Street
Housing Authority	5:30 PM @ 271 N Main St.
School Committee	7:00 PM @ Elem. School

2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Master Plan Committee	7:00 PM @ 167 Main Street
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2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Conservation Commission	7:00 PM @ 29 Forest Street
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1<sup>st</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Library Trustees	7 PM @ 161 Main Street
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3<sup>rd</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Planning Board	7:00 PM @ 29 Forest Street
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1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Playground Committee	7 PM @ 29 Forest Street
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**TELEPHONE INFORMATION  
FOR ANSWERS ON:**

Assessments	
Board of Assessors	867-0209
Births, Deaths, Marriages	
Town Clerk	867-0203
Building Permits	
Building Inspector	867-0222
Cemeteries	
Cemetery Commissioners	867-7388
Dog Licenses	
Town Clerk	867-0203
Education	
Supt. of Schools	867-9821
Elderly information	
Council on Aging	867-0220
Elections, Voting & Registration	
Town Clerk	867-0203
Garbage & Refuse	
Board of Health	867-0201
Gas Permits	
Gas Inspector	867-8336
Health & Sanitation	
Board of Health	867-0201
Landfill & Septic	
Board of Health	867-0201
Highway & Streets	
Highway Department	867-0213
Housing	
Housing Authority	867-2826
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	
Town Clerk	867-0203
Library	
Haston Public Library	867-0208
Planning	
Planning Board	867-6978
Plumbing Permits	
Plumbing Inspector	867-8336
Recreation	
Playground & Rec	867-2134

Schools	
Superintendent	867-9821
High School	867-7131
Elementary School	867-8326
Selectmen	
Selectmen's Office	867-0200
Sewer	
Sewer Department	867-0211
Tax Collections	
Town Collector	867-0202
Veterans' Benefits	
Veterans' Agent	867-0205
Water	
Water Department	867-0207
Wiring Permits	
Wiring Inspector	867-0238
Zoning	
Board of Appeals	867-0203

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Number	
24 hours per day	911

Non-Emergency Number	867-0206
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or by calling Dispatch Center	867-1170
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Number	
24 hours per day	911

Non-Emergency Number	867-0210
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Burning Permits	867-1066
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Smoke Alarms	867-0210
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Number	
24 hours per day	911

Non-Emergency Number	867-0237
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## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Accountant	<a href="mailto:accountant@northbrookfield.net"><u>accountant@northbrookfield.net</u></a>
Board of Assessors	<a href="mailto:assessors@northbrookfield.net"><u>assessors@northbrookfield.net</u></a>
Building Inspector	<a href="mailto:building@northbrookfield.net"><u>building@northbrookfield.net</u></a>
Town Clerk	<a href="mailto:clerk@northbrookfield.net"><u>clerk@northbrookfield.net</u></a>
Town Collector	<a href="mailto:collector@northbrookfield.net"><u>collector@northbrookfield.net</u></a>
Board of Health	<a href="mailto:nbboh@verizon.net"><u>nbboh@verizon.net</u></a>
Highway Department	<a href="mailto:nbhighwaydept1@netzero.com"><u>nbhighwaydept1@netzero.com</u></a>
Master Plan Committee	<a href="mailto:nbmpl812@aol.com"><u>nbmpl812@aol.com</u></a>
Police Department	<a href="mailto:nbpd@charterinternet.com"><u>nbpd@charterinternet.com</u></a>
Board of Selectmen	<a href="mailto:selectmen@northbrookfield.net"><u>selectmen@northbrookfield.net</u></a>
Sewer Department	<a href="mailto:nsewer@verizon.net"><u>nsewer@verizon.net</u></a>
Town Government Committee	<a href="mailto:governmentstudy@northbrookfield.net"><u>governmentstudy@northbrookfield.net</u></a>
Treasurer	<a href="mailto:treasurer@northbrookfield.net"><u>treasurer@northbrookfield.net</u></a>
Water Department	<a href="mailto:nbwd@verizon.net"><u>nbwd@verizon.net</u></a>
Webmaster	<a href="mailto:webmaster@northbrookfield.net"><u>webmaster@northbrookfield.net</u></a>

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>SELECTMAN</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Robert O. Lane	2008
James J. Foyle	2009
James N. Caldwell	2010
<u>MODERATOR</u>	
Eugene V. Caille, Jr.	2010
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>	
Sheila A. Buzzell	2010
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</u>	
Margaretmary I. Hanson	2008
Jeffrey S. Hicks	2008
Eric M. Hevy	2009
Brent A. Hildick	2009
Alexandra T. Caldwell	2010
<u>WATER COMMISSIONER</u>	
John D. Thomasian	2008
Tim Nason	2009
James F. Kularski	2010
<u>ASSESSOR</u>	
Priscilla A. Johnson	2008
Reedy J. Nealer, Jr.	2009
Sheila A. Buzzell	2010
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>	
Catherine E. Strandberg	2008
John S. Alphin	2009
Charlotee M. Lewengrub	2010

TREE WARDEN

Anthony Holway 2009

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

James J. Foyle 2008

Frances C. Herard 2009

John J. Lane 2010

CONSTABLES

Douglas J. Blood 2010

Richard R. Ferguson, Sr. 2010

Peter C. Fullam 2010

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Christine V. Bennett 2008

Betty S. Wuelfing 2008

Harbour Fraser Hodder 2009

Ellen M. Smith 2009

Thomas J. Skowron 2009

Richard Miller 2010

Nichole D. Mooney 2010

PLANNING BOARD

Stephen W. Cummings 2008

Donald Doe, Jr. 2009

John J. Nothardt 2010

Mary Walter 2012

Donald J. Gillette 2011

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Richard P. LeBlanc 2008

Keith W. Churchill 2009

David G. Hanson 2010

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Claudette Marshall	2008
John D. Krusell	2009
Richard L. Caron, Jr.	2010
Darlene M. Lavin	2011

SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY REGIONAL  
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Donald J. Gillette	2008
Francis A. Lamothe	2009

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**  
FY 2008

The following persons are appointed by the Board of Selectmen to the offices hereafter named to begin a new term of service effective July 1, 2007:

Administrative Assistant	Leslie Scott Burton
Animal Control Officer	Douglas Blood
Assistant Animal Control Officer	William Mansfield
Bell Ringer	Trish Miller
Assistant Bell Ringer	Thomas Miner
Building Inspector	John Couture
Local Inspector	Jeff Taylor
Caretaker of Town Clock	James Black
Constable	Arthur Tatro
Council on Aging Director	Louise Bouchard
E911 Coordinator	Aram Thomasian, Jr.
Emergency Management Director	Douglas Blood
Fence Viewers	Larry Thayer
	Richard Dupre, Sr.
Fire Chief	James Black
Deputy Fire Chief	Russell Emerson
Assistant Fire Chief	Brad Gannon
Gas Inspector	Paul Bouchard
Assistant Gas Inspector	James Bergeron
Gypsy Moth & Elm Tree Supt	Anthony Holway
Hazardous Waste Coordinator	John Alphin
Harbormaster	Douglas Blood
Historian	Eugene Caille
Insurance Commissioner	Leslie Scott Burton
Janitor of Town Hall	Thomas Miner
Local Emergency Planning	Douglas Blood
	Aram Thomasian, Jr.
	James Black
	Gary Jean
Lumber Surveyors	vacant
	vacant
Milk Inspector	Colin Holmes
Outreach Coordinator	Barbara Harrington
Parking Fines Clerk	Donna Gauthier

Planning Board Alternates	Sheila Buzzell
	Troy Brown
	Robert Bishop
Plumbing Inspector	Paul Bouchard
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	James Bergeron
Police Chief	Aram Thomasian, Jr.
Sergeant	Douglas Blood
Sergeant	Ryan Daley
Patrolman	David Churchey
Patrolman	Adam Kachadoorian
Patrolman	Christopher Donais
Part time police officers:	
Sgt. Charles Buchanan	
Reserve Officer Jesse Berard	
Reserve Officer Paul Dacey	
Reserve Officer Richard Ferguson, Sr.	
Reserve Officer David O'Brien	
Reserve Officer Anthony Thomasian	
John Murphy, Special Police Officer	
Anne Jannette, Matron	
Mary Peloquin, Matron	
Public Weigher	Thomas Hubacz
Quaboag Valley Economic Development	vacant
Right to Know Coordinator	Leslie Scott Burton
Safety Inspector	James Black
SCM Elderbus Board of Directors	Louise Bouchard
Supt of Streets & Highways,	
Sidewalks, Bridges	Gary Jean
Town Accountant	Nancy Nykiel
Town Collector	Donna Gauthier
Town Counsel	Kopelman and Paige
Town Hall Agent	Leslie Scott Burton
Town Treasurer	Anne Jannette
Veterans' Agent	John Byszek
Webmaster	vacant
Wire Inspector	Donald Doe
Assistant Wire Inspector	Troy Brown
Zoning Enforcement Officer	John Couture

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dane Falardeau	2008
Christine Morrisson	2009
Carl Gustafson	2009
Scott Patten	2010
Ronald Gray	2010
vacant	Alternate

COUNCIL ON AGING

Rose Marchessault	2008
Reedy Nealer	2008
Cecilia Daniels	2008
Ann Nealer	2009
Julie McCarthy	2009
Violet Rogacevicz	2009
Shelley Fullam	2010
Henry Munns	2010
Elaine Allen	2010
Elaine Sullivan Lane	Alternate
George Cross	Alternate
Cathy Strandberg	Alternate

ELECTION WORKERS

REPUBLICANS

Warden: John Krusell  
Deputy Warden: Holly Smith  
Deputy Warden: Lisa Kularski  
Deputy Warden: Gerald St. John

UNENROLLED

Deputy Warden: Rosemary Mackenzie

Deputy Warden: Leigh Darrin

BALLOT CLERKS & INSPECTORS (REPUBLICANS)

Holly Smith

Ruth Ann Smith

Ellen Varney

Karen Doe

Lisa Kularski

Gerald St. John

TALLY CLERKS & INSPECTORS (REPUBLICANS)

Ruth Ann Smith

Karen Doe

Holly Kularski

Lisa Kularski

Ellen Varney

BALLOT CLERKS AND INSPECTORS (UNENROLLED)

Elizabeth Baldyga

Patricia Miller

Rosemary Mackenzie

Donna Gauthier

Ellen Smith

Carole Ryback

Shiela LeBlanc

Ann Whigham

Joanne Ford

Leigh Darrin

Susan St. John

TALLY CLERKS AND INSPECTORS (UNENROLLED)

Beverly Mimeault

Rosemary Mackenzie

Patricia Miller

Elizabeth Baldyga

Donna Gauthier

Susan St. John

Leigh Darrin

Carole Ryback

Shiela LeBlanc  
Ann Whigham  
Joanne Ford

**BALLOT CLERKS & INSPECTORS (DEMOCRATS)**

Pamelia Leach  
Rita Lemieux  
Dorothy Revene  
Annette Wetnika  
Priscilla Johnson  
Harbour Fraser Hodder  
Robin Thomasian

**TALLY CLERKS AND INSPECTORS (DEMOCRATS)**

Patrice Cronin  
Priscilla Johnson  
Annette Wetnika  
Robin Thomasian

**FINANCE COMMITTEE & SPECIAL TOWN EMPLOYEES**

vacant	2008
Frank Hubacz, Jr.	2008
James Baird	2009
Greg Kline	2009
James Fraser	2010
Robert Gailey	2010
James Lovett	2010
Raeann Caron	Alternate

**HISTORIC COMMISSION**

vacant  
vacant  
John Krusell  
Brandon Avery  
DonnaMarie Girouard

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Anne Jannette  
Leslie Scott Burton  
Gary Jean  
Aram Thomasian, Jr.  
Stephen Jones  
Rodney Jenkins  
Fran Lamothe

LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Helen Foyle  
Richard Miller  
Thomas Skowron, Chairman  
Harbor Fraser Hodder  
Robert LaFlamme  
Margy O'Donnell  
Ellen Smith  
Ann Kidd  
James Caldwell, ex-officio

LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

Harbor Fraser Hodder, Chairperson  
Ann Hicks  
Elisabeth Hyder  
Robin Reynolds  
Christine Kurtz  
Paulette Adams  
Jason Nagle  
Trevor Bruso  
Emily Hodder  
Margy O'Donnell

LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS COMMITTEE

Michael Tillotson, co-chair	2008
Paul Leblanc, co-chair	2008
Ellen Smith	2008
Sam Jackson	2009
Steven Caputo	2009
Byron Ake	2009
Chris Cloutier	2010
Sheila Orsi	2010

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

Mary Walter, Chairman	
Stephen Cummings	
James Foyle	
Brandon Avery	
James Metcalf	
Ann Hicks	
Thomas Lewandowski	
David Hanson	
Carol Cutrumbes	
Robert Gailey	Alternate
Priscilla Johnson	Alternate
Robert Bishop	Alternate
Aram Thomasian, Jr.	Alternate
John Cutrumbes	Alternate
Carl Gustafson	Alternate
Sue Lewandowski	Alternate
John Northardt	Alternate
William King	Alternate
Lawrence Underwood	Alternate
Sheila Buzzell	Alternate
Joseph Zegarra	Alternate
Ken Paradis	Alternate
Donald Doe	Alternate

NORTH BROOKFIELD DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

James Foyle  
James Metcalf  
Ray Hebert

NORTH BROOKFIELD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Douglas Blood  
Richard Dupre, Sr.  
Richard Dupre, Jr.  
Nick Dupre  
Sean Butler  
Robert Filipkowski  
Tomas Ruiz  
Shane Thomas  
Mike German  
Anthony Thomasian  
Roland Zuidema, Jr.  
Timothy Sickles  
Michael Goldsmith

POLICE FACILITY COMMITTEE

Aram Thomasian, Jr.  
Paul Dacey  
Anne Jannette  
Eric Hevy  
Robert Filipkowski

QUABOAG PLANTATION 350<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Madaline Arn  
Brandon Avery  
Kirk Burnham  
Eugene Caille, Jr.  
Howard Forte

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Jeannette Anderson  
Stanley Hanson  
Matthew C. Benvenuti

2008  
2009  
2010

Helen Foyle

Temporary Registrar

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Aram Thomasian, Jr., ex-officio  
James Black, ex-officio  
Gary Jean, ex-officio  
Robert Lane, ex-officio  
David Brown  
George Cross  
Valerie Morin  
Robert Filipkowski  
Peter Shipman

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Donald Smith	2008	
Charles Haddock	2009	
Laurence Thayer	2010	
Chief Operator WWTP		Rodney Jenkins
Asst Operator WWTP		Adam Korabowski
Operator WWTP		Michael Mercandante

TOWN BEACH COMMITTEE

Gary Madrazzo	2008
Anthony Zalauskas	2009
Douglas Blood	2010

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Anthony Holway  
Carl Gustafson  
Richard Bouley

TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

Claudette Marshall  
Janet Valdakis  
Merry Obrzut

TOWN HOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE

James Caldwell

James Foyle

Robert Lane

Eugene Caille

Joseph Zegarra

Julie McCarthy

TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Raeann Caron

David Brown

Vacant

Vacant

Vacant

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Robert Bishop 2008

Dale Kiley 2009

Thomas Waugh 2010

Alternates: Carole Ryback  
Michael Toomey  
John Krusell  
Stephen Cummings

## VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded	49
Marriages Recorded	27
Deaths Recorded	36

### MARRIAGES RECORDED 2007

#### JANUARY

6 Louis B. Grace, North Brookfield  
Linda J. Steenkamp, North Brookfield

#### FEBRUARY

7 Nicole M. Barre, North Brookfield  
Travis C. Woodworth, North Brookfield  
18 Jennifer A. Schmidt, North Brookfield  
Daniel De Castro Mather, Manchester, UK  
23 Julie A. Parker, North Brookfield  
Kerry J. Cyganiewicz Sr., North Brookfield

#### MARCH

6 Barry G. Los, East Brookfield  
Brandi L. Bliss, East Brookfield

#### APRIL

21 Patricia A. Brennan, Parkville, MD  
Robert M. Dressel, Parkville, MD

#### MAY

26 Tina R. Fernandez, Methuen, MA  
Benjamin R. Ricard, Sturbridge, MA  
26 Michelle Daignault, North Brookfield  
William E. Cimbrello, North Brookfield

#### JUNE 2

Leslie A. Miner, East Brookfield  
Lee N. Churchey, East Brookfield

9 Melissa R. Jackson, North Brookfield  
Thomas R. Hawkes, North Brookfield

- 16 Shawn E. Ryan, New Braintree  
Jennifer A. B. Costigan, New Braintree  
23 David M. Hast, North Brookfield  
Dawn B. Oakes, North Brookfield  
23 Carlos A. Castro, North Brookfield  
Darcy E. Snow, North Brookfield  
23 Eric A. Drake, North Brookfield  
Janine C. Bean, North Brookfield

#### JULY

- 7 Arlene Lopez, North Brookfield  
Felix D. Gomez, North Brookfield  
21 Amber F. Rose, Brighton, MA  
Jared M. Wimberly, Brighton, MA  
21 Stephen P. Ottman, North Brookfield  
Ashley M. Cummings, North Brookfield

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Anthony B. Caron, Charlton, MA  
Paula A. Elder, Charlton, MA  
4 David R. Vincent, North Brookfield  
Linda M. Parkins, North Brookfield  
21 Stuart G. Aucoin, North Brookfield  
Jennifer A. Carey, North Brookfield  
22 Kathryn N. Howe, North Brookfield  
Gregory M. Guertin, Jr., North Brookfield  
22 Maureen D. Kelly, North Brookfield  
Matthew R. Kline, North Brookfield

#### OCTOBER

- 5 Tracyne Hines, Philadelphia, PA  
Jethaniel Nixon Sr., Philadelphia, PA  
13 Michelle L. Dupuis, North Brookfield  
Kyle S. Roberts, North Brookfield  
13 Megan L. Odiorne, North Brookfield  
Nicholas D. Caron, North Brookfield  
20 Rebecca L. Smith, North Brookfield  
Jason R. Strom, North Brookfield  
27 Kimberly B. Flamand, North Brookfield  
Aaron P. Frechette, North Brookfield

## DEATHS RECORDED IN 2006

### DECEMBER

19	Evelyn W. Judycki	85
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## DEATHS RECORDED IN 2007

### JANUARY

14	Carol A. Gilbert	67
17	Lena M. Southworth	87
19	Florence E. Barnes	91

### FEBRUARY

5	Eva M. Smith	89
15	Pauline C. Moran	80
18	Elizabeth Bailie	53
26	Hamilton Lincoln Jr.	66

### MARCH

17	Nellie Chaput	91
25	Richard E. Veinot	64
28	Raymond H. Morrison	75
31	Homer B. Lincoln Jr.	87

### APRIL

1	Paula C. Hardy	48
7	Beverly D. Hevy	66
14	Bertina R. Boulette	89
16	Donna M. Pariseau	49
19	Theresa E. Lemieux	77
20	Julianne Caron	18

MAY

11	Bernard M. Cameron	82
30	Mildred Aubertine	82

JUNE

9	Louis J. Karbowski	87
18	Robert S. Tugie	62
24	Priscilla A. Waite	92

AUGUST

13	John J. Sandman	83
17	Charles E. Anderson Jr.	87
24	Statia M. Stickle	86

SEPTEMBER

16	Helen R. Smith	93
17	Raymond D. Hayden	95
27	Lois E. King	90

OCTOBER

1	Pauline D. Corbeil	85
19	Fernando Sousa	87
20	Dora Wojnas	91
20	Mildred G. Lazarick	90

NOVEMBER

3	Paul W. Spence Jr.	68
30	Dale E. Murphy	53

DECEMBER

13	David L. Mallon	59
15	Ellen M. Alexander	46

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2007  
32 VOTERS**

ARTICLE 1

Voted to transfer the sum of \$45,000.00 from the Unemployment Account to the Town House Renovations Account to develop a RAM plan for the Town House soil contamination.

ARTICLE 2

Voted to transfer the sum of \$4,600.00 from the Unemployment Account to the Fire Department Expense Account.

ARTICLE 3

Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Unemployment Account to the Fire Department Training Account.

ARTICLE 4

Voted to transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 from the Unemployment Account to the Highway Salary Account.

ARTICLE 5

Voted to transfer the sum of \$300.00 from the Unemployment Account to the Board of Health Expense Account.

ARTICLE 6

Voted to transfer the sum of \$2,800.00 from the Unemployment Account to the Assessors Copy Machine Expense Account.

ARTICLE 7

Voted to take no action on this article.(Downey Road Sewer Acct.)

ARTICLE 8

Voted to accept Chapter 122 of the Acts of 2006 in the amount of \$89,669.00.

ARTICLE 9

Voted to accept Chapter 291C of the Acts of 2007 in the amount of \$194,891.00.

ARTICLE 10

Voted to support the efforts of the Police Facility Study Committee in designing and constructing a new police facility.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

SHEILA A. BUZZELL  
TOWN CLERK

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
MAY 7, 2007  
117 BALLOTS CAST**

SELECTMAN FOR 3 YEARS

JAMES N, CALDWELL	90
ALL OTHERS	5
BLANKS	22

MODERATOR FOR 3 YEARS

EUGENE V. CAILLE, JR.	101
BLANKS	3

TOWN CLERK FOR 3 YEARS

SHEILA A. BUZZELL	106
BLANKS	11

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 3 YEARS

ALEXANDRA T. CALDWELL	88
ALL OTHERS	5
BLANKS	24

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR 3 YEARS

JAMES F. KULARSI	100
ALL OTHERS	2
BLANKS	15

ASSESSOR FOR 3 YEARS

SHEILA A. BUZZELL	104
BLANKS	13

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR 3 YEARS

CHARLOTTE M. LEWENGRUB	93
ALL OTHERS	3
BLANKS	21

PLANNING BOARD FOR 5 YEARS

MARY WALTER	93
ALL OTHERS	3
BLANKS	21

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER FOR 3 YEARS

JOHN J. LANE	95
ALL OTHERS	1
BLANKS	21

LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR 3 YEARS(VOTE FOR 3)

RICHARD R. MILLER	93
NICOLE D. MOONEY	92
BLANKS	49

CONSTABLES FOR 3 YEARS (VOTE FOR 3)

DOUGLAS J. BLOOD	95
RICHARD R. FERGUSON, SR.	93
PETER C. FULLAM	95
BLANKS	68

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE FOR 3 YEARS

DAVID HANSON	7
ALL OTHERS	14
BLANKS	96

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

SHEILA A. BUZZELL  
TOWN CLERK

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 11, 2007  
45 VOTERS**

ARTICLE 2

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to hear and act upon the reports of the Selectmen and Town Officials and Boards.

ARTICLE 3

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to print the reports of the Selectmen and Town Officials and Boards for the year 2007.

ARTICLE 4

Voted unanimously by a show of hands to postpone action on these articles to June 22, 2007.

ARTICLE 5

Voted to postpone action on this article to June 22, 2007.

ARTICLE 6

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts, bequests, and donations of money and real and personal property given to the Town.

ARTICLE 7

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to authorize the Selectmen to enter into any and all necessary lease agreements and other dispositions of personal property.

ARTICLE 8

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and expend funds that may be available from State and Federal grants.

ARTICLE 9

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to apply for and expend funds that may be available from State and Federal grants.

ARTICLE 10

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to give the Town Treasurer the authority to invest Town funds (General Cash and Sewer Enterprise Funds) in short-term investments as the Treasurer deems prudent for income purposes.

ARTICLE 11

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and transfer titles in the name of the Town of North Brookfield any properties or lands obtained through legally acquired tax title foreclosures.

ARTICLE 12

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to establish a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$6,000.00, to accept donations and fees for payment of services and activities for elders, said funds to be expended by the Council on Aging for payment of these services in FY2008.

ARTICLE 13

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to establish a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$7,000.00, to accept donations and fees for the elder transportation program "Senior Wheels", said funds to be expended by the Council on Aging for payment of stipends to volunteer drivers in FY2008.

ARTICLE 14

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands to establish a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$20,000.00, to accept donations and fees for payment of services and activities at the North Brookfield Fire Training Center, said funds to be expended by the North Brookfield Fire Department for payment of use of the training center in FY2008.

ARTICLE 15

Voted to postpone action on this article to June 22, 2007. See article 4.

ARTICLE 16

Voted favorably by a unanimous show of hands with respect to the Downey Road sewer extension project funded under Article 28 of the November 10, 2006 Special Town Meeting, to authorize the Sewer Commission to assess 100% of the cost to the Town of the project upon those properties that benefit from the project by means of privilege fees by the uniform unit method.

ARTICLE 17

Voted unanimous by hand count to discontinue Smith Road and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release whatever right, title, or interest the Town has in Smith Road on such terms and conditions and for such monetary consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Selectmen shall deem appropriate.

ARTICLE 18

Voted (Yes-39 No -0) and declared unanimous to amend the Town of North Brookfield By-Laws, Chapter V, Duties of Selectmen, by adding Section 6 as follows:

Section 6. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) consisting of five members and two alternates. The CIPC is comprised of a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of or appointed by the Finance Committee, a member of or appointed by the Planning Board, and two members-at-large along with two alternates appointed by the Board of Selectman. Any vacancies shall be filled in the same manner by the appropriate authority for the balance of the term

Appointment is a two year term (except in the case of the first year, the two members-at-large only serve one year). The CIPC will elect a chair and secretary and follow public meeting format. The CIPC is responsible for maintaining project improvement information in a historical file for subsequent committees.

The CIPC receives proposed capital improvement projects from town departments and ranks all proposed projects in priority order. The prioritized list of projects is compared to sources of available funds in order to establish a recommended sequence of project funding over a five year horizon. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

Prior to the Annual Town Meeting the CIPC delivers to the Selectmen a recommended list of projects and capital budget for the next fiscal year along with a capital improvement forecast for the next four fiscal years.

The CIPC will follow schedules which allow for the presentation of the recommended project list and capital budget to the selectmen by March 1<sup>st</sup> preceding the annual town meeting. In order to accomplish this objective the CIP team will follow the following guidelines:

By November first of each year, all offices, boards, and committees, give to the CIPC, on forms prepared by it, information concerning all anticipated projects requiring Town Meeting action for the next five years. Projects submitted directly to the warrant by citizen petition are not subject to direct evaluation by the CIP process. However the CIPC can be called upon to make recommendations concerning impact of projects proposed by citizen petition on the overall town capital improvement program.

Meeting adjourned until June 22, 2007

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

SHEILA A. BUZZELL  
TOWN CLERK

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2007  
48 Voters**

ARTICLE 1

Voted to transfer the sum of \$24,000.00 from the Unemployment Account to the 2007 Police Ford Crown Victoria Expense.

ARTICLE 2

Voted to transfer the sum of \$12,000.00 from the Unemployment Account to the 2006 Police Ford Expedition Expense Account.

ARTICLE 3

Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,700.00 from the Library Salary Account to the Library Expense Account.

ARTICLE 4

Voted to transfer the sum of \$138.00 from Water Salaries – Overtime Account to the Water Salaries – Operator Account.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

SHEILA A. BUZZELL  
TOWN CLERK

**ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2007  
54 Voters**

ARTICLE 4 (first of ten motions)

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for salaries and expenses to operate the following departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

Town Moderator			
Salary	101.00		101.00
Selectmen			
Salary	.00		
Expenses	3,500.00		3,500.00
Administrative Assistant Salary			34,144.00
Finance Committee			
Expenses	200.00		200.00
Accountant			
Salary	31,093.00		
Software Support	4,205.00		
Expenses	1,000.00		36,298.00
Single Audit			12,000.00
Board of Assessors			
Salaries	59,070.00		
Expenses	4,600.00		63,670.00
Revaluation			1,000.00
Treasurer			
Salary	28,746.00		
Expenses	3,000.00		
Banking/Payroll	8,200.00		
Tax Titles	3,000.00		42,946.00

Town Collector			
Salary	36,898.00		
Clerk Salary	8,563.00		
Software Support	4,200.00		
Expenses	6,039.00		
Computer Billing	1,550.00		
Postage Machine	1,390.00		
Tax Titles	2,000.00		60,640 .00
Parking Fines			
Clerk Salary	553.00		
Expenses	450.00		1,003.00
Town Counsel	30,000.00		
Bond and Legals	2,500.00		32,500.00
Town Clerk			
Salary	21,821.00		
Clerk Salary	4,876.00		
Expense	900.00		27,597.00
Elections and Census			
Salary	3,700.00		
Expenses	6,050.00		
Registrars' Salaries	1,181.00		10,931.00
Dog License Expense			200.00
Conservation Commission			
Clerk Salary	800.00		
Expenses	1,500.00		2,300.00
Planning Board			
Clerk Salary	1,000.00		
Expenses	775.00		1,775.00
Central Mass Regional Planning			1,074.00
Zoning Board of Appeals			
Clerk Salary	635.00		
Expenses	755.00		1,390.00
Telephone Expense			12,000.00

Town House		
Janitor Salary	5,787.00	
Expenses	9,000.00	14,787.00
Town Offices Expense		25,000.00
Town Report Expense		2,000.00
Technology Expense		6,000.00

and I further move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for a Reserve Fund under the control of the Finance Committee.

Total	\$413,056.00
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ARTICLE 4 (second of ten motions)

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for salaries and expenses to operate the following departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

Police Department		
Salaries	267,350.00	
Shift Differential	7,350.00	
Secretary Salary	9,155.00	
Overtime	38,000.00	
Career Incentive	25,000.00	
Training Salary	5,565.00	
Part-time Salary	19,326.00	
Expenses	44,610.00	
Bullet Proof Vests	2,620.00	
Police Offices Expense	12,500.00	431,476.00
Fire Department		
Salaries	24,705.00	
Training	28,335.00	
Expenses	26,653.00	
Weekend Staffing	.00	79,693.00
Building Inspector		
Salary	13,641.00	
Assistant Inspector Salary	383.00	
Expenses	945.00	14,969.00
Gas Inspector		
Salary		1,085.00

Plumbing Inspector			
Salary	2,659.00		
Assistant Inspector Salary	383.00		
Expenses	75.00		3,117.00
Wiring Inspector			
Salary	3,246.00		
Assistant Inspector Salary	383.00		3,629.00
Safety Inspector			
Salary			1,778.00
Animal Control			
ACO Salary	6,264.00		
Assistant Salary	540.00		
Expenses	2,000.00		8,804.00
NBEMA Expense			500.00
Care of Trees			
Warden Salary	126.00		
Tree Maintenance	9,000.00		9,126.00
		Total	\$554,177.00

ARTICLE 4 (third of ten motions)

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of for salaries and expenses to operate the School Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

North Brookfield Schools	5,650,528.00
Bay Path Regional Vocational School	216,854.00
Bay Path Buy In	15,057.00
Total	\$5,882,439.00

ARTICLE 4 (fourth of ten motions)

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for salaries and expenses to operate the Highway Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

Highway Department		
Salaries	134,393.00	
Expenses	94,500.00	
Snow and Ice	126,628.00	
Street Lighting	30,000.00	
	Total	\$385,521.00

ARTICLE 4 (fifth of ten motions)

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for salaries and expenses to operate the Cemetery Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

Cemetery Department		
Salaries	5,000.00	
Commissioners' Salaries	2,120.00	
Expenses	6,151.00	
Burials and Administration	5,406.00	
	Total	\$18,677.00

And I further move that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from Cemetery Trust Funds to the Cemetery Salary Account.

ARTICLE 4 (sixth of ten motions)

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for salaries and expenses to operate the Board of Health Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

Board of Health		
Commissioners' Salaries	2,151.00	
Clerk Salary	15,814.00	
Food Inspector Salary	2,000.00	
Inspector Salary	2,402.00	
Animal Quarantine	637.00	
Expenses	19,738.00	42,742.00
Landfill Monitors' Salaries	35,188.00	
Landfill Expenses	6,000.00	
Landfill Contracts	91,000.00	132,188.00
	Total	\$174,930.00

ARTICLE 4 (seventh of ten motions)

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for salaries and expenses to operate the Veteran's Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

Veteran's Department			
Agent's Salary	3,482.00		
Expenses	250.00		
Veteran's Benefits	1,000.00		
		Total	\$4,732.00

ARTICLE 4 (eighth of ten motions)

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for salaries and expenses to operate the Library Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

Library:			
Salaries	54,143.00		
Expenses	38,815.00		
		Total	\$92,958.00

ARTICLE 4 (ninth of ten motions)

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for salaries and expenses to operate the following departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

Council on Aging			
Director Salary	24,070.00		
Janitor Salary	2,411.00		
Outreach Salary	11,750.00		
Senior Wheels Expense	3,000.00		
Expenses	14,000.00		55,231.00
Playground and Recreation			
Salary	486.00		
Expenses	2,783.00		3,269.00
Town Beach Committee			
Salary	8,710.00		
Expenses	2,230.00		10,940.00



ARTICLE 5

Voted to expend the following sums of money, under the direction of the Sewer Commissioners, for salaries and expenses to fund the Sewer Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

Sewer Department

Superintendent salary	59,876.00
Asst. Supt salary	47,825.00
Operator salary	33,051.00
Overtime	21,750.00
Admin Asst salary	18,956.00
Commissioners' salary	2,228.00
Accountant salary	3,561.00
Treasurer salary	2,037.00
Collector Clerk salary	2,340.00
Other Salaries	2,000.00
Expenses	524,125.00
WWTP Debt #1	64,103.00
WWTP Interest #1	76,937.00
WWTP Debt #2	22,500.00
WWTP Interest #2	26,480.00
Little Canada Temp Interest	17,400.00

Total \$925,169.00

ARTICLE 15 (JIM F)

Voted to take no action on this article. (Master Plan)

Meeting dissolved at 8:09 PM

A True Copy Attest:

Sheila A. Buzzell  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2007  
164 VOTERS**

ARTICLE 1

Voted by ballot vote (YES - 33) (NO - 119) did not pass to borrow the sum of \$4,047,192.00 to pay costs of constructing an addition to, renovating, remodeling, and making extraordinary repairs to the North Brookfield Town House (town hall), including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Town to apply for and accept any grants or loans available for the project, provided, however, that no amounts shall be borrowed or expended for this project unless and until the voters of the Town shall have voted to exclude such amounts from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so called, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend these and any other funds raised or grants received for the renovation and expansion of the town hall.

A True Copy Attest:

Sheila A. Buzzell  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION  
OCTOBER 15, 2007  
386 VOTERS**

BALLOT QUESTION:

SHALL THE TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 2 ½, SO CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE BOND ISSUED IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION TO, RENOVATE, REMODEL AND MAKE EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS TO THE TOWN HOUSE (TOWN HALL), INCLUDING COSTS INCIDENTAL AND RELATED THERETO?

YES - 47                      **DID NOT PASS**  
NO - 339

TOTAL - 386 BALLOTS CAST

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

SHEILA A. BUZZELL  
TOWN CLERK

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2007**  
**75 VOTERS**

ARTICLE 1

Voted to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the FY07 Unpaid Bills Account.

ARTICLE 2

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,996.25 to the Library Bond Interest Account.

ARTICLE 3

Voted to transfer the sum of \$375,000.00 from Free Cash to the Group Insurance Account.

ARTICLE 4

Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,400.00 from the Overlay Surplus to the Town Clerk Elections and Census Expense Account.

ARTICLE 5

Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Town Clerk Elections and Census Salary Account.

ARTICLE 6

Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,700.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Treasurer Expense Account.

ARTICLE 7

Vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the GASB 34 Expense Account.

ARTICLE 8

Voted to transfer the sum of \$7,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the School Expense Account to install 3-phase power monitoring at the High School.

ARTICLE 9

Voted to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the School Department Expense Account for the purchase of books and testing materials.

ARTICLE 10

Voted to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,680.00 to the COA Receptionist Salary Account.

ARTICLE 11

Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,820.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the COA Purchase of Services Account to clean and seal coat the Senior Center parking lot.

ARTICLE 12

Voted to transfer the sum of \$9,857.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the NBEMA Emergency Operations Center Account.

ARTICLE 13

Voted to transfer the sum of \$3,900.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Assistant Animal Control Salary Account.

ARTICLE 14

Voted to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Animal Control Expense Account.

ARTICLE 15

Voted to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Police Overtime Account.

ARTICLE 16

Voted to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Police Expense Account for the purchase of gasoline.

ARTICLE 17

Voted to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Hillsville Road Expense Account to cover the costs of engineering the Hillsville Road project.

ARTICLE 18

Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,600.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Hillsville Road Expense Account to pay for the costs of replacing pipe and paving of the Hillsville Road project.

ARTICLE 19

Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Highway Expense Account to pay for the costs of repairs to the road sweeper.

ARTICLE 20

Voted to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Street Sign Expense Account for the purchase of street signs with 6" letters as mandated by the federal government.

ARTICLE 21

Voted to transfer the sum of \$20,150.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Town House Initial Site Investigation Expense Account.

ARTICLE 22

Voted to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account, and \$52,000.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account.

ARTICLE 23

Voted to transfer the sum of \$6,500.00 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Account to the Cemetery Equipment Purchase Account.

ARTICLE 24

Voted to transfer the sum of \$5,690.00 from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account to the Sewer Little Canada Interest Account.

ARTICLE 25

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute an easement agreement with James M. Early and Lynn M. Early, owners of 10 Kittredge Road, North Brookfield, and Paul J. Early and Noreen M. Early, owners of land on 6 and 8 Kittredge Road, for the purpose of relocating a right of way shown as "Right of Way to be Discontinued" on plan entitled "Plan Showing New Location of Right of Way in North Brookfield, MA Over Land of Paul J. and Noreen M. Early and James M. & Lynn M. Early, Owner" dated April 11, 2006 and revised March 26, 2007 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 855, Plan 107 to a new location shown as "New Location of 20' Wide Right of Way" on said plan, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an easement for the right of way and grant a release of rights in and to the former location.

ARTICLE 26

Voted to accept the provisions of MGL Ch. 44, S 53F1/2 establishing the Water Department as an enterprise fund effective with the fiscal year 2009.

ARTICLE 27

Voted to endorse the document entitled "North Brookfield Community Master Plan 2007" prepared by the Master Plan Committee with technical assistance from the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, in accordance with MGL Ch. 41, S 81-D, as the official Master Plan for the Town of North Brookfield.

ARTICLE 28

Voted favorably by a show of hands, yes 43, no 17 to amend the Zoning By-laws under Section IV. USE REGULATIONS: by **adding**:

G. Permitted Use All Districts:

The purpose of this regulation to promote the safe, effective and efficient use of small wind energy systems installed to reduce the on-site consumption of utility supplied electricity.

- A. Permitted uses: Small wind energy systems shall be a permitted use in all zoning classifications where structures of any sort are allowed; subject to certain requirements as set forth below.
  1. Tower Height: In district R-11, R-30, Central Business, General Business the tower height shall be limited to 80 feet. For district R-66, Industrial there is no limitation on tower height, except imposed by FAA regulations.
  2. Set-Back: No part of the Wind system structure except guy wire anchors, may extend closer than 1 ½ times the length of the tower including the turbine to the property boundaries.
  3. Noise: Small wind turbines shall not exceed 60 DBA, as measured at the closest property boundary in perpetuity. The applicant must provide the Building Inspector with onsite test results performed by a certified or licensed professional of the decibel levels at the closest property boundary, prior to final approval by the Building Inspector.
  4. Approved wind turbine: Small wind turbines must have been approved under the Emerging Technologies program of the California Energy Commission or any other small wind certification program recognized by the American Wind Energy Association.
  5. Compliance with MA State Building Code: Building permits for small wind energy systems shall be accompanied by standard drawings of the wind turbine structure, including the tower base and footings. An Engineered analysis of the tower showing compliance with the MA State Building Code of Massachusetts and certified by a licensed professional engineer shall be submitted. This analysis is frequently supplied by the manufacturer; Wet Stamps shall not be required.
  6. Compliance with FAA Regulations: Small wind energy systems must comply with applicable FAA Regulations, including any necessary approvals for installations close to airports.
  7. Emergency Notification: The local fire department shall be supplied with safety guidelines prior to the issuance of a permit for shutting down the wind energy systems in case of an emergency situation. There shall be  
emergency guidelines posted in area noted by the Fire Department along  
with the appropriate fire extinguisher.

8. Utility Notification: No small wind energy system shall be installed until evidence has been given that the utility company has been informed of the customer's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.
9. Removal Requirement: Any wind turbine facility ceasing to operate within a period of 2 years shall be removed. Cease to operate is defined as not performing the normal functions associated with the wind turbine facility. If all facilities on a wind tower have ceased to operate the tower and all parts of the facility shall also be removed one year from date of notification. The foundation may remain upon approval of the Planning Board.

#### ARTICLE 29

A motion was made, seconded and voted favorably by a show of hands, yes 53, no 1, to amend the Zoning By-laws under Section II: Definitions by adding:

Y. Small Wind Energy System: A wind energy conversion system consisting of a wind turbine, a tower and associated control or conversion electronics, which has a rated capacity of not more than 60 kw and is intended to primarily reduce on-site consumption of utility power.

Y.I. Tower Height: The height above grade of the fixed portion of the tower, including the maximum height of one complete rotation of the turbine.

#### ARTICLE 30

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously in favor by a show of hands to amend the Zoning By-laws under Section IV: Use Regulations by **eliminating**:

##### D. Industrial Districts:

###### 1. Permitted Uses:

- a. Any use permitted under Sect.IV, A,I and A, 2 except h and l ,under A 2. No dwelling shall be erected on a lot less than 66,000 sq. ft in area.
- b. Any use permitted under Sect. IV, B except b, 2a.
- c. Any manufacturing, industrial, warehousing, service, or utility use, including processing, fabrication, assembly, storage and sale provided that all operations shall be conducted in such a way as to confine disturbing smoke.
- d.

**And adding** under Section IV: Use Regulations

##### D. Industrial Districts

###### 1. Permitted Uses:

- a. Any manufacturing, industrial, warehousing, service or utility use including processing, fabrication, assembly, storage and sales. Provided no such use shall be permitted which would be detrimental or offensive in the same or adjoining districts by reason of dirt, odor, fumes, smoke, gas, sewage, refuse, noise, excessive vibration or danger of explosion or fire without approved mediation.
- b. Automobile service station, automobile repair shop, automobile storage garage, automobile salesroom or lot.
- c. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a permitted use on the same premises.
  - f. Wholesale warehouse or storage facility
  - g. Walking, hiking, bicycling, roller-skating, picnicking, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing through established districts.
  - h. Farm including agriculture, horticulture and viticulture provided that the lot is not less than five (5) acres, including facilities for the sale of produce, wine and dairy products, insofar as the majority of such products for sale have been produced by the owner of the land on which the facility is located.

ARTICLE 31

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously in favor by a show of hands to amend the Zoning By-laws under Section VII: Administration: B.2 Special Permits by **changing** the wording from which now reads:

2. Special Permits: To grant a special permit for an exception as provided by Sections of this By-Law when it shall have found that the use involved will not be detrimental to the established or future character of the neighborhood and town and subject to appropriate conditions or safeguards if deemed necessary. Before granting a special permit, the matter shall be referred to the Planning Board, which shall within ten (10) days, have an opportunity to report its recommendations in writing to the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing within sixty-five (65) days of submission of an application for a special permit with notice as specified in Chapter 40A, shall act upon such applications within ninety (90) days following such Public Hearing and shall issue to the applicant forthwith a copy of its decision. A Special Permit granted by the Board of Appeals shall lapse within two (2) years from the date of the granting thereof, if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause, or in the case of construction, if construction has not begun within such time a Special Permit for c except for good cause.

**to read**

- 2. Special Permits: To grant a special permit for an exception as provided by Sections of this By-Law when it shall have found that the use involved will not be detrimental to the established or future character of the

neighborhood and town and subject to appropriate conditions or safeguards if deemed necessary. Any application filed with the Board of Appeals shall be referred upon its receipt by the Board of Appeals to the Planning Board for a written report and recommendation relative thereto as provided by General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81-1 and Chapter 40A Section II. The Planning Board shall make its report to the Board of Appeals by the date of the public hearing as to the application. Failure to make recommendations within thirty-five (35) days of receipt of a special permit application by the Planning Board shall be deemed lack of opposition thereto. For all other applications, the Planning Board shall receive a copy of application materials from the Board of Appeals at least twenty-one (21) days before the public hearing. The Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing within sixty-five (65) days of submission of an application for a special permit with notice as specified in Chapter 40A, shall act upon such applications within ninety (90) days following such Public Hearing and shall issue to the applicant forthwith a copy of its decision. A Special Permit granted by the Board of Appeals shall lapse within two (2) years from the date of the granting thereof, if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause, or in the case of construction, if construction has not begun within such time except for good cause.

A True Copy Attest:

Sheila A. Buzzell  
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2007  
199 VOTERS**

ARTICLE 1.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND VOTED FAVORABLY BY A BALLOT VOTE (YES—140 NO—56 BLANKS—2) TO VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$ 3,113,000.00 TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW POLICE FACILITY, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ALL OTHER COSTS INCIDENTAL AND RELATED THERETO, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT ANY GRANTS OR LOANS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO AMOUNTS SHALL BE BORROWED OR EXPENDED FOR THIS PROJECT UNLESS AND UNTIL THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN SHALL HAVE VOTED TO EXCLUDE SUCH AMOUNTS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 2 ½, SO CALLED, AND TO FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND THESE AND ANY OTHER FUNDS RAISED OR GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW POLICE FACILITY.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

SHEILA A. BUZZELL,  
TOWN CLERK

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION  
DECEMBER 10, 2007  
650 VOTERS**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE RECORD FOR A SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION THAT WAS HELD IN THE TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2007 FOR A DEBT EXCLUSION:

BALLOT QUESTION:

SHALL THE TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION 2 ½, SO CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE BOND ISSUED IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A NEW POLICE FACILITY, INCLUDING COSTS INCIDENTAL AND RELATED THERTO?

YES	365
NO	285
BLANKS	0

TOTAL VOTE: 650

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

SHEILA A. BUZZELL  
TOWN CLERK

# DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2007

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

**2007**

I have logged approximately three hundred ninety seven calls for service. No dogs were euthanized.

Dog licenses are obtained from the Town Clerk. We have approximately one thousand one hundred dogs in North Brookfield. It is very important to keep the current license tag on your dog. The dog licensing is computerized and the current license number will allow for a quick resolve to any dog issues. Please license your dog.

Please keep in mind that your dog must be under your control at all times. Many of the calls received pertain to dogs on other resident's property and complaints of excessive barking. It is important to be considerate of your neighbors.

The dog kennel needs improvement. We continually have a problem with the water supply freezing. Any donation to the dog gift fund would be sincerely appreciated. Thanks to all for the donations received at Hannafords. I look forward to your continued support. The plans for a new kennel are underway and I will be seeking funds in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sgt. Douglas J. Blood  
Animal Control Officer

## ANIMAL INSPECTOR 2007 Report

I hereby submit my Animal Inspector's report for the calendar year of 2007.

1. Cattle (Adults = 2 years and over)	Adult	Young
Number of dairy	175	119
Number of beef	80	60
Number of steer/oxen	0	0
2. Goats (Adults = 1 year and over)	46	16
3. Sheep (Adults = 1 year and over)	11	
4. Swine		
Number of breeders	4	
Number of feeders	0	
Potbelly	0	
5. Equines		
Number of horses	116	7
Number of mini horses	13	3
Number of ponies	6	
6. Number of llamas	3	
7. Poultry		
Number of chickens	8,293	
Number of turkeys	0	
Number of pigeons	150	
Number of parrots	3	
Number of waterfowl	39	
Number of peacocks	17	
Number of doves	1	

8. Number of rabbits	11
9. Other animals	
Mini donkeys	1
Donkeys	6
Mini mules	1
Hamster	1

Animal bites reported in 2007 were 3; 1 from dogs versus cat. These animals were quarantined and released after 10 days. All reports were sent to the Division of Animal Health in Boston.

I currently have 4 cats satisfying a 6 month quarantine period for wounds sustained from suspicious animals or of unknown origin. These animals are monitored and will be released when the quarantine periods are satisfied.

From January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, I quarantined 14 animals with wounds from suspicious animals or of unknown origin. Quarantines are as little as 45 days and as long as 6 months. All reports were sent to the Division of Animal Health in Boston.

Barn inspections and paperwork were completed. Reports and books were sent to the Division of Animal Health in Boston.

During 2006 I investigated 4 animal complaints.

During 2006 I also received reports of 1 bat that was tested for rabies. Results were negative.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie R. Cormier  
Animal Inspector

**BOARD OF ASSESORS**  
**2007 Annual Report**

Value of Real & Personal Property	\$ 447,940,123.00
Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2008	\$ 9.94
Total Parcels of Real & Personal Property	2,263
Exempt Value	\$ 52,599,524.00

Our office is located at 167 North Main St. (in the side alley of the Adams Block)

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

The Town is on a quarterly billing system for Real & Personal Property.

Assessing date is January 1<sup>st</sup>

Fiscal year begins: July 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup>

Whoever is the owner on January 1<sup>st</sup>, will be assessed for the real estate tax for the next fiscal year. If property is sold during the fiscal year, the real estate tax bill may be sent in care of the new owner, however the name of the grantor will remain on the bill until the end of the fiscal year billing.

Real Estate Exemptions available are: Veterans  
Elderly (67 & over)  
Blind  
Surviving Spouse

Qualifying date for exemptions is by July 1<sup>st</sup> (start of the Fiscal Year)

Real Estate abatements are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>

Motor Vehicle Excise: Abatement forms are available in our office

Please call our office if you have any questions on the qualifications for the above Exemptions, on values of Real Estate, Excise Tax or Abatements at 508-867-0209

Respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Buzzell, Chairman  
Reedy J. Nealer, Jr.  
Priscilla A. Johnson

**OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR  
2007**

The following is a list of permits issued for 2007.

- 15 House
- 7 Additions
- 4 Town Houses
- 15 Renovations
- 7 Garages
- 13 Stoves
- 13 Decks porches and sun room
- 10 Sheds
- 2 Demolitions
- 23 Roofs, Windows and Siding
- 15 Pools
- 3 Pole Barns
- 3 Commercial renovations
- 1 Church
- 1 Temp Housing

132 Building Permits

22 Certificates of Inspections were issued

444 Calls returned

Respectfully Submitted,

John Couture  
Inspector of Buildings

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

Considered a top priority recommendation of the Master Plan for Town Government, the Selectmen appointed a Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) Task Force to develop a Capital Improvement Bylaw for consideration of Town residents at the May, 2007 Annual Meeting. The Bylaw was adopted.

On August 23, 2007 the Town received notification that the State Attorney General approved the CIP Bylaw, and on October 16 the Selectmen appointed five members and two alternates to serve on the Committee.

The CIPC began work immediately to create a comprehensive list of Town wide capital improvement projects. The Committee will rank the projects and make recommendations for the feasibility of scheduling and funding over a five-year plan to the Selectmen.

As of the writing of this report the CIPC has received over \$16,000,000.00 in project requests from across Town Departments.

The CIPC will provide its report to the Selectmen on or about March 1, 2008 for consideration in the development of a long term Capital Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Walter, Chair  
Capital Improvement Planning Committee

## 2007 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

As cemetery commissioners we always try to commensurate with those who experience a loss. This year we experienced our own loss with the passing of Homer Lincoln. Homer was the supervisor of the town cemeteries for over 25 years. During that time he always placed a priority on being helpful, understanding, and treating every one with dignity and respect. When Homer was laid to rest we made sure that it was done to his high standards because we knew he would be watching. Pax vobiscum Homer.

The year 2007 continued the challenges of 2006. The Cemetery Commission is striving to computerize administrative and operational activities to provide a quicker response to client needs while consolidating cemetery records. At present the Cemetery Commission is looking to computerize its burial records into a central database that eventually could be accessed through the N. Brookfield website. This database will hopefully be completed in 2008. It is also planned to rename the streets in the cemetery and repair the Boy Scout audio system.

The Cemetery Commission is very fortunate to have dedicated employees in Messrs. David Brown and Gene Belford, with occasional assistance from Ray McKay. Combined, these gentlemen provide enthusiasm, dedication and a sense of pride that furnishes the citizens of North Brookfield one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the region. A note of thanks is also extended to the Highway Department for their continued aid and prompt assistance when requested

Receipts for the year 2007 as compared to 2006, 2005, and 2004 are:

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Burials	\$ 11,050.00	\$ 8,345.00	\$ 5,345.00	\$ 12,990.00
	12 Standard	12 Standard	8 Standard	20 Standard
	9 Cremations	9 Cremations	6 Cremations	9 Cremations
Burial Lot Sales	7,050.00	3,250.00	1,263.80	700.00
Foundation, Marker Placement	1,900.00	1,467.00	1,023.00	907.00
Perpetual Care	3,600.00	1,900.00	1,400.00	500.00
Total Receipts	\$23,600.00	\$14,962.00	\$9,031.80	\$15,097.00

Respectfully submitted:  
North Brookfield Cemetery Commission.

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

### **2007 Annual Report**

The mission of the Council on Aging (COA) is to provide community resources for senior citizens by developing and advocating for social, health and recreational programs that maintain or enhance the quality of their lives. We have an ongoing commitment to inform and educate the community about the needs of our seniors.

The Council on Aging consists of 9 volunteer board members, 2 alternates, and four staff members who work together to develop policies and deliver services to seniors. In June Rev. Richard Carey resigned from the Chairman position after serving in this capacity for more than 6 years. He was a strong advocate for seniors needs as well as supportive and encouraging to the staff.

We are fortunate to have a beautiful Senior Center, located at 29 Forest Street, which is equipped with staff offices, a large function area, several computers with broadband internet access, a small meeting area, and a large kitchen. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm. In 2007 the Senior Center was visited on average 542 times per month.

Throughout the year the "Friends of the North Brookfield Council on Aging" have worked hard to raise funds to further support the programs and services that the COA provides. We are especially grateful to Mr. Roland Gauthier, CPA for his continued guidance and facilitation of this process.

There are approximately 888 senior citizens living in North Brookfield of which an estimated 322 are over 75 years old, and 116 are over 85. These numbers are expected to increase significantly over the next 10 years; the demand for programs and services will definitely grow as well. We have continued to see increases in daily attendance, phone calls, and requests for Outreach services. We feel confident that with the ongoing support of the townspeople, the Board of Selectmen, and with the continued cooperation of the other town departments we will be able to continue providing quality services for the town's senior residents.

Outreach is one of the more important services we provide. Outreach services include help obtaining fuel assistance, food stamps, information and referrals, housing, home visits to homebound, frail seniors, caregiver support, and much more. These services are provided by the Outreach Coordinator, and through a consortium these services are also available to residents of East Brookfield and Brookfield. This year we averaged 200 calls per month for information about programs and services. This program is funded in part with \$3,000 in municipal funds from Brookfield and East Brookfield.

Our Senior Wheels transportation program has been a continued success. With the help of our network of dedicated volunteer drivers, this program provides our seniors with transportation to medical appointments and local pharmacies. Because of our rural location, this service is crucial for the continued independence of many of our seniors. We would welcome new drivers to be part of this very important service to our senior citizens. SCM ElderBus is also available to our senior and disabled citizens for medical and non-medical transportation.

In cooperation with Tri-Valley Inc. we have been able to continue serving hot, nutritious meals three days a week to local and area seniors. Over the last year we served over 3,000 meals. The food is brought in daily from Chartwells at Worcester State College and is served by staff and volunteers at the Senior Center. Tri-Valley Inc. also offers the Meals on Wheels program to homebound seniors.

The Council on Aging is served by more than 50 dedicated volunteers who put in more than 3,000 hours over the course of the year. Without the continued efforts of our volunteers, many programs and services would not be possible.

The COA has continued its commitment to encourage intergenerational programs for the benefit of both generations. Our staff has helped facilitate an Intergenerational Work Program that connects students with seniors who need help with chores and yard work. The Appleseed Montessori Preschool visited this spring to share their talents for our senior citizens and the Girl Scouts brought pleasure with their sweet voices and holiday cookies. During our Christmas open house we had the pleasure of welcoming back the Junior/Senior High School Band, directed by Mr. Anthony Swiercz.

This year we have continued to see an increase in the number of requests for information regarding health insurance and other related issues. We were very fortunate to have Helen Foyle as our in-house SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Counselor who is able to accurately and efficiently dispense this information. After many years serving in this capacity, Helen made the decision in September to retire from this position.

The COA distributed 500 copies each month of the "Senior Connection" newsletter which provides information about upcoming events and other topics of interest. In addition to our monthly Elder Forums that are used to disseminate useful information, we continued to hold a foot clinic monthly and blood pressure clinics weekly. In conjunction with the Board of Health we held the annual flu shot clinic in November. This year we held our first annual Health and Wellness Fair that offered free health screening and information to area residents of all ages.

In addition to the crucial services that the COA provides for the senior citizens of North Brookfield, we were happy to also offer recreational opportunities including billiards, cards and games, puzzles, bingo, exercise classes, summer barbeque, Rotary Club picnic, line dancing, dinner dances, garden club, stitch group, movies, art group, holiday parties, book club, trips, Veterans programs, special entertainment and more.

Staffing is a critical component of our success here at the Senior Center. This year, at the Fall Special Town meeting, we made significant progress when the townspeople voted to partially fund the receptionist position. The receptionist is our front line in the service of our seniors and the COA is extremely grateful for the successful vote for town funds for this position.

We would like to thank the many private residents and area businesses who have donated to our Gift Fund. Your donations are used for programs and services that directly benefit senior citizens. We would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen and townspeople for their increased financial support of the COA and its programs. We know the seniors of our community are deserving and very grateful for the help that we can provide them as their needs continue to grow.

For more information about programs and services call 508-867-0220. The Council on Aging meets at 5:15 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise Bouchard  
Council on Aging/Senior Center Director

#### COA Board

Rev. Richard Carey Chairperson  
Julie McCarthy, Chairperson  
Cecelia Daniels, Treasurer  
Elaine Allen, Recording Secretary  
Violet Rogacevicz  
George Cross, Alternate  
Elaine Lane, Alternate

Shelley Fullam  
Rose Marchessault  
Reedy Nealer  
Henry Munns  
Cathy Strandberg  
Ann Nealer  
John Lane

#### Staff

Louise Bouchard, Council on Aging/Senior Center Director  
Barbara Harrington, Outreach Coordinator  
Joyce Hebert, Program Assistant Operation A.B.L.E.  
Robert Prescott, Program Assistant Operation A.B.L.E.  
Helen Foyle, SHINE Counselor  
James Ford, Custodian

## **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

### **2007 Annual Report**

The North Brookfield Cultural Council continues to support arts and culture in our community. With a \$4,000 allocation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that supports programs in the arts, sciences and humanities, the Council awarded eight grants in 2007, six to local individuals and organizations. Grant recipients were honored at the First Annual Cultural Council Awards Ceremony at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on March 6. North Brookfield residents participated in and enjoyed the following programs throughout 2007:

- NB Cares (\$525), for the promotion of communication within families and the community to foster competent, caring, and responsible children and adolescents through email updates, a webpage, and monthly newsletters.
- "Hats Off to Seniors" (\$325), an intergenerational program by folksinger and storyteller Tim Van Egmond. In April the North Brookfield Council on Aging invited elementary school students and teachers for lunch at the Senior Center, followed by the performance for a huge crowd of all ages.
- "George M. Cohan Tonight" (\$750), a sold-out Memorial Day weekend performance of the one-man musical by the original Off-Broadway cast, put on by the Friends of the Town House to raise funds for the renovation of the Great Hall in the Town House and celebrate North Brookfield history.
- "Life's a Struggle" (\$500), original interactive skits about topical youth issues that were written, produced, and performed by the North Brookfield Youth Center Drama Troupe at the NB Elementary School last June.
- Grand Reopening Celebration of the Haston Free Public Library (\$600) in October. The Friends of the Library provided entertainment by the Bliss Pond Players, who offered Celtic and bluegrass music in the main Reading Room, and the Hickory Strings, who played jazz and contemporary in the Children's Library.
- "Flora and Fauna of North Brookfield" (\$500), the creation of an original oil painting by local artist Ann Hicks. She populated the landscape, set at Horse Pond Reservoir, with native animals and plants that were "commissioned" by 40 people to raise funds for the Haston Library Building Fund. The painting was unveiled at the Grand Reopening and will hang at the library in perpetuity.
- "Reading Is Magic" (\$325), an interactive magic show by Ed "the Wizard" Cope for kids of all ages and families. A packed audience enjoyed the November performance in the new Community Room at the reopened Haston Library. The Cultural Council was proud to support these excellent programs. To guide our future funding, we gathered community wishes last March, via Input Boards posted around town and a Community Input Meeting. Based on one suggestion, the Council hosted its First Annual Free Plant Swap at the Town House Open House in May. For input results and information on how to apply for a 2008 grant (due October 15), go to [www.mass-culture.org/lcc\\_public\\_about.asp](http://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public_about.asp).

Respectfully submitted,  
Harbour Fraser Hodder, Chair  
North Brookfield Cultural Council

**NORTH BROOKFIELD  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
2007 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

The North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency is headed by Director Douglas Blood. NBEMA is currently composed of eight North Brookfield residents who volunteer their time to help assist the other town departments in times of crisis. Members have received state training through attending state sponsored seminars or via online courses.

NBEMA received a \$9,000 appropriation at town meeting to construct an Operations Center at North Brookfield Elementary School. The current center located in the Town Hall must be moved due to renovations. We presently are still working on the room at Elementary School.

One major call out was answered for the Town of Spencer to assist with a water treatment hazard. Drinking water was contaminated by excessive lye being released into the system. We assisted with the decontamination of the citizens.

We now have pagers. All members have completed ICS 200 courses to comply with MEMA and FEMA regulations. Thanks to our members Richard Dupre, Jr., Michael German, Sean Butler, Thomas Ruiz, Roland Zuidema, Richard Dupre, Sr., and Charles Lindgren. Also thanks to Troy Brown and Thomas Ruiz for all their help with the wiring of the new emergency center.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is charged with making recommendations for a budget which, in their opinion, is in the best financial interests of the town. This means considering the needs of a wide constituency ranging from the youngest of families who are interested in securing the best possible education for their children, to the older family who may be on a fixed income and must be able to continue to enjoy a lifestyle consistent to the lifelong effort they have made to secure their welfare, and to those in between who seek to maximize the value of their property and enjoy the prosperity they work so hard for. Sometimes these goals are at odds and difficult to reconcile.

The good news is that the fiscal state of our town is sound and better than that of many in our area. Our stabilization or "rainy day fund" is at about 10% of our budget which means we have a sound reserve and enjoy good bond rates for our borrowing.

The bad news is that this stability continues to be threatened by unfounded state mandates and a Boston-centered government that frequently overlooks the needs of small towns such as North Brookfield. This requires that we watch our spending with great care and not undertake more debt than we can support in bad times as well as good. We must recognize who we are and live within our means.

As we emphasized in our last report, we strongly support the expeditious appointment of a professional manager to run our town on a day-to-day basis, and we encourage all citizens to participate in town meetings and to lobby our legislators to represent our town's interests. Why should we shoulder 100% of school transportation when a child from Warren or West Brookfield rides for free? These are good questions to ask Senator Brewer and Representative Gobi. Why is the financing of our town dependent on Gov. Patrick's Casino proposal? This is a good question to ask the Governor.

North Brookfield has always known how to take care of North Brookfield and will continue to do so, but we need everyone's help and involvement. Make decisions! Come to Town Meeting and get involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Kline  
Chairman

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT 2007**

The board of Fire Engineers respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2007.

There were 510 calls handled by the dispatcher on 911, the Fire Department Emergency number. The Fire Department business number is 867-0210.

131 General Alarms	4 Investigations
10 False Alarms	2 Cellars pumped
13 Still Alarms	24 Drills
10 Mutual Aid out	4 Mutual Aid in

### **PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS**

53 Smoke alarms	2 Underground oil/gas
21 Oil Burners	0 Blasting
15 Propane	0 Gun Powder

During the past year the department has continued an extensive training program under the direction of our own officers and instructors of the Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy. All the members of the department have received many hours of training in firefighting tactics evolution and equipment use. We have completed our SARA training for the year.

We would like to thank the honorable Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Police Department, Highway Department, Water Department, and all town officials for their excellent cooperation during the past year. Also, we would like to thank the town's people for their continued support.

I, as Fire Chief would like to thank the North Brookfield Fire Department for their dedication and loyalty to the department and to the Town of North Brookfield. They truly give 100% whenever they are called upon. Thanks to Richard Chabot, Richard Dupre, John Farmer, John Murphy, and the entire department for the many hours of work spent to keep the equipment in repair.

I would like to thank Quabaug Corporation for the many hours and equipment donated to the department throughout the year. I would also like to thank Kevin Donahue, Mike Gionfriddo, and Jim Barkoskie for their donation to the Firemen's Relief Association.

I would like to thank all who donated to the new training center, with a special thanks to Walter Lee for donating his time and machinery. He has helped North Brookfield make this new training center a reality. We have completed about 2/3rds of the rappelling tower---this will be finished by summer 2008. We still have not completed this center, and could always use help. Again, thanks to all who have helped.

James F. Black, Fire Chief  
Brad Gannon., Deputy Chief  
Joe Holway, Assistant Chief

## **2007 ROSTER**

Captain Timothy Batchelor  
Captain Kevin Rockwood  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant David Tourtellotte

Captain Peter Shipman  
Lieutenant Darin Anderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant David Martin

Blaise Lee  
Justin Montville  
Joseph Truhel  
John Ingemi  
Paul Pasierb  
Eric Hevy  
Don Mailing  
Chris Blood  
Josh Roy  
Richard Johnson

John Farmer  
Thomas Bessette  
John Murphy  
Corey Buzzell  
John Foyle  
Patrick Kiritsy  
Keith Marshall  
George Nolette  
Keith Sanborn  
Timothy Vigars

## **TRAINING OFFICER**

Captain Joseph Holway

## **AUXILIARY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Our Auxiliary unit is an integral part of our department. They participate in all activities of the department, and all vacancies in the Fire Department are filled from their ranks. At present time they do have vacancies.

Anyone 18 years of age or older is eligible for membership in this unit.

## **FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**2007**

Open burning is allowed from January 15<sup>th</sup> to May 1 by permit only, which may be allowed on the day of the burning by calling 867-1066 or 867-0210.

We had no major brush fires this year, which shows that the open burning law is working thanks to you. There were 285 permits issues in 2007.

James F. Black,  
Forest Fire Warden

## **BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT 2007**

The year 2007 was another year of tight budgets for all town departments. The Board of Health continued to adjust income from services to cover our budget expenses and cut services and expenses. We were happy to be able to reopen our Take-It-Or-Leave shed at the Recycling Center after town meeting gave us back some of the money cut from the Center's operating budget. This is a popular service at our Center that we hated to close but it costs us time and money to operate. We are working closely with the Selectmen and Finance Committee to make sure this budget is not cut when we are covering our expenses with the fees charged to use the facility. We thank Pat Kiritsy, the manager of the Recycling Center, the staff; Chet Kacmarczyk, Rene Santos, BJ Bolin and volunteer George Jones who continue to provide a safe Recycling Facility that people enjoy using.

Cindy Thompson, our administrative assistant, continues to be the backbone of all of our Board of Health services. She continues to attend state training sessions on various health board responsibilities and then uses what she has learned to improve the quality of services we provide.

Our Title V agent, Bill Coyle has proven himself as a thorough inspector of plans and installations of septic systems being installed in town. We are also grateful to Don Smith, who does occasional inspections to help out.

Cathy Strandberg continues to very capably handle all our public health outreach activities including a weekly Blood Pressure Clinic held at the Senior Center on Tuesday mornings (all are welcome) the annual flu clinic, cancer prevention outreach, school health, and others.

Colin Holmes, our food inspector, does food, milk and food establishment inspections in a professional and warm manner.

Marie Cormier continues to handle animal quarantines and barn inspections, Thanks Marie.

Cindy Thompson and Charlotte Lewengrub from our board continue to diligently develop our Regional Emergency Dispensing Site Plan. This plan will be put into effect within 24 hours of notification to do so from the state and has, as its goal, the inoculation or medicating of all the citizens of the Brookfields (>12,000 people) within 48-72 hours. Charlotte produced and presented educational seminars on the facility plan, which were well attended by residents from across the region.

After receiving many complaints about Outdoor Wood Fired Boilers the board researched the health effects of improper operation of these units and then looked at regulations from other towns and states. We held two public hearings to discuss the issue and our proposal as a board to regulate how the boilers are installed and operated here in North Brookfield. We adopted a set of regulations that were accepted by the state agency in charge of air quality. Residents interested in installing these boilers need to receive a permit from our board to ensure that they will be installed and operated safely. Residents with existing units also need to prove that their units are installed and operated properly.

We held meetings with the Tobacco Free Network regarding sales of cigarettes to minors after they found Town stores selling cigarette products to minors. The selectmen helped us put pressure on these establishments by threatening to withhold their permits to operate if these illegal sales continued. The board will continue to monitor this issue and enforcement options against violators.

The Recycling Center held two Regional Household Hazardous Waste collections this year with participation from the four Brookfields, Spencer, Hardwick, New Braintree, and Oakham. The events were successful and participation of the citizens was very high.

The Board of Health welcomes participation and volunteers from the community. If you would like more information please contact the Board of Health Office at 508-867-0201.

Respectfully submitted,

John Alphin, Chairman  
Cathy Strandberg,  
Charlotte Lewengrub

**BOARD OF HEALTH INSPECTIONS**  
**2007 Annual Report**

Facilities inspected semi-annually for Food Service Permits: 22

Total Permits Issued:

3	Schools
1	Church
1	Summer Camp
2	Bakeries
1	Supermarket
2	Restaurants
1	Industrial Cafeteria
1	Club (where food is served)
10	Retail Food establishments
15	Milk Permits
2	Mobile Vendors
1	Catering

Any group or organization serving food at any event is required to obtain a temporary Food Permit from the Board of Health Office and are subject to inspection.

7 Temporary Food permits

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Homes  
Food Inspector

**BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT (TITLE 5)  
ANNUAL REPORT  
CALENDAR YEAR 2007**

The following work was completed by Coyle Engineering, Inc from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

<u>TASK</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Percolation/soil evaluation tests witnessed:	25 sites
Deep holes only:	4 sites
Septic plan review: reviewed	40 plans
Septic installation inspections: inspections	31 component
Consulting hours: (includes final cover inspections)	90 hours

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of North Brookfield and I look forward to working for your community in 2008.

Sincerely,

William Coyle, P.E.  
North Brookfield Board of Health Agent

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2007**

The Highway Department is currently comprised of three driver/laborers, one laborer and a superintendent. These 5 people are the workforce that maintains the eighty miles of road in town. A part-time secretary and several part-time snowplow operators complete the staff. In addition to road repairs, road construction and paving, the department performs all highway maintenance including sweeping of streets and sidewalks in the center of town, repairs or replacement of subsurface drainage, replacing or repairing street signs, patching potholes, leaf and rubbish removal from town properties and roadside mowing and trimming. Plowing, sanding and snow removal are done on a seasonal basis.

The department performs equipment maintenance, and repairs most problems on highway department equipment including all welding and fabricating repairs on plows, parts and trucks at a considerable savings to the taxpayers. Our goal in 2008 is to continue upgrading our equipment resulting in the department having a fleet of new and reliable multiple use vehicles.

We continue to place great importance in the reorganization and cleaning of both the exterior and interior of the highway building and grounds, freeing up valuable space to house our equipment. All of this effort has provided us with a safe work environment.

Spring/Summer of 2007 was spent paving roads, upgrading drainage and bridge repair. Our first project included the paving of Mill Road, Downey Road, Crooks Road. and Crooks Crossroad. This was followed by the reclaiming and paving of Elm Street and Old East Brookfield Road from School Street to Lincoln Road. Due to the sudden increase in oil prices, our plans to pave all of Old East Brookfield Road were limited to the above mentioned area. It is our goal to finish this project in 2008/2009 as long as the cost of paving is within our reach with available Chapter 90 funds. This project did include the paving of 3,000 feet of sidewalks with handicap accessibility, new curbing and street signs. We would like to thank all the residents for their patience and understanding while we were paving and for their generosity in providing the work crews with cold drinks throughout the paving project. The replacement of the Hillsville Rd. culverts was completed this Fall.

December 2007 proved to be one of the snowiest months we have experienced in many years. Even though we were faced with back to back storms, both our full and part time work crews served the town well by keeping our roads open and safe for the public. Unfortunately, our sidewalk plow finally saw its last days and

we replaced it with a new 2008 Trakless MT-5 with multiuse attachments. This equipment will plow and sand sidewalks, sweep sidewalks with an attached water tank to comply with the Clean Air Act, and will also be used for roadside mowing. We would also like to thank all the residents who helped out by clearing their sidewalks during this time. A special thanks to North Brookfield Pizza for making sure that we were well fed throughout these storms. Your generosity and caring is always appreciated.

Complete details of the Highway Department activities are available in our quarterly report to the Selectmen, and expenditures are available in the Town Accountant's report. Thank you to all the town departments for their cooperation throughout the year. I would also like to thank and recognize the employees of the Highway Department: Bobby Barnes, Jim Brown, Paul Stumpf, James McKeon, and Kim Kort for all their hard work and dedication in making sure that North Brookfield's roads are safe for all to travel. I would also like to thank Richard Batchelor, Chris Blood, Skip Carlson, Lee Churchey and Tom Miner, our part-time employees who work many, long hours during snowstorms keeping roads safe for everyone in the community. A special thanks to Al Fairbrother for the excellent job keeping our sidewalks clear for so many years. We will miss you!

We would also like to thank Huck's Diesel and their employees for always being there for us to make sure our equipment is well repaired and ready for us to keep our roads safe during snowstorms.

As we enter 2008, we look forward to providing everyone in our community with the best service possible, always keeping foremost in our minds their safety as they travel our roads.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. Jean  
Highway Superintendent

**NORTH BROOKFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**2007 Annual Report**

Gentlemen:

The housing authority is pleased to submit the following report for 2007.

Board of directors is as follows:

Richard Caron,	Chairperson
Claudette Marshall,	Vice-Chairperson
Darlene Lavin,	Treasurer
John Krussell,	Asst. Treasurer
David Darrin,	State Appointee

The office of the authority is located at 271 N. Main Street. North Brookfield. Executive Director is Agnes Davis and head of maintenance is Joseph Holway, assisted by Paul LeBlanc.

Current income limits to determine admission for state-aided programs are:

One person - Elderly/Handicapped	\$46,300
Two - Eight - Family limits	\$52,950 to \$87,350

The income limits are set at 80% of the median income for the area in which the community is located. After medical expenses and size of household allowance is determined, rent is computed at 30% for elderly and 27% for families. Anyone interested is encouraged to call the authority office for additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Caron, Jr.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HASON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY 2007

The year 2007 was an extraordinary one for the Hason Library. After a year of construction, the library opened its doors to the community. A Grand Opening Celebration marked the opening of the newly expanded and renovated library on October 13, 2007. It was attended by over two hundred people.

The library now boasts three accessible floors of library service area complete with updated systems and beautiful and comfortable spaces throughout. The beauty and craftsmanship of the original building has been enhanced with careful restoration and blending of the new with the old. The result is a handsome, safe, comfortable and up to date environment for the community to enjoy.

Space is now available for the collection to grow, programming for children and adults and for additional technology. The greatly enlarged Children's area is now located on the upper level and includes separate spaces for age appropriate collections, craft and story time activities and computer access. The main floor of the building holds a separate room for young adult collection and study space. The main floor also offers expanded area for A/V materials, fiction and new fiction, periodicals, study areas and computer access. The lower level houses the non-fiction and reference collection and public computers. The local history room/meeting room and larger meeting room with after-hour access are located on the lower level. The library now offers seven public Internet access stations.

The library services were offered throughout the year with the exception of eight closed weeks from August 20<sup>th</sup> to the opening of the library on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The library closed at the temporary location in August allowing time to pack, move, unpack and complete set up in the new library. We are very thankful for the many volunteers who came forward to help with this monumental task.

The library circulated 23,500 items during the year and approximately 1,500 inter-library loan requests were filled in 2007. Patrons utilized the Inter-library loan system extensively due to the reduced size of the collection during the greater part of the year.

Use of the library has increased in use since opening its doors in October. Circulation shows a 34% increase and 142 library cards have been issued to new patrons. The public meeting room has been well used by community groups and has been booked for after hour's meetings 25 times in the two and ½ months that the library has been open.

Programming continued throughout the year on a limited basis during the time the library was located in temporary quarters. A total of 22 children's programs were offered during the year with an attendance of 475. Weekly pre-school story times were held at the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield from January through June. Story times and other children's programming resumed in our new space in October. The children's summer reading program was shortened this year due to the lack of adequate space available in the temporary quarters. A full summer reading program will be offered in the coming year. An entertaining and magical program presented by "Ed the Wizard" took place in October in the new meeting room space. Funding for this program was provided by The North Brookfield Cultural Council and Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The Book Discussion Group continued their lively discussions and met ten times during the course of the year.

Library services this year included access to books, audio books, DVDs from our collection and to over six million items in the C/W MARS database, reference assistance, home delivery, access to the Internet, Inter-library loan, access to on-line reference databases and use of computers for word processing. Faxing and photocopying services were also provided for a small charge. The library offered passes to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Worcester Art Museum, the Ecotarium, Roger Williams Zoo and the Tower Hill Botanic Gardens. These passes were provided by the Friends of the Haston Library

The purchase of the latest print and audio visual materials continued during the year. Approximately 1,025 books, 47 books on Compact Disk and 110 DVDs were purchased, processed and added to the library collection.

The Library's membership as a circulating library in the C/W MARS network continued to benefit the community providing Internet catalog access and Inter-library searching and requesting capabilities to anyone with an active North Brookfield Library Card. A link to the library catalog and access to the Library Reference Databases is available on the Town of North Brookfield WEB site. [www.northbrookfield.net](http://www.northbrookfield.net)

The Central Massachusetts Regional Library System (CMRLS) continues to enhance our library services. CMRLS services provide van delivery 4 times per week of inter-library loan materials, discounted co-operative purchasing advantages, quality on-line reference databases, reference assistance and continuing educational training opportunities for library staff.

The Library Trustees, Director and staff developed a new five year Long-Range Plan. The Long Range Plan addresses current issues regarding the functioning of the library. The completed plan was submitted to and approved by the Board of Library Commissioners. An annual action plan was also submitted to the State for FY 2009. Annual action plans will be developed and submitted annually.

The Friends of the Library continued to play an instrumental part in the library renovation project by raising money for the project, holding events to support both the project and library services and generously giving of member's time assisting in the move and set up of the library. The Friends sponsored a Town Wide Yard Sale in June and hosted the Grand Opening of the library in October. Ann Hick's painting of commissioned local flora and fauna was unveiled during the library grand opening celebration. Proceeds from this beautiful piece went to the Friend's project fundraising campaign.

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all the citizens of North Brookfield and the many individuals, organizations, foundations and businesses whose generous support throughout the year made possible the completion of the building renovation and expansion project. Special thanks go to the members of the Friends of the Library for their kindness, constant support, and tireless energy.

The Board would also like to thank the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield for generously sharing their facilities with the library during this year of transition. Thank you to the many library volunteers who assisted during the hectic weeks of packing, moving and set up.

The Trustees, staff and I would like to thank library volunteers Janet Brennan, Gene Caille, Shirley Cummings, Debra Dupre, Darlene Foster, Emily Hodder, Emily King, Florine Martel, Jane Messier, Joanna Michaels, Karen Morrison, Linda Morse, and Ellen Smith for the generous donation of their time in assisting with day to day library services.

I would also like to thank the library staff, Gina Allen-Davis, Helen Foyle, Rosemary Mackenzie and Raymond McKay. Their continued good humor and hard work has made it possible for us to provide excellent library service to the community during this year of transition.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann L. Kidd  
Library Director

\*Please see the "Library Building Committee Report" in this publication for complete information regarding the Library Building Project.

## **THE HASTON LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

### **2007 Annual Report**

This year witnessed the successful completion of the Haston Free Public Library Building Project. The construction of two three-level additions and the complete renovation of the original building tripled usable space, made the library fully accessible and ADA compliant (Americans with Disabilities Act), upgraded all systems (heating, AC, electrical, plumbing, security, fire protection), and restored the original red slate roof, masonry, and historic details. The project came in on budget and virtually on schedule. Over 400 people celebrated the Grand Reopening of the Haston Library on October 13, 2007. Since then hundreds of residents of all ages as well as community and municipal groups have been making use of all our beautiful “new” library has to offer, from the spacious new Children’s Library, after-hours Community Meeting rooms, Local History Room, Main Reading Room, computers and Internet access, comfortable reading and study areas, and more.

The Building Committee (BC) greatly appreciates the skill and efforts of the team members who successfully completed this project: architects Stewart Roberts and Philip O’Brien of J. Stewart Roberts Associates; clerk of the works Chris Conway and project manager Lee Dore of Dore & Whittier; project manager Bryan Gleason and site superintendent George Hanson of general contractor Aquadro & Cerruti (A&C); Angela O’Brien of OSO Interiors; and many subcontractors and construction workers. We are grateful to all the individuals, families, banks, businesses, and foundations who generously contributed to the Haston Free Public Library Capital Campaign, which raised over \$350,000. Most of all, we thank the citizens of North Brookfield for making the Haston Library Building Project possible. The following summarizes the project’s progress to completion.

In January, A&C framed both additions with light gage metal stud framing and fiber-reinforced exterior sheetrock sheathing, and spray-applied structural steel fireproofing. They completed installation of roof insulation panels on both addition roofs, while continuing work on copper valleys, ice and water shield and roof shingles on the main addition. The brick veneer at the north wall of the main addition was also completed. Inside the building, they completed and tested rough plumbing and placed the condensing boiler. HVAC ductwork, heating mains and branch lines work were underway, as were electrical power, lighting, fire alarm and data rough at all levels of the building. The BC also decided on the most effective and economical method to address Building Inspector John Couture’s concern about providing fire protection to the main addition roof in the event of a fire in the Star Building: erecting a dry stand pipe to the ridge level with a deluge head.

By the end of February, brick veneer and precast stone assemblies were 98% complete on both additions, and Pella wood and aluminum clad window were 75% installed. On the main building roof, A&C was working on copper valleys, ice and water shield underlayment, and slate work repair. Inside, interior metal stud framing was 90% completed, and interior sheet rocking was underway. HVAC ductwork, heating mains

and branch lines were complete at the lower level, and sheet metal ductwork was 80% completed. A&C installed sprinkler piping in the attic and at the lower level. Electrical power, lighting, fire alarm and data rough continued at all levels. The BC made final room color and tile design selections, and preliminary furniture, upholstery, and shelving selections.

In March, the brick veneer and precast stone assemblies were 100% complete on both additions. A&C installed copper gutters on the additions, and work on the copper roof and flat seam siding was 95% complete on the upper elevator shaft. On the old roof, slate repair and replacement and copper valley replacement was 50% complete. Pella wood and aluminum-clad windows were 100% installed. Inside, installed constructed metal stairs in both stair towers. Heating and air conditioning pumps and piping were complete, as were sheet metal ductwork mains and branch lines. Sprinkler piping was complete in the attic and lower and main levels, and 90% complete at the upper level.

In April, to resolve preexisting leakage issues in the original foundation, the BC voted to remove all existing shrubbery and the asphalt drip apron outside the building, and install a stone-filled drainage trench with drainage piping. Site rough grading was underway and the lighting pole base and conduit runs were installed. Utilities were established: Verizon completed underground cabling from the road into the building, the transformer and permanent power were installed, and the gas meter was installed and piped into the gas boiler. Inside, the main electrical distribution panel was installed and wired, and ceiling-mounted lighting installation and rough wiring was complete. Gypsum wallboard neared completion, with tape finishing underway. Ceramic tile floor and wall installation was almost complete; interior and exterior painting continued. The elevator was delivered and under construction. The BC made final furnishing selections.

By the end of May, A&C completed rough grading and the placement of integral concrete curb, granite curb and sidewalk concrete in front of the main addition and at the rear of the building, and placed a fence and gate posts around the chiller and transformer. Epoxy repair to existing window sills, window sash, and exterior door frames was completed, while slate and copper ridge repairs continued on the main roof. At the old main entrance, restoration of the exterior woodwork was underway. Inside, the elevator was installed and energized. At the lower level, installation of suspended ceiling grid was underway, and finish electrical devices were being installed. Lighting fixtures were also installed at suspended ceiling locations. Throughout the building, interior painting continued, patching and repair of existing plaster walls and ceiling neared completion, and installation of interior finish carpentry and architectural casework was underway.

In June and July the library was fast nearing completion, although electrical subcontractor work ran behind schedule, delaying occupancy. Interior painting, floor finishes and coverings, architectural millwork and casework, doors and finish hardware, acoustical ceiling grid and ceiling tile, and HVAC systems and automatic temperature controls were all complete. Factory startup of the boiler and chiller unit was conducted.

The architect and the consulting engineers were punch-listing all interior and exterior areas. A&C installed the new circulation desk at the main level, and refurbished and installed the original circulation desk in the new reference room on the lower level. Shelving and furniture was delivered. Outside, the landscaping design was planted and a new book drop installed.

The project was completed in August and September. The temporary library at Lane's Garage closed August 18. Library staff and volunteers spent hundreds of hours packing, unpacking, and setting up the library's collection over the next eight weeks, during the delivery and installation of furnishings and equipment. The architect and consulting engineers finished punch-listing interior and exterior areas, while A&C and their subcontractors worked on architectural and site punch list items. On September 18, after the Fire Department and the Building Department did its final walk throughs and testing, the project received a Certificate of Occupancy. On Saturday, October 13, hundreds of townspeople celebrated the Grand Reopening of the Haston Free Public Library. On October 15, North Brookfield's 113-year-old library began serving residents once again. Completely restored, expanded, and updated, this historic landmark is ready to meet the 21<sup>st</sup>-century needs of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Skowron, Chairman  
Harbour Fraser Hodder, Member  
Haston Library Building Committee

## LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 2007 REPORT

The North Brookfield Public Access Channel (LPAC) broadcasts on cable channels 11, 12 and 13. We broadcast the Selectmen's meetings, School Committee meetings, and all Town Meetings. We also cover school events, Senior Center programs and Historical Society programs.

We are available to cover any other event or productions, and always welcome new members.

Current members are:

Paul LeBlanc, co-chairman  
Mike Tillotson, co-chairman  
Ellen Smith  
Steve Caputo  
Peter Barstow  
Byron Ake

## MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Phase II of the Master Plan was completed with funds granted to the Town by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs through a Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant. After two years of dedicated work as volunteers and subject matter experts members of the Master Plan Committee delivered to the Planning Board and the Town its first Master Plan. Of great significance and a tribute to the diversity of the Committee and the hundreds of hours of work to produce the Master Plan was the unanimous endorsement of the Plan by residents at Town Meeting on November 10.

The Master Plan includes a chapter on Open Space and Recreation. This chapter is based on a document that was created in 1995, but was never submitted to the State for certification. The Master Plan Committee felt that it was important to recognize the content and intent of this original Open Space document, and strove to add content that remains faithful to preserving the Town's rural character and includes recommendations for new programs and opportunities aimed at preserving the Town's precious geography and historic places. The Open Space Chapter of the Master Plan was submitted to the State and received State certification in December for the five-year period 2008-2012.

The Planning Board applauds the accomplishment of the Master Plan Committee and thanks each person for his or her unique contribution. Paula Adams, Brandon Avery, Robert Bishop, Sheila Buzzell, Steve Cummings, Carol and John Cutrumbes, Don Doe, Richard Dwelly, Jim Foyle, Jim Fraser, Robert Gailey, Carl Gustafson, David Hanson, Ann Hicks, Priscilla Johnston, William King, Sue and Thomas Lewandowski, Jim Metcalf, John Nothardt, Ken Paradis, Ron Ryel, Cathy Sickles, Timothy Smith, Aram Thomasian, Lawrence and Jean Underwood, Mary Walter and Joseph Zegarra, Students of the North Brookfield School District, grades 5-12.

In addition to the members of the Master Plan Committee the Town residents and officials who supported funding and participated in interviews, public meetings and forums sponsored by the Master Plan Committee are also recognized for their valuable input.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Walter  
Master Plan Committee Co-chair

On October 5, 2007 we were informed that the Town was awarded a \$200,000 grant toward the construction of a new police facility. There were 97 communities that had applied, and only 23 received funds. Along with four other communities, we were awarded the largest grant amount. In order to receive this \$200,000, we needed to secure certification of a funding match by December 15, 2007.

At a Special Town Meeting on December 7, 2007, the committee brought to the voters the findings of their study and asked the townspeople to support a \$3.1M Police Facility located on the North Brookfield Downtown Development property. The new facility will have approximately 8,000 sq ft of space, be ADA compliant, and have individual lock-up cells. It will also provide private, confidential interviewing and recording rooms, as well as increased security with sally ports and cameras. There will be ample storage for files, evidence will be secured on site, and the facility will be centrally located in town. The residents voted favorably to build a new Police Facility.

On December 10, 2007 the town had the ballot vote to finalize the funding of new construction of a New Police Facility. The town's residents again voted favorably.

The committee intends to finalize the design and complete the bidding process by Winter 2007/2008, begin construction in Spring 2008 and occupy the facility by Summer of 2009.

In short, we the committee fully understand and are conscientious of the overall needs of our community. We are exploring every avenue to secure grant monies to help reduce the overall cost to the taxpayers. The North Brookfield Police Department and Building Committee greatly appreciates the support received by the townspeople to construct a new Police Facility for the Town of North Brookfield.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Hevy  
Paul Dacey  
Co-Chairmen  
North Brookfield Police Building Committee

## **2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

The Board of Registrars consists of the Town Clerk and three members appointed by the Selectmen on the basis of their registered political party. Members are appointed for three years, staggered so that one member is appointed each year, and so that the town's major political parties are equally represented. Members may not hold any other elected or appointed office in town.

The year 2007 was a busy year. In March there was a Special Town Meeting. In May, there was an Annual Town Election and the Annual Town Meeting. In June there was a Special Town Meeting and the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting. In October there was a Special Town Meeting and a Special Town Election. In November there was a Special Town Meeting. In December there was a Special Town Meeting and a Special Town Election. We registered 166 voters in 2007.

As of December 31, 2007 there were 2863 registered voters in the Town of North Brookfield.

A town resident may register to vote any time the Town Clerk's office is open or by mail. Once a person has registered they will remain on the voters list as long as they live in town and return their annual town census form. Voters may change their affiliation at any time by completing a change of designation form at the Town Clerk's office. If a voter should move out of town and then move back, he or she must re-register to vote.

The North Brookfield Board of Registrars met 21 times during 2007 to register voters, accept and check signatures on nomination papers, accept and check signatures on petitions and check absentee ballots.

Jeannette W. Anderson, ( R ), Chairman  
Matthew C. Benvenuti, ( D )  
Stanley F. Hanson, ( R )  
Sheila A. Buzzell, ( D ), Clerk

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2007

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present this report for the year 2007.

To portray the year of 2007 we must look at those factors that remained constant, those that changed, and what can be possibly done with the factors of the future. For constant factors the Town continues to experience financial constraints caused in part by yearly health care cost increases, reduced local aid, rising fuel costs, and an exodus of students from the NB school system. What also remains constant is the indomitable spirit of our citizens to meet these challenges with imagination, initiative and an old Yankee work ethic.

Over the past year great strides have been made to move forward. We have seen the reopening of the Haston Library as it maintained the old warmth of the family living room while laser beaming the Town's learning environment into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Main Street was again awakened with the remodeling of the Duncan Building. Here we see the preservation of historical architecture with the tasteful application of modern innovation. In a purely utilitarian concept, the Fire Department was able to complete a first-class training facility on East Brookfield Road that ranks among the best in Massachusetts.

The Town has taken some positive steps in planning for the future. First was the two-year process of completing the town's Master Plan (MP). The MP sets an ever evolving 10 year path for the Town to use as a guideline into the future. Conceived from the MP was the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC). The CIPC will prioritize capital expenditures. The North Brookfield Downtown Development Commission was also created to market North Brookfield as an end destination through the development of potential business properties, particularly the former Aztec site. The MA Department of Revenue, upon request of the Board of Selectmen, provided a financial management review to be used as a guideline for the future. The Selectmen have also taken steps to look into the creation of a Town Manager position. All of these actions are geared to improve the management decision-making process of town government to be pro-active versus reactive to upcoming issues.

In the ever turbulent financial arena, to help reduce the overall tax burden of citizens, especially regarding school funding, the School Committee, Superintendent, and Board of Selectmen met with officials from New Braintree to discuss the possibility of their students attending North Brookfield schools. However, New Braintree officials have decided not to proceed with further talks at this time.

To help with town improvements that could not be supported by town revenues numerous town entities have sought and received grants to subsidize existing programs. These grants include \$3,895 for fire department equipment, \$200,000 for a new police facility, \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency funding to remediate the Aztec brownfield site, and \$44,900 from the Department of Housing and Community Development to be used for a market feasibility study for the development of the North Brookfield Downtown Development site (former Aztec property). It should also be noted that the Sewer Department has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and low interest financing to reline the towns sewer lines. Because the Town does not have a formal grant development entity high praise must be given to those who independently gave of their time and expertise in the pursuit of these grants.

The Town demonstrated the democracy of our governing process through votes at the Annual Town Meeting and five Special Town Meetings. Two of those special meeting were to determine Proposition 2 1/2 override funding for the renovation of the Town House and the building of a new police department. While the funding of a new police department building received a favorable vote, the Town House did not.

The future still leaves us with many challenges or better yet, opportunities to excel. The best way to move forward is with input and consensus from the citizenry. We will continue to encourage our citizens to take part in the operation of their town government, and will actively work to improve the economic, cultural and educational environment of our Town for future years.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Foyle, Chairman  
James N. Caldwell  
Robert O. Lane

## **SEWER DEPARTMENT**

### Annual Report 2007

The Little Canada Sewer Rehabilitation Project continues. As of December 31, 2007, \$918,818 has been well spent. The actual "Little Canada" work is 98% complete. This means we will be able to complete additional work in another problem area known as Area "A" with the \$400,000 grant money from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.

Area "A" encompasses South Main, Cushing, Evergreen, Prospect, Spring, Winter, Union, Maple, Summer and High Streets. Approximately 10,000 feet of sewer line was video inspected and all the manholes were inspected as well. It was then determined to rehab a minimum of 31 sewer manholes and line 6,783 feet of sewer line. The manhole work will be accomplished by cement lining the old bricks and the lining will be a cured in place pipe (CIPP). Additionally, a dig and fix broken pipe on Prospect Street will be done and three buried manholes will be raised to grade.

The estimated cost of this work in area "A" will be approximately \$350,000. The remaining money will be used, but not limited to, putting together a comprehensive asset management program to include the upgrade of information, maps, conditions, etc. of the 14 miles of sewer line in Town. We will also conduct smoke testing just as we did in the Little Canada area to determine the condition of service laterals and to look for illegal connections such as sump pumps, roof leaders, and floor drains.

We are extremely pleased by the amount of repairs that have been done and are looking forward to additional accomplishments. Looking back at the original provided cost estimates for rehabilitating the sewer collection system, we will have completed the estimated 3.5 million dollars of work for 1.3 million. This points to the outstanding value of the bid for the Little Canada project.

Of course this work, mandated by the federal regulators, does come with a price. In order to begin paying for the loan portion, we had to raise sewer rates 10% for FY 08. However, this was the first sewer rate increase since the Sewer Department began billing on actual meter readings. For the next fiscal year we anticipate an increase of 1% to 2%, well below the inflation rate of 5.6% for 2007. We do understand the economic conditions that exist today and we are working hard to balance the burden on the rate payers and, at the same time, making sure that our long neglected infrastructure continues to be upgraded.

We have accomplished a great deal of improvements in the past ten years but we have a way to go. Upcoming work will be to clear the "Arch Street Cross Country" Sewer Easement. This ¾ mile easement has become overgrown with trees and shrubs and desperately needs to be made accessible for inspections and emergencies. However nothing is easy. This being in wetlands will require proper document filings and procedures within the Rules and Regulations of the Conservation Committee and the Massachusetts DEP in order to begin any cutting of trees and thickets. Once we clear the easement we would hope to do an aggressive evaluation of the line by means of video camera and visual manhole inspections to determine what work is needed, if any. Additionally, the area that runs from Elm Street east and west needs to be evaluated. We are working to smoke test these areas with Northeast Rural Association, a non profit group that may be able to help perform smoke testing at no cost.

As always, we want to thank all the Town Departments and commend them for their willingness and efforts of working together to enable this town to serve the public as well as we can.

Sincerely,

Charles Haddock, Chairman  
Laurence Thayer, Vice Chairman  
Donald E. Smith, Clerk  
Rodney Jenkins, Sewer Superintendent

**TOWN BEACH COMMITTEE**  
**2007**

The Town Beach was open everyday from sun-up until sunset from July through September 1 with life guards only on duty Thursday thru Sunday due to budget cuts.

Approximately one hundred boys and girls took swimming lessons at the beach for two weeks in July.

Some local organizations received permission to use the Town Beach for other activities.

The Worcester County Sheriffs Department cleaned and raked the beach as a community service project.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Blood  
Gary Madrazo  
Tony Zalauskas

## **TOWN HOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE**

The Town House Building Committee had several meetings throughout the year planning for the renovation of the Town House. The engineering firm SEA also spent many meetings with us in devising a plan for the renovation. We put the plans out to bid and opened them October 9, 2007.

With the after-bidding costs in hand, the selectmen presented the plans to voters at the Special Town Meeting October 12, 2007. The renovation project was defeated at the meeting and also at the subsequent election.

The committee then met on Thursday October 18, 2007 to address the hazardous waste problem that was to have been included in the renovation project, as well as the roof repairs and bell tower concerns. It was voted to have SEA address the work toward correcting the environmental problems before the EPA deadline occurred. At this time test boring wells have been executed adjacent to the Town House, and the report is forthcoming regarding the status of the contamination.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O. Lane,  
Town House Building Committee Chairman

**TREE WARDEN AND MOTH  
SUPERINTENDENT**

I hereby submit the annual report for the year ending December 31, 2007.

In the past year I have removed numerous dead and or broken limbs and trees that were hazardous to the public ways. We have answered many complaints, and have taken care of them where most needed. Some of the larger projects took place on West Brookfield Road, Collins Road, Arch Street, Summer Street, Old East Brookfield Road, Hillsville Road, Cushing Street, and Gilbert Street, to name a select few.

I would like to thank Highway Superintendent Gary Jean and his crew for their assistance in emergency tree work, as well as taking my place as Tree Warden in the event of my absence.

Thanks also go out to all our townspeople for their patience!

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony S. Holway  
Tree Warden

## **VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICE 2007 REPORT**

The North Brookfield Veterans Services Office is located at 167 Main Street and is open on Thursday mornings from 9 AM to noon, or by appointment by calling 508.867.0205.

I want to remind residents that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is offering a "Welcome Home" bonus of \$1,000 to service members who served in Iraq or Afghanistan, and a payment of \$500 to service members who were stationed in alternate locations subsequent to September 11, 2001.

To qualify for this bonus payment, an applicant is required to have actively served in the United States armed forces contemporaneously with the operations of Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, or Noble Eagle. In addition, applicants must have been honorably discharged from service, and must have maintained their primary place of residence within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for at least six months prior to enlistment. Each veteran must have a DD214 for to qualify for this bonus.

In the event that a service member who otherwise would have been eligible for one of the aforementioned bonus payments has passed away or lost their life in active service, the heirs-at-law (spouse, children, parents, or siblings) of the deceased are entitled to collect the appropriate payment on behalf of said service member.

In addition to this new program, veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War may be eligible for bonus payments as well. Applications for all of these bonus programs are available at my office.

Respectfully submitted,

John Byszek  
Veterans Services Officer

## **WATER DEPARTMENT Annual Report**

The Water Department conducted its biennial leak detection survey in July of 2007. Water & Waste Pipe Testing, Inc of Wakefield, MA conducted and completed a sonic water leakage survey on the entire distribution system, approximately 28 miles. The survey was conducted by listening on every hydrant and many of the gate valves within the system. A more comprehensive survey was carried out this year, consisting of walking directly over water mains with a ground transducer and listening at 8 to 10 foot intervals. Many of the longer service lines were also checked. A total of 6 leaks were detected throughout the system (1 main leak, 2 service line leaks and 3 hydrant leaks). The estimated daily water leakage from these leaks was approximately 49,000 gallons per day. All of these leaks have been repaired.

We also located a number of unmetered water lines in 2007. Unmetered lines are illegal and provide free water for the property owner. This “free” water is paid for by the rest of the property owners connected to the municipal water supply. Clean and safe drinking water has become increasingly expensive to produce. If someone gets it for free, for whatever reason, the rest of the ratepayers will be paying for it.

Leaks, unmetered water lines, and stolen water (by tampering with the meter or opening a hydrant without permission) are the components of “Unaccounted For Water” (UAW). UAW is water that flows through the master meter but does not show up when we read the meters in town. We calculate UAW semiannually and report the amount to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection annually. Since 2001, when the meters were installed for all service lines, we have been working on reducing this UAW. We ask that town residents help us reduce UAW by calling the office if they suspect any leaks or any unauthorized water use.

We have started resurveying the town for cross connections. Plumbing cross-connections, which are defined as actual or potential connections between a potable and non-potable water supply, constitute a serious public health hazard. There are numerous, well-documented cases where cross-connections have been responsible for contamination of drinking water and have resulted in the spread of disease. The problem is a dynamic one, because piping systems are continually being installed, altered, or extended. The town was last surveyed 15 years ago. One half of the town was surveyed in 2007 and we have included money in the 2009 fiscal year budget to finish the survey in 2008.

Water mains were flushed twice, as in past years, to get the water moving faster in the pipes and flush out any loose materials. Line flushing is a housekeeping chore for the distribution system that improves water quality.

9 new services were tied into the system as the town continues to grow. We now have a total of 1260 water services.

Three (3) fire hydrants were replaced in 2007. Two (2) were from the original system that was built in 1896. Twenty-nine (29) hydrants have been replaced over the past six years.

We would like to thank all the residents who have shoveled the snow away from the fire hydrants after every snowstorm. The hydrants are marked so the fire department will be able to locate them, but it really helps them when the snow is cleared away. It's a matter of public safety!

122,835,000 gallons of water was drawn from Horse Pond and pumped up to the Water Treatment Facility on Bell Hill. This is a decrease of 13,389,000 gallons from last year. The average amount pumped per day was 336,534 gallons.

We are happy to report once again that there were no violations of EPA drinking water standards this past year. For more details check out the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report which can be viewed on the Water Department section of North Brookfield's web site or picked up at the Water Department Office at 14 Bell Rd.

At our website you can also find out how to read a water meter and flush your hot water heater, a chore that should be done annually. We have also supplied links for water conservation, xeriscape gardening, and source water protection. There is a link to a site that has a "Drip Calculator" that can tell you how much water is being wasted by counting the drops per minute.

Our trained staff, Superintendent Stephen Jones and Operator Richard Kennan, constantly monitors the quality of the water. Both of these men attend classes during the year to increase their knowledge of drinking water issues and to satisfy the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency needed to keep their licenses current. Administrative Assistant, Shiela LeBlanc continues to improve the efficiency of our office by optimizing the software and hardware we have at our disposal. The Board of Water Commissioners would like to commend the Water Department staff on a job well done.

The Water Department would like to thank all the other town departments for their help throughout the year. We would especially like to thank the members of the Highway Department for all the help they provide us.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Nason, Chairman  
John Thomasian  
James Kularski  
**Board of Water Commissioners**

## **WIRING INSPECTOR Annual Report For 2007**

The following is a compilation of electrical inspections performed by Donald R. Doe Jr., Wiring Inspector for the year 2007:

Additions	1
Commercial Renovations	3
Heating Systems:	2
New Garage:	2
New Single Family Dwellings:	20
New Services:	4
Residential Renovations:	21
Security Systems:	2
Service Upgrades/Repairs:	20
Sub Panel:	4
Swimming Pools:	5
Temporary Services:	4
Water Heaters:	2
Barn/Shed:	1
Fire Alarm Systems:	2
AC Units:	2
Library	1

Respectfully submitted:

Donald R. Doe Jr.  
Inspector of Wires

# SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

2007

School Committee

Superintendent

Jr/Sr High School Principal

Elementary School Principal

Faculty and Staff

Class Day 2006

Graduation 2006

## 2007 SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

The past few years have been somewhat tumultuous for the district with several administrative personnel changes as well as unresolved contract issues. The end of 2007 finds us in a more stable position with a forward thinking approach to setting goals, planning for success and implementing strategies and procedures to ensure we achieve both.

After many months of protracted negotiations the School Committee and North Brookfield Teachers Association reached a contract agreement in the spring of 2007. While the school continued to be operated in a thoroughly professional manner throughout the negotiations, the resolution of this issue allowed all parties to restore their full collaborative energies towards making continuing improvements in both the efficient and economical operation of the school and the delivery of a truly first class education to our students.

The district continues to face demands created by state and federal mandates that are not supported by complementary increases in financial aid. The increase in state aid for fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008) was less than one percent of the district's current operating budget. In response to this lack of financial support from the Commonwealth, the Superintendent and School Committee developed a "level services" budget, which was supported by the Selectmen and passed at Town Meeting in June.

The district, under direction of Superintendent Nosek, continued to look for areas of savings, with an emphasis on reducing utility costs. The replacement of the aging, non-commercial-application boilers in the elementary school has been completed. The district's heating fuel needs are secured on a fixed price basis through a cooperative buying group. Electrical services are bid annually through a broker. Telephone services are now purchased through the State contract phone system. These changes are resulting in substantial savings versus the previous methods of obtaining utility services.

Besides pursuing opportunities for cost savings, the district continues to pursue additional funding through grants. Typically, obtaining grants is both a labor intensive process and a very competitive one. In 2007 the district received grants totaling approximately three hundred and forty thousand dollars.

Testing benchmarks taken on an aggregate basis show steady if moderate improvement. The administration in cooperation with the teaching staff have developed and put in place strategies and programs to ensure continued improvement in our test results. Focus areas include better alignment of the curriculum with MCAS tests, the update of instructional materials, increased career development opportunities for teachers and increased collaboration between the Elementary and Middle schools to create a more logical and seamless transition between the two for our students.

Mr. Raymond LeMay completed his term as interim principal for the middle/high school in June and deserves great thanks for his service and assistance as a search was conducted for a new principal. Mrs. Robin Whitney took over as the new principal in July. Mrs. Whitney has brought a great enthusiasm and many fresh ideas to the job and has proven to be a real asset to the administrative team.

Finally, the high school experienced a tragic loss in April when senior Julianne Caron was killed in an automobile accident. The faculty and staff did a tremendous job helping the students cope through a difficult time. Ms. Caron was an honor student and all star basketball player. A scholarship was established in her name and plans were made to dedicate the gymnasium in her honor in January 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Hicks  
School Committee Chair

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 2007**

I am pleased to share with you all the many accomplishments of the School Department over the past year. As always, I believe all accomplishments are the product of a team effort. Without the hard work of staff and students and the on going support of the families and the community we would not continue to grow and become stronger. I am always proud to be associated with the schools and the greater community of North Brookfield.

The School Department has worked on updating its Strategic Plan, and has established a series of goals that will bring us forward over the next three years. The goals highlighted in the North Brookfield 2010 Plan include:

1. To improve student achievement resulting in MCAS scores meeting or exceeding established Performance Targets as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the No Child Left Behind Act. Ongoing classroom assessments will be used to establish continual focus areas for students.
2. To establish formal curriculum objectives that are fully aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. To provide learning experiences that will allow all children to gain knowledge and skills that will prepare them to become life long learners.
3. To attract and retain high quality professionals. Support all district staff by offering high quality professional development activities and establishing an environment of collegiality and high expectations.
4. To provide a wide range of services to students including early intervention, special education, developmental guidance, enrichment opportunities, extra-curricular offerings, and school to career connected activities.
5. To build a positive relationship with families and community members. This relationship will be established through clear communication, community and family outreach, and a transparent district planning and budgeting process.
6. To support improved student achievement by providing sound resource decisions, strong management skills, and a safe and healthy school environment.
7. To refine and expand technology use and integration at all levels.

As accountability systems at the state and federal levels continue to frame much of our work, we continue to meet the established expectations. Our district, for the first time since 2002, met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goal for 2 consecutive years in both English-Language Arts and Math. While the individual schools continue to work on curriculum alignment and enhanced, differentiated instruction, I am very pleased that all indicators are showing continued student achievement. Our overall MCAS scores are up and the number of Abigail Adams scholarship recipients remains at the state maximum of 25% of the graduating class. The teachers and principals have worked hard to ensure that our students receive the best instruction possible.

2007 brought a new member of the administrative team. Mrs. Robin Whitney was hired as the Jr/Sr High School principal to succeed our interim principal, Mr. LeMay. The search process brought a number of wonderful candidates who were eager to work in the district. The committee, which included staff, students, parents and community members, were very impressed with Mrs. Whitney and were delighted with her selection. She has been a terrific addition to the school community.

The North Brookfield Elementary School was the recipients of a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources Grant. This \$100,000 grant coupled with additional local funds paid for the purchase and installment of a new energy efficient boiler system in the school. North Brookfield was one of only six districts, state wide, to be awarded this grant, and we were pleased to be able to upgrade the efficiency of our heating system. The work was completed this fall and we are already seeing the benefits of the new system.

While 2007 had much good news and many reasons to celebrate, there is still work to be done. As we plan for the future we look to expanding our course offerings as well as continuing to offer a full array of academic and extra curricular activities. We remain vigilant in our pursuit of high standards and know that our work in supporting all children is the foundation of all we do. I look forward, with great optimism, to the new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin M. Nosek, Superintendent of Schools

## **NORTH BROOKFIELD JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

It is my pleasure to share with the Town of North Brookfield, the impressive and exciting learning experiences taking place at North Brookfield JR/SR High School. Our students have been exposed to opportunities which have promoted academic and social growth along with civic responsibility. The High School learning community itself has undergone various notable changes: a new principal, new staff members, a new schedule, and new curricular offerings. Throughout the changes, we were able to continue to thrive and motivate our students to reach to new heights.

In the spring of 2007 the staff investigated new scheduling options which would allow for more in depth coverage of material. The rotating 6 period day including I extended period was agreed on. The extended period allows the teachers to present material using creative methodologies and approaches which may not be possible in a shorter class period. The teachers and students are able to delve deeply into important topics and discussions. The schedule has been well accepted by both the students and the staff.

Another area of change has been the addition of new co-curricular offerings. We believe that true learning takes place both inside and outside of a classroom. It is important to encourage our students not only to participate as scholar athletes but also to experience the opportunities that co-curricular offerings can promote. To this end, we have brought back "The Voice" the student newspaper. We are also offering "The Destination Imagination" program which teaches creative problem solving and team work skills.

Our students are participating in regional and state government experiences through the MA Association of Student Councils. We are proud to have students, who have been elected by their peers at the regional and state levels, to serve as officers of the MA Association of Student Councils. All of our NB Student Council members have attended workshops dealing with leadership and civic responsibility. During the summer, one of our ninth grade students was nominated attend a regional summit on leadership at Nichols College. This summer we will send both ninth and tenth graders to leadership summits.

Athletically, our students continue do to well on the fields and on the courts. This fall we were extremely proud to accept the Sportsmanship award from the MIAA for the years of 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007. The display of sportsmanship by our athletes is a credit to themselves, the coaches, the teachers, and the athlete's families.

Enhancements in the curriculum have been and are continuing to be priorities for the NBHS staff. The addition of classes such as: Consumer Science and Study Skills will help to better prepare our students for the ever changing world. The Science department is undergoing a detailed study and restructuring of the curriculum. This will result in a more thorough Science education for our students. We are also proud to be offering elective classes through Virtual High School. VHS allows us to extend learning opportunities in areas not otherwise available to our students. We are planning for the 2008-2009 school year, the addition of honors level classes at each grade and all subjects.

The class of 2007 graduated thirty nine students. 58% of who went on to post secondary education. 2% went into the military and 40% went to the work force. 77 scholarships were very generously awarded totaling \$107,950.00. These scholarships will be awarded over the four year period that the students attend college. 8 Students from North Brookfield High School received the John and Abigail Adams scholarship from the State of Massachusetts. This scholarship is given to students who are in the top 25% of their class and who score Proficient or Advanced in the Math and ELA portions of the MCAS test during their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. We are very proud of the accomplishments of the class of 2007 and wish them luck.

The students and staff of North Brookfield High School are happily connecting to the community with events such as “The Enchanted Evening With The Arts” presented in December. Our students are also displaying their civic responsibilities by joining forces with the North Brookfield Senior Center in an effort to record oral histories of the town from the senior citizens.

The North Brookfield community should be very proud of the North Brookfield JR/SR High School for it truly is a school where the needs of all students come first and where innovative teaching methodologies are practiced in an effort to provide the best possible education for our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Whitney  
Principal  
North Brookfield JR/SR High School

## **NORTH BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2007 Annual Town Report**

2007 was a very good year for North Brookfield Elementary School. Many new activities were added and our MCAS scores improved in most areas.

Improvements in curriculum have occurred through the complete implementation of the Scott Foresman reading program (Reading Street) in Grades 1-4. Kindergarten has adopted the "Superkids" program from Rowland Reading Foundation, which was a pilot program during the 2006-2007 school year. That Kindergarten class achieved a high degree of success in phonics and decoding words as demonstrated through test results. The Pearson/Scott Foresman Math program has also been completely implemented in Grades K-6. We have seen marked improvements in the use of correct math vocabulary terms and short answer questions since this program has been used. We also made improvements to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Social Studies program by the purchase of new texts, Our Home, Massachusetts. We have plans to revise the Science curriculum this year. In Kindergarten, we have also established a "Phonemic Awareness" program to help students to be able to know the sounds of the letters of the alphabet and to sound out (or decode) words using those sounds. Students were selected through testing during the Kindergarten screening in the spring. The selected students were given extra help in small groups by the Kindergarten staff every day for eight weeks. Some students needed an extra eight week program and others were successful at reaching benchmark goals.

We have experienced a reduction in teaching staff with one position in Grade 4 eliminated in the 2006-2007 school year and one Grade 1 position in the 2007-2008 school year. On the bright side, we have also received many blessings recently. In August, we discovered that the North Brookfield Youth Center had received a 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant from the Department of Education to provide after school activities for our students in Grades 3-6. Through this grant we have been able to have a variety of activities five days per week until about 5:00 PM. We were able to bring back music with the Cool Kids Choir and also offered Bubble-ology, Drama, Academic Help, Fitness, Arts & Crafts, Indoor Soccer, Fun With Science, and Design It. Students attended the programs for three ten to eleven week sessions in the fall, winter, and spring. Another after school music group was born out of the efforts of parents, who collected donations from local businesses to fund the All Star Chorus for students in Grades K-2.

Another great activity that we began in October is the “Enrichment Clusters”. The program is designed to offer enrichment and enhancement of the curriculum frameworks in a motivational and fun way. Students meet once every three or four weeks with multi-age groups and join staff and volunteer parents in these activities. Some examples of the various activities were: Nutrition/Walking, Codebreaking, Dance, “Read to Me”, Arts and Crafts, Sewing, Native American History, Scrabble, Logic Puzzles, and Book Club. New classes and student groups are planned for the future.

We, again, have had wonderful support from parents and the community through the PTA. They continue to be active partners by sponsoring many activities that help our students to be successful. Some examples are: the Grade Six BBQ and tree planting; the Book Fairs; the Ice Cream Social; the movie nights; the “Be Somebody” Assembly with the hero portraits; and their volunteer efforts in the classrooms and for special events, such as Field Day. We are thankful for all the volunteers who have helped us to meet our goals.

In addition to our usual monthly activities that bring parents and the community into our school (Veteran’s Day Luncheon, Memorial Day program, Grandparent’s Day, Mother’s and Father’s Day Breakfasts, etc.), this year we added a new celebration. We marked Dr. Seuss’ birthday on March 3 by asking community leaders to read to our students. It was a part of a nation wide literacy program called “Read Across America Day” sponsored by the National Education Association. In November we celebrated family literacy by asking parents and students to read for at least 100 minutes. Over ninety students participated in this program and frozen treats were given to all. Many students exceeded the 100 minutes and enjoyed the family reading time.

On behalf of North Brookfield Elementary School, we thank the community for their continued support of the future leaders of our town. We welcome citizen input, so please call me with your best ideas at (508) 867-8326.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Baronoski  
Principal

**NORTH BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Staff 2006 - 2007**

Superintendent of Schools	Erin M. Nosek
Director of Pupil/Academic Services	Elizabeth Woodard
School Psychologist	Nicole Mooney
Computer Technician	Kimberly Hartman

Jr/Sr High School

Principal (Interim)	Raymond LeMay
Dean of Students/Athletic Director	Andrew Leach Jr.
Librarian	Linda Barron
Guidance Counselor	David Hackenson
Nurse	Kathleen Steenbruggen

Jr/Sr High Teachers

Jeneba Allard	Timothy Josti
Kathleen Aslanian	Shelly Lacaire
Nancy Atwater	Lisa Lamothe
Gerald Beals	Sarah Latka
Judith Bloomberg	Diana Mills
Ralph Borseth	Mark O'Connor
Matthew Carlson	Frederica O'Malley
Ann Cunningham	Karen O'Sullivan
John Dedeian	Julia Pettee
Nancy DiPilato	Richard Rigney
Stephen Doros	Melissa Roszkiewicz
Tara Flannery	Damian Sarrette
Maureen Hunter	Kurt Stanley
Abigail Jannette	Anthony Swiercz

Elementary Teachers

Linda Ahearn	Diane LeBlanc
Norma Baker	Gail Lee
Renee Buzzell	Deborah Sanborn-Lyons
Richard D'Amato	Melanie McGarry
Lori Canada-Davis	Lee McNeaney
Nancy Dedeian	Jay Mooney
Susan Dowgielewicz	Leslie Murray
Mary D. Edwards	Gail Osborne
Laura Eliason	Christine Servant
Cathy Farr	Cheryl Shipman
Christine Hicks	Jane Sokol
Lou Anna Hinckley	Cindy Sullivan
Susan LaFlamme	Lex Varney

Other Staff

Secretarial

Sandra Benninger  
Donna Brown  
Corinne Delaney  
Lori Hebert

Elizabeth Laird  
Earlene Lapierre  
Sheila McGrail  
Joan Small

Paraprofessionals

Brenda Casey  
Theresa Cavanaugh  
Mary Hulser  
Sandra Johnson

Sherry Peterson  
Lori Ryel  
Christine Serra  
Robin Thomasian

Title I Tutors

Lauren Chapman  
Stephanie Doyle  
Ellen Kaslauskas

Carolyn Leonard  
Marie Wilmot

Custodial

Supervisor of Buildings/Grounds      Peter Shipman

Stanley Arel  
Francis Dowgielewicz

David Cutrumbes  
Andre Gaumond

Lisa Cutrumbes  
Jeffrey Towler

Cafeteria

Cafeteria Manager  
Robin Brown  
Karen Chisholm  
Dana Downie  
Patricia Duggan

Susan Ford  
Cheryl Johnson  
Diana Ryan  
Donna Trombley

Crossing Guards

Janet Pasternack

**NORTH BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Jeffrey Hicks, Chair  
Mr. Brent Hildick, Vice-Chair  
Mrs. Margaret Hanson, Secretary

Mr. Eric Hevy  
Mrs. Alexandra Caldwell  
Mr. Michael Bouchard, Former Member

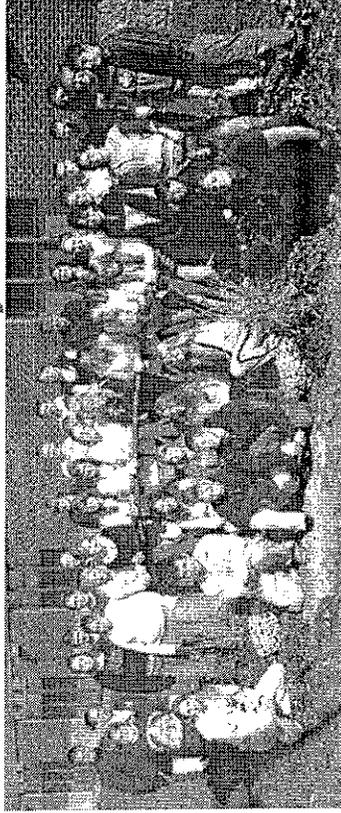
**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
Mrs. Erin Nosek

**NORTH BROOKFIELD JR./SR-HIGH SCHOOL STAFF**

Raymond J. LeMay	Principal
Andrew J. Leach, Jr.	Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
David Hackenson	Grades 7-12 Guidance Counselor
Sheila McGreal	Principal's Secretary
Elizabeth Laird	Guidance Secretary
Kim Hartman	Computer Technician
Jeneba Allard	7th Grade Geography
Kathleen Aslanian	Biology, Physiology
Nancy Atwater	Mathematics
Linda Barron	Librarian
Gerald Beals	8th Grade Science
Ralph Borseth	Computers, Business
Judith Bloomberg	French
Matthew Carlson	7th Grade Math
Ann Cunningham	Business
John Decéan	7th Grade Science
Nancy DiPilato	Spanish
Stephen Doros	History/Government
Tara Flannery	8th Grade English Language Arts
Margaret Hunter	7th Grade English Language Arts
Abigail Jannette	Health
Timothy Josti	Technology/Industrial Ed, Drafting
Shelly LaCaite	Special Education, Jr. High
Lisa Lamothe	English
Sarah Laska/Joan Kimball	Ecology/Earth Science
Diana Mills	Special Education, H.S.
Mark O'Connor	Physical Education
Frederica O'Malley	Mathematics
Karen O'Sullivan	Chemistry, Physics
Julia Petee	8th Grade Math
Richard Rigney	English
Melissa Roszkiewicz	Art
Damian Sarrette	English
Kurt Stanley	History
Anthony Swiercz	Music, Band
Gary Ward	Mathematics
Brenda Casey	Grades 9-12 Inclusion Aide
Khazma Daigneault	Grade 7-9 Paraprofessional
Kathleen Steenbruggen, B.S.N., R.N.	School Nurse
Peter Shipman	Director of Building and Grounds
Jeff Towler	Custodian
Andre Gaumond	Custodian
David Cutrumbes	Custodian
Susan Ford	Food Services Director
Donna Holmes	Food Services Manager
Karen Chishom	Cafeteria Worker
Terry Ruiz	Cafeteria Worker

**North Brookfield Jr-Sr High School**  
North Brookfield, Massachusetts

# Class Day 2007



"My Wish"

Friday, June 1, 2007

8:00 a.m.

Elementary Auditorium

# Class of 2007

North Brookfield Jr-Sr High School  
 Class Day Program  
 June 1, 2007

Beth Alford	Rachel Helleberg
Alison Arnold	Jeanne Hitt
Sarah Arnold	Kaytlin Hoel
Stacey Balzano	Lauren Iott
Lauren Bennett	Chelsea Johnson
Thomas Bessette	Rakyna Kenyon-Boyd
Elizabeth Bonnayer	James King
Joanna Brunnett	Bethany Landry
Krista Buchanan	Diana Luong
Julianne Caron	Jeffrey Martin
James Cavanaugh	Kaitlyn McGrail
Abbie Clark	Jacqueline McKeon
John Cross	Richard McMaster
Gavin Cummings	Michael Oakes
Jessica Daly	Shawna Olson
Amanda Desmarais	Corey Partlow
Michael DiCesare	Michael Pepka
Nicolle Drab	Timothy Sickles
Jessica Gianfriddo	Ian Tolman
Haley Gosselin	Troy Turpin
Kristi Gyles	Stephen Walthers
Kelly Hanrahan	Tiffany Woodman
Danielle Hebert	Acadia Zaik

Processional .....	"My Wish" by Rascal Flatts
Pledge of Allegiance .....	Daniel Waugh Vice President, Class of 2008
Invocation .....	Christina Viner President, Class of 2008
Welcome .....	Jeffrey Martin President, Class of 2007
"Don't Forget to Remember Me" .....	Kaitlyn McGrail
Awards .....	David P. Hackenson Guidance Counselor Andrew J. Leach, Jr. Assistant Principal
Class Will .....	Kaitlyn McGrail Richard McMaster James King
Musical Selection .....	Band
"Selections from The Lion King" .....	Anthony Swiercz, Director
Class Prophecy .....	Jessica Daly Jessica Gianfriddo Sarah Arnold
Class History .....	Slide Show
Recessional .....	"My Wish" by Rascal Flatts

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**NORTH BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Jeffrey Hicks, Chair  
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Mrs. Margaret Hanson, Secretary

Mr. Eric Hevy  
Mrs. Alexandra Caldwell  
Mr. Michael Bouchard, Former Member

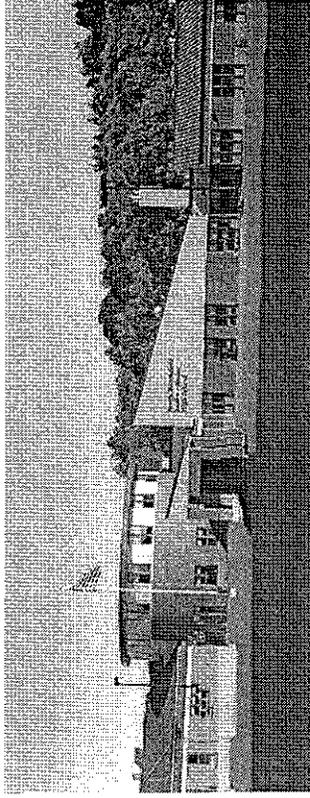
**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
Mrs. Erin Nosek

**NORTH BROOKFIELD JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL STAFF**

Raymond J. LeMay	Principal
Andrew J. Leach, Jr.	Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
David Haackenson	Grades 7-12 Guidance Counselor
Sheila McGrail	Principal's Secretary
Elizabeth Laird	Guidance Secretary
Kim Hartman	Computer Technician
Jeneba Allard	7th Grade Geography
Kathleen Aslanian	Biology, Physiology
Nancy Anwater	Mathematics
Linda Barron	Librarian
Gerald Beals	8th Grade Science
Ralph Borseth	Computers, Business
Judith Bloomberg	French
Matthew Carlson	7th Grade Math
Ann Cunningham	Business
John Dedeitan	7th Grade Science
Nancy DiPietro	Spanish
Stephen Doros	History/Government
Tara Flannery	8th Grade English Language Arts
Maureen Hunter	7th Grade English Language Arts
Abigail Jannette	Health
Timothy Josti	Technology/Industrial Ed, Drafting
Shelly LaCaire	Special Education, Jr. High
Lisa Lamothe	English
Sarah Latka/Joan Kimball	Ecology/Earth Science
Diana Mills	Special Education, H.S.
Mark O'Connor	Physical Education
Frederica O'Malley	Mathematics
Karen O'Sullivan	Chemistry, Physics
Julia Petitee	8th Grade Math
Richard Rigney	English
Melissa Roszkiewicz	Art
Damian Sarrette	English
Kurt Stanley	History
Anthony Swiercz	Music, Band
Gary Ward	Mathematics
Brenda Casey	Grades 9-12 Inclusion Aide
Khazma Daigeneault	Grade 7-9 Paraprofessional
Kathleen Steenbruggen	School Nurse
Peter Shipman	Director of Building and Grounds
Jeff Towler	Custodian
Andre Gaumond	Custodian
Stan Arel	Custodian
David Cuirumbes	Custodian
Susan Ford	Food Services Director
Donna Holmes	Food Services Manager
Karen Chishom	Cafeteria Worker
Terry Ruiz	Cafeteria Worker

**150th Graduation Exercises**  
**of**

**North Brookfield Jr-Sr High School**  
**Class of 2007**



**Elementary School Auditorium**  
**North Brookfield, Massachusetts**

**Sunday, June 3, 2007**  
**Promptly at 2:00 P.M.**

# Graduates of 2007

## -ORDER OF EXERCISES-

PROCESSIONAL ..... "POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE"  
GRADUATION ENSEMBLE - ANTHONY SWIERCZ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ..... DANIEL WAUGH  
VICE PRESIDENT, CLASS OF 2008

INVOCATION..... CHRISTINA VINER  
PRESIDENT, CLASS OF 2008

WELCOME.....JEFFREY MARTIN  
PRESIDENT, CLASS OF 2007

### -SENIOR SPEAKERS-

4th RANKED SCHOLAR — JAMES KING  
"The Road to Success"

3rd RANKED SCHOLAR — SARAH ARNOLD  
"Here's to You"

SALUTATORIAN — JESSICA DALY  
"Life Happens While You Make Other Plans"

VALEDICTORIAN — KAITLYN M. MCGRAIL  
"Stand"

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS ..... MR. RAYMOND LEMAY  
PRINCIPAL

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS ..... MR. ANDREW J. LEACH, JR.  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
MRS. ERIN NOSEK  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES ..... MRS. ERIN NOSEK  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS ..... MR. JEFFREY HICKS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR  
MR. JEFFREY MARTIN  
SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

RECESSIONAL ..... "MINGLE YOUR CHEERS" (SCHOOL SONG)  
GRADUATION ENSEMBLE - ANTHONY SWIERCZ

Beth Evelyn Alford	Danielle J. Hebert
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Ⓐ - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY    ⌘ - NBHS SENIOR HONOR STUDENT

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# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2007

Town Accountant

Town Treasurer

2006 Wages and Compensation

TOWN ACCOUNTANT  
 JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007  
 RECEIPTS

Taxes

Personal Property	50,407.48	
Real Estate	3,964,534.15	
Tax Liens Redeemed	17,875.85	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	446,593.52	
Farm Animal Excise	2,261.87	
In Lieu of Taxes	6,502.25	
Rollback Taxes	<u>535.50</u>	4,488,710.62

Revenue from the State

State Owned Land	18,279.00	
Abatements: Veterans, Blind, Surv:	15,583.00	
Abatements: Elderly	8,540.00	
Veterans Benefits	2,376.00	
Lottery, Beano, Charity	976,112.00	
Medicaid Assistance	103,014.46	
Police Career Incentive	10,625.56	
School Aid Chap 70	4,329,731.00	
Charter Tuition Assessment	1,370.00	
Voc Ed Transportation	20,061.00	
School Lunch	4,802.67	
Chap. 503 Polling Hours	497.00	
Police Community Policing	11,299.00	
Fire Grant	53,895.00	
Highway Grants (Chapter 90)	268,753.13	
School Grant #331	3,655.00	
School Circuit Breaker	229,871.00	
School Grant #632	2,600.00	
School Choice	367,426.00	
Mass. Arts Lottery	4,000.00	
Council on Aging Grant	5,002.00	
Library Grant	9,465.94	
Library Grant (Construction)	<u>754,304.00</u>	7,201,262.76

Grants and Gifts from the Federal Government

School Lunch	97,043.10
EPA Aztec	673.84
School Grant #647	72,314.00
School Grant #160	1,183.00

School Grant #140	30,571.00	
Spec Early Childhood-School #262	4,237.00	
Curriculum Frameworks-School #2	7,200.00	
Title VI #302	1,142.00	
Title 1 #305	86,700.00	
Kindergarten Enhancement #701	44,700.00	
Sped Ed 6-B-School #240	160,838.00	
Carol M. White Grant	7,665.00	
CDBG Duncan Building	375,608.00	
School Grant #256	3,000.00	892,874.94

Local Receipts

Charges Real Estate & P. P.	1,040.00
Interest Real Estate & P.P.	11,240.61
Charges Excise Taxes	11,073.00
Interest Excise Taxes	4,730.47
Filing Fees Motor Vehicle	5,505.00
Interest Tax Liens	2,105.70
CML Fees	4,975.00
Landfill Stickers	50,720.00
Licenses: Alcoholic	4,950.00
Licenses: All Other	2,100.00
Fines: Court	6,285.00
Sale of Inventory	209.00
Earnings on Investments	168,807.93
Misc. Revenue	254,173.80
Transfers from Other Funds	155,895.07
Copier Fees: Assessors	165.00
Copy Fees- Town Collector	2,514.00
Earnings on Investments Town Col	5,190.97
Town Clerk Fees	3,098.57
Planning Hearings	1,925.00
ZBA Hearings	1,500.00
Police Adm. Fees	3,288.60
Police Accident Reports	184.00
Permits: Police Pistol	4,050.00
Permits: Fire Burning	2,540.00
Permits: Building	26,273.10
Permits: Gas & Plumbing	4,450.00
Permits: Wiring	4,085.00
Permits: Safety	1,690.00
Animal Control Fees	255.00

Licenses: Dog	6,096.00	
Late Fees Dog Licenses	3,621.00	
Fines: Parking	2,785.00	
School Fees	99.00	
School Misc Revenue	1,258.14	
Highway Gasoline - N.B. Housing	1,571.70	
Landfill Fees	151.00	
Landfill Yellow Bags	86,856.50	
Landfill Demo Materials	6,134.00	
Cemetery: Burials & Foundations	13,185.60	
BOH Fees	17,147.48	
Copier Fees: Library	507.00	
Fines: Library	1,346.55	885,778.79

#### School

H.S. Student Activity Agency Fund	63,547.54	
H.S. Student Activity Agency Inter	2,846.30	
Elementary Student Activity Agenc	40,210.69	
Elementary Student Activity Intere:	837.21	
Athletic Fund	11,760.16	
Use of School Property	4,147.05	
Athletic Gift	14,105.84	
School AM/PM Program	9,425.50	
Band Revolving	4,010.85	
School Parking Fees	1,500.00	152,391.14

#### Water Department

Turn on Fees	1,600.00	
Tie-Ins	3,500.00	
Usage	638,359.77	
Cross Connections	4,850.00	
Charges & Interest	6,071.26	
Misc Revenue	257.55	
MWPAT Subsidy Princ	146,874.41	
MWPAT Subsidy Interest	49,650.01	851,163.00

#### Special Revenues

Sale of Lunches	136,223.54
Duncan Building Bond Bids	515.00
Interest on Investment Arts & Lotte	101.22
Wetland Fees	445.00
Insurance Reimbursement	3,287.28

Cemetery Sale of Lots & Graves	5,150.00	
Highway Machinery Rentals	9,162.60	
Senior Wheels	2,164.00	
COA Revolving Fund	5,045.00	
Recycling Fees	35,551.77	
BOH Grant/City of Worcester	1,050.00	
COA Gift	571.00	
Playground Gift	2,403.00	
Lake Lashaway Gift	1,335.00	
LPAC Gift	16,885.22	
Community Policing Gift	200.00	
Town House Gift	21,174.00	
NBEMA Gift	50.00	
Library Gift	37,943.07	
LPAC Grant	<u>55,000.00</u>	334,256.70
Library Capital Project		
Interest on Investment	<u>1,983.30</u>	1,983.30
School Scholarships		
Interest on Investments	1,877.30	
Donations	2,910.00	
Julianne Caron Scholarship Donati	<u>33,896.68</u>	38,683.98
Public Trusts		
Cemetery Trust Interest on Invest	1,242.41	
Library Trust Interest on Invest	954.24	
P.J. Downey Interest on Invest	310.39	
Sara Skerry Interest on Invest	88.73	
Interest on Drug Money	3.95	
Drug Money	1,274.00	
Interest on Recapture	1,817.58	
Holden Emergency Interest	318.33	
Holden Emergency Income	<u>15,736.00</u>	21,745.63
Stabilization Transfer From	200,000.00	
Stabilization Interest	<u>29,063.15</u>	229,063.15
Interest on Cemetery Perp Care	6,108.59	
Perpetual Care Revenue	<u>3,100.00</u>	9,208.59

Agency		
Police Off Duty Detail	33,560.04	
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	1,340.75	
Firearms/ C of M	12,400.00	
Curbcut Bonds	8,000.00	
School Off Duty	<u>1,966.77</u>	57,267.56
Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholdings	566,897.74	
Medicare	59,663.31	
State Withholdings	276,050.23	
Retirement	148,566.26	
Group Insurance	<u>393,417.96</u>	1,444,595.50
Sewer Department		
Accounts Receivable(Usage)	542,725.29	
Tie-In Fees	50,000.00	
Septage Income	338,640.00	
Charges & Interest on Receivables	5,919.10	
Sewer Rate Relief (State Funds)	14,611.00	
Misc. Revenue	395.23	
Misc. Revenue	(5,500.00)	
Sewer Bond Revenues	4,750.00	
Earnings on Investment	<u>47,275.15</u>	998,815.77
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS		17,607,801.43

#### DISBURSEMENTS

TOWN MODERATOR		
Personal Services	<u>98.00</u>	
TOTAL TOWN MODERATOR		98.00
SELECTMEN		
Selectmen Salaries	3,536.00	
Administrative Asst. Salary	32,990.00	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>2,533.16</u>	
TOTAL SELECTMEN		39,059.16
FINANCE COMMITTEE		
Supplies & Expenses	-	
TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE		-

ACCOUNTANT		
Accountant Salary	30,071.00	
Maintenance Agreement	4,004.00	
Supplies & Expenses	796.00	
Computer Software	<u>300.00</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNTANT		35,171.00
SINGLE AUDIT		
Purchase of Services	<u>9,400.00</u>	
TOTAL SINGLE AUDIT		9,400.00
ASSESSORS		
Assessors Salaries	57,206.68	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>4,425.10</u>	
TOTAL ASSESSORS		61,631.78
REVALUATION		
Supplies & Expenses	<u>9,162.93</u>	
TOTAL REVALUATION		9,162.93
TREASURER		
Treasurer Salary	27,800.00	
Supplies & Expenses	2,999.53	
Banking	8,080.70	
Tax Titles	<u>3,237.88</u>	
TOTAL TREASURER		42,118.11
TOWN COLLECTOR		
Town Collector Salary	35,657.00	
Town Collector Clerk Salary	8,273.42	
Supplies & Expenses	12,495.11	
Postage Machine	6,595.61	
Computer	1,729.93	
Tax Titles	<u>2,143.80</u>	
TOTAL TOWN COLLECTOR		66,894.87
TOWN COUNSEL & LEGALS		
Purchase of Services	<u>26,252.96</u>	
TOTAL TOWN COUNSEL & LEGALS		26,252.96

BOND & LEGALS		
Bond & Legals	<u>1,500.00</u>	
TOTAL BOND & LEGALS		1,500.00
TOWN CLERK		
Town Clerk Salary	21,185.00	
Town Clerk/Clerk Salary	4,173.99	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>900.00</u>	
TOTAL TOWN CLERK		26,258.99
ELECTION & CENSUS & REGISTRATION		
Registrars' Salaries	1,120.47	
Election & Census Salaries	5,029.74	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>6,850.25</u>	
TOTAL ELEC. & CENSUS & REG.		13,000.46
Chap 503 POLLING HOURS-STATE		
Personal Services	<u>497.00</u>	
TOTAL CHAPTER 503 POLLING HOURS		497.00
CONSERVATION		
Clerk Salary	337.00	
Supplies & Expenses	799.37	
Prior Year Expenses	<u>225.00</u>	
TOTAL CONSERVATION		1,361.37
WETLAND PROTECTION		
Supplies & Expenses	<u>270.00</u>	
TOTAL WETLAND PROTECTION		270.00
CENTRAL MASS. REGIONAL PLANNING		
Supplies & Expenses	<u>1,047.73</u>	
TOTAL CENTRAL MASS. REG. PLANNING		1,047.73
PLANNING BOARD		
Clerk Salary	983.00	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>848.00</u>	
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD		1,831.00
MASTER PLAN		
Expenses	<u>18,419.00</u>	
TOTAL MASTER PLAN		18,419.00

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Clerk Salary	616.00
Supplies & Expenses	<u>591.49</u>

TOTAL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 1,207.49

TOWN HOUSE

Janitor Salary	5,618.00
Supplies & Expenses	7,439.35
Telephone Expense	10,395.90
Town House Design	133,504.50
Town House Repairs SEA	33,080.00
Town Offices Expense	23,882.65
Technology Expense	<u>4,713.57</u>

TOTAL TOWN HOUSE 218,633.97

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEXT ARCHITECT

Supplies & Expenses	<u>19,000.00</u>
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TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEXT ARCHITECT 19,000.00

TOWN REPORT

Supplies & Expenses	<u>1,997.00</u>
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TOTAL TOWN REPORT 1,997.00

EPA AZTEC (FEDERAL GRANT)

EPA Expenses	<u>673.84</u>
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TOTAL EPA AZTEC (FEDERAL GRANT) EXPENSE 673.84

CDBG DUNCAN BLDG. GRANT

CMRPC Expense	18,625.36
Duncan Bldg. Expense	<u>435,859.57</u>

TOTAL CDBG DUNCAN BLDG. GRANT 454,484.93

POLICE EXPENSE

Personal Services	347,193.90
Supplies & Expenses	42,978.93
Police Office Expense	11,080.22
BulletProof Vests Town	2,185.00
Cruiser	<u>58,319.25</u>

TOTAL POLICE 461,757.30

BULLET PROOF VESTS (STATE)		
Supplies & Expenses	<u>185.00</u>	
TOTAL BULLET PROOF VESTS		185.00
POLICE CLICK IT OR TICKET		
Supplies & Expenses	<u>(776.18)</u>	
TOTAL POLICE CLICK IT OR TICKET TOTAL		(776.18)
POLICE FACILITY DESIGN & ENGINEERING		
Supplies & Expenses	<u>697.50</u>	
TOTAL POLICE FACILITY DESIGN & ENGINEERING		697.50
COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT		
Personal Services	10,076.36	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>10,241.17</u>	
TOTAL COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT		20,317.53
FIRE DEPARTMENT & TRAINING		
Fire Dept. Salaries	53,177.69	
Supplies & Expenses	22,839.76	
Generator Repair	5,000.00	
Fire Prior Year	<u>34.73</u>	
TOTAL FIRE DEPT. & TRAINING		81,052.18
FIRE STATE GRANT		
Capital Outlay	<u>53,895.00</u>	
TOTAL FIRE STATE GRANT		53,895.00
INSPECTORS		
Building Inspector Salary	13,224.00	
Ass't Building Inspector Salary	372.00	
Prior Year Building Inspector Salary	349.63	
Building Inspector Expense	200.00	
Gas Inspector Salary	1,053.00	
Plumbing Inspector Salary	2,582.00	
Wiring Inspector Salary	3,156.00	
Ass't Wiring Inspector Salary	372.00	
Safety Inspector Salary	<u>1,726.00</u>	
TOTAL INSPECTORS		23,034.63

NBEMA		
Supplies & Expenses	<u>870.06</u>	
TOTAL NBEMA		870.06

ANIMAL INSPECTOR		
Animal Control Officer Salary	6,082.00	
Ass't Animal Control Officer Salary	524.00	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>1,807.58</u>	
TOTAL DOG OFFICER & CARE OF DOGS		8,413.58

DOG LICENSE EXPENSE		
Dog License Expense	<u>181.53</u>	
TOTAL DOG LICENSE EXPENSE		<u>181.53</u>

TREE MAINTENANCE & DUTCH ELM DISEASE		
Warden Salary	122.00	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>9,000.00</u>	
TOTAL TREE MAINTENANCE & DUTCH ELM		9,122.00

PARKING FINES		
Clerk Salary	553.00	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>444.63</u>	
TOTAL PARKING FINES		997.63

SCHOOL DEPT.		
Personal Services	3,920,747.23	
Supplies & Expenses	1,511,252.77	
Bay Path Assessment	145,720.00	
School Boiler Expense	20,764.00	
H.S. Legals (Construction)	13,838.74	
Student Activity Agency Fund	60,500.00	
Elem Student Activity Agency	50,000.00	
School Off Duty Detail	<u>2,012.51</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOL DEPT.		5,724,835.25

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM		
Personal Services	129,720.05	
Food Expenses	84,269.05	
Supplies & Expenses	9,412.29	
Meal Tax	<u>339.01</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM		223,740.40

SCHOOL CHOICE		
Personal Services	46,945.89	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>72,135.81</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOL CHOICE		119,081.70
SCHOOL A.M. PROGRAM		
Personal Services	6,244.33	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>807.77</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOL A.M. PROGRAM		7,052.10
H.S. ATHLETIC		
Supplies & Expenses	<u>4,857.19</u>	
TOTAL H.S. ATHLETIC		4,857.19
USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY		
Personal Services	229.87	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>200.00</u>	
TOTAL USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY		429.87
SCHOOL ATHLETIC GIFT FUND		
Personal Services	3,120.00	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>5,365.00</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOL ATHLETIC GIFT		8,485.00
SCHOOL BAND REVOLVING		
Personal Services	1,628.00	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>972.32</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOL BAND REVOLVING		2,600.32
SCHOOL GRANTS FROM THE STATE		
Personal Services	2,900.00	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>176,241.73</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOL GRANTS FROM THE STATE		179,141.73
SCHOOL GRANTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		
Personal Services	300,664.71	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>122,080.93</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOL GRANT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		422,745.64

SCHOOL ENERGY GRANT FROM THE STATE		
Capital Outlay	52,971.00	
TOTAL SCHOOL ENERGY GRANTS FROM THE STA		52,971.00
HIGHWAY EXPENSES		
Personal Services	131,443.81	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>75,504.66</u>	
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES		206,948.47
CHAPTER 90 STATE SHARE		
Personal Services	4,660.65	
Machinery Rentals	1,797.56	
Capital Outlay	<u>139,195.40</u>	
TOTAL CHAPTER 90 STATE SHARE		145,653.61
SNOW & ICE		
Personal Services	39,620.68	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>71,076.64</u>	
TOTAL SNOW & ICE		110,697.32
FEMA - Flood Oct. 05		
Personal Services	3,892.63	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>22,787.87</u>	
TOTAL FEMA		26,680.50
STREET LIGHTING		
Purchase of Services	<u>30,441.10</u>	
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING		30,441.10
LANDFILL		
Monitor Salaries	30,422.38	
Contracts	81,143.45	
Supplies & Expenses	<u>6,146.38</u>	
TOTAL LANDFILL		117,712.21
CEMETERY & BURIALS		
Personal Services	13,140.89	
Commissioners Salaries	770.43	
Supplies & Expenses	7,609.69	
Cemetery Expansion Expense	<u>152.48</u>	
TOTAL CEMETERY & BURIALS		21,673.49

SALE OF LOTS & GRAVES

Transfer from Sale of Lots & Grave                     -

TOTAL SALE OF LOTS & GRAVES -

BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioners Salaries 2,027.00

BOH Clerk 14,906.00

Inspectors Salaries 1,593.24

BOH: Animal Quarantine Salary 359.08

Food Inspector Salary 630.00

Prior Year Food Inspector Salary 210.00

Health Supplies & Expenses                     14,536.82

TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH & LANDFILL 34,262.14

RECYCLING REVOLVING

Personal Services 71.70

Supplies & Expenses                     42,780.72

TOTAL RECYCLING REVOLVING 42,852.42

BOH CITY OF WORCESTER GRANT

Supplies & Expenses                     1,240.22

BOH CITY OF WORCESTER GRANT 1,240.22

COUNCIL ON AGING

Director Salary 22,177.00

COA Janitor Salary 2,341.00

COA Outreach Salary 11,408.00

Supplies & Expenses 14,490.65

Senior Wheels Expense                     3,000.00

TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING 53,416.65

SENIOR WHEELS

Senior Wheels Stipends                     1,681.00

TOTAL SENIOR WHEELS 1,681.00

COUNCIL ON AGING STATE GRANT

Supplies & Expenses                     5,002.00

TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING STATE GRANT 5,002.00

COA GREATER WORCESTER GRANT		
Personal Services	641.20	
TOTAL COA PRIVATE GRANT		641.20
COA REVOLVING		
Personal Services	2,785.78	
Supplies & Expenses	3,436.56	
TOTAL COA REVOLVING		6,222.34
COA GIFT		
Supplies & Expenses	1,717.49	
TOTAL COA GIFT		1,717.49
VETERANS		
Agent Salary	3,300.20	
Supplies & Expenses	48.00	
Benefits	1,412.78	
TOTAL VETERANS		4,760.98
LIBRARY		
Personal Services	50,866.00	
Supplies & Expenses	30,274.95	
TOTAL LIBRARY		81,140.95
LIBRARY STATE GRANT		
Personal Services	161.63	
Supplies & Expenses	8,617.19	
TOTAL LIBRARY STATE GRANT		8,778.82
LIBRARY GIFT FUND		
Supplies & Expenses	25,804.29	
TOTAL LIBRARY GIFT		25,804.29
LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION		
Supplies & Expenses	3,350,873.64	
TOTAL LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION		3,350,873.64
PLAYGROUND & RECREATION		
Personal Services	472.00	
Supplies & Expenses	2,355.12	
TOTAL PLAYGROUND & RECREATION		2,827.12

PLAYGROUND & RECREATION GIFT

Supplies & Expenses 3,615.91

TOTAL PLAYGROUND & RECREATION GIFT 3,615.91

LASHAWAY BEACH

Personal Services 7,796.50

Supplies & Expenses 2,627.88

TOTAL LASHAWAY BEACH 10,424.38

LASHAWAY BEACH GIFT

Supplies & Expenses 1,500.52

TOTAL LASHAWAY BEACH GIFT 1,500.52

UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial & Veterans Days 598.51

Worcester County Retirement 188,753.00

Unemployment 51,157.65

Insurance-Group 1,512,161.19

Insurance-Medicare 61,854.44

Mass. Arts Lottery 1,875.60

Insurance Reimbursement 3,063.95

L.P.A.C. Gift 16,279.98

Dog Gift -

Transfers to Other Funds 200,000.00

TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED 2,035,744.32

STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

County Tax 5,230.00

Motor Vehicle Non-Renewal Sur. 4,480.00

Air Pollution 1,014.00

RTA 2,230.00

Special Education 494.00

School Choice 590,673.00

Charter Tuition 15,318.00

TOTAL STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 619,439.00

INTEREST & MATURING DEBT		
Interest-JR/SR High School	213,382.50	
Interest - Temporary Borrowing	541.22	
Interest	2,250.00	
Interest Sewer Tax Dollars	16,042.50	
Maturing Debt	75,000.00	
Maturing Debt - Sewer Tax Dollars	30,000.00	
Maturing Debt - JR/SR HIGH SCH	<u>285,000.00</u>	
TOTAL INTEREST & MATURING DEBT		622,216.22
GENERAL INSURANCE		
Purchase of Services	<u>166,290.54</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL INSURNACE		166,290.54
AGENCY		
Federal Withholdings	566,897.74	
Medicare Withholdings	59,663.31	
State Withholdings	276,050.23	
Retirement Withholdings	148,566.26	
Insurance Withholdings	386,023.98	
Dog Spay & Neuter	53.55	
Firearms C of M	12,400.00	
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	1,336.75	
Curbcut Bonds	3,500.00	
Police Off Duty Details	<u>41,655.04</u>	
TOTAL AGENCY		1,496,146.86
REFUNDS		
Personal Property	603.12	
Real Estate	41,443.12	
Rollback Taxes	277.42	
Motor Vehicle	9,868.66	
Landfill	<u>40.00</u>	
TOTAL REFUNDS GENERAL FUND		52,232.32
SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS		
Awards	<u>5,400.00</u>	
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS		5,400.00

TRUST

Cemetery To Cemetery Salary	6,000.00
Holden Emergency Salary Trust	1,016.55
Holden Emergency Expense Trust	22,889.70
Library Trust Fund Expense	1,920.00
P.J. Downey Trust Fund	310.39
Sara Skerry Trust Fund	88.73
Police Drug Expense	487.00
Police Drug Interest to General Fun	<u>15.07</u>

TOTAL TRUST

32,727.44

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners Salary	2,349.00
Personal Services	127,459.81
Supplies & Expenses	227,333.47
Water System Improvement	55,480.02
Water Maturing Debt	191,897.99
Water Interest	62,381.92
Water Refunds	2,653.69
MWPAT Subsidy Principal Expen	49,650.01
MWPAT Subsidy Interest Expend	<u>146,874.41</u>

TOTAL WATER DEPT.

866,080.32

SEWER & CARE OF SEWERS

Personal Services	179,443.67
Commissioners Salary	2,163.00
Supplies & Expenses	427,533.72
Prior Year Expense	1,373.50
Care of Sewer Expense	12,471.09
Engineering "Little Canada"	33,000.00
Downey Road Extension	123,104.60
"Little Canada Project	459,547.02
Sewer WWTP #1 Debt	64,103.00
Sewer WWTP #1 Interest	79,823.38
Sewer WWTP #2 Debt	22,500.00
Sewer WWTP #2 Interest	27,489.97
Sewer Bond Refunds	2,150.00
Sewer Refunds	10,863.48

TOTAL SEWER & CARE OF SEWERS

1,445,566.43

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

20,094,071.77

TOWN TREASURER

OUTSTANDING DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2007

		<i>General Obligation</i>	
		Paid by Tax Dollars	
		PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
Sewer #1	Outside Debt Limit	<u>249,000.00</u>	<u>66,757.50</u>
		249,000.00	66,757.50
<i>Jr./Sr. High School Construction</i>			
Construction-Bonds	Debt Exclusion	<u>5,340,000.00</u>	<u>1,975,302.50</u>
		5,340,000.00	1,975,302.50
<i>Library Renovation</i>			
Construction-BANS	Debt Exclusion	<u>2,743,354.00</u>	<u>109,734.16</u>
		2,743,354.00	109,734.16
<i>Sewer Enterprise Debt</i>			
Paid by Sewer Users Only			
Constr Wastewater Plant #1	Outside Debt Limit	1,709,749.92	1,062,906.50
Constr Wastewater Plant #2	Outside Debt Limit	588,438.00	360,509.67
Little Canada Rehab Project		<u>900,000.00</u>	<u>5,895.00</u>
		3,198,187.92	1,429,311.17
<i>Water Debt</i>			
Paid by Water Users Only			
Water Plant Construction	Outside Debt Limit	<u>3,042,358.79</u>	<u>356,320.07</u>
		3,042,358.79	356,320.07
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT & INTEREST		14,572,900.71	3,937,425.40

TRUST FUNDS

	UNEXPENDABLE	EXPENDABLE
Cemetery	172,792.03	8,117.08
Library	17,091.04	12,046.04
Sara Skerry	2,000.00	1.00
P.J. Downey	7,000.30	1.00
Emergency Services Gift		6,145.07
Police Drug		810.00
Housing Rehab		42,226.48
Stabilization		839,216.33
Scholarship Accounts		<u>118,765.82</u>
TOTALS	198,883.37	1,027,328.82

## 2007 CALENDAR YEAR EARNINGS

Adams, Anne	4,104.00	Brown, Troy	372.00
Ahearn, Laura	400.00	Buchanan, Charles*	1,395.45
Ahearn, Linda	49,040.63	Burkett, Martha	24,700.96
Allard, Jeneba S.	36,488.62	Burton, Leslie Scott	33,465.97
Allen, David R.*	380.40	Buzzell, Renee	59,438.27
Allen, Marion	60.00	Buzzell, Sheila A.	42,863.21
Allen-Davis, Regina	1,708.28	Byszek, John	3,573.32
Alphin John	786.56	Caille, Eugene V., Jr.	98.00
Anderson, Darin	3,414.70	Caldwell, James	719.50
Arel, Stanley	26,084.23	Capite, Cynthia	18,396.63
Arnold, Alison	2,084.50	Carey, Edward	250.00
Aslanian, Kathleen M.	46,792.95	Carlson, Matthew	41,067.44
Atwater, Nancy	38,438.16	Carlson, Oscar	557.54
Avery, Margaret	7,726.25	Casey, Brenda S.	20,881.15
Ayotte, James	2,583.00	Catino, Ashley	200.00
Baker, Brenda	17.31	Cavanaugh, Theresa L.	19,616.65
Baker, Norma	23,475.12	Chapman, Lauren	5,890.00
Barnes, Robert R	37,496.96	Chisholm, Karen	13,571.12
Baronoski, Janice E.	80,392.52	Churchey, David	67,258.28
Barron, Linda E.	67,256.49	Churchey, Lee	992.54
Batchelor, Richard H.	5,080.22	Cleary, Jennifer	3,931.87
Batchelor, Timothy R.	2,798.90	Cloutier, Chris	450.00
Beals, Gerald R.	63,846.53	Cloutier, Michael J.*	207.12
Beaudette, Jeary	1,628.00	Coakley, Karen	2,400.00
Befford, J. Gene	5,522.62	Comeau, Nicole	100.00
Benninger, Sandra	8,822.65	Cormier, Marie R.	1,461.89
Berard, Jesse	12,982.57	Couture, John	12,224.00
Berg, Randy	1,624.00	Cristman, Katherine	400.00
Berthiaume, Karen	1,643.17	Cummings, Christine	780.00
Bessette, Thomas	1,209.82	Cunningham, Ann	61,786.56
Black, James	6,150.94	Currier, Kyle	17,542.78
Blood, Christopher	1,647.26	Curtis, Kathi	14,879.46
Blood, Douglas J.*	65,815.03	Cutrumbes, David	25,020.07
Bloomberg, Judith	52,571.90	Cutrumbes, Lisa A.	30,801.81
Bohdiewicz, John	6,250.00	Dacey, Paul	2,153.73
Borseth, Ralph	53,716.82	Daley, Ryan *	58,704.82
Bouchard, Paul E.	3,741.98	D'Amato, Richard A.	68,070.42
Bouchard, Louise M.	23,688.16	Davis, Lori-Canada	61,514.22
Bowlin, Robert	7,297.73	Dedeian, John P.	46,084.61
Brown, David	5,497.30	Dedeian, Nancy M.	62,729.77
Brown, Donna J.	36,353.40	Delaney, Corinne	28,540.20
Brown, James	37,435.39	Deschamps, Josephine	5,360.00
Brown, Robin	13,485.26	Dilling, Donna	471.68

Dilling, Paul	533.00	Hebert, Lori	5,787.23
Dipilato, Nancy	59,890.11	Henderson, Jacqueline	360.00
Doe, Donald Jr.	2,406.32	Herard, Frances	195.44
Donais, Christopher	60,080.98	Hevy, Eric	2,068.20
Doros, Stephen J.	61,010.39	Hicks, Christine F.	60,632.46
Dowgielewicz, Francis	29,859.35	Hillman, Ethan	1,035.00
Dowgielewicz, Susan	35,670.60	Hinckley, Lou Anna	64,317.35
Downie, Dana	6,534.44	Holmes, Donna	16,815.43
Doyle, Stephanie	5,540.00	Holmes, Colin	960.00
Duggan, Patricia A.	16,020.02	Holway, Anthony S.	122.00
Dupuis, Michelle	123.00	Holway, Joseph	3,872.16
Dupuis, Nicole	465.75	Hubacz, Adam	3,073.90
Eaton, Bonnie	4,037.37	Hulser, Mary L.	15,449.83
Eckelkamp, Christina	9,097.49	Hunter, Maureen	66,469.82
Edwards, Mary Daley	63,741.40	Ingemi, John	511.60
Eliason, Laura A.	65,479.42	Jannette, Anne B.	36,557.10
Emerson, Russell	3,851.27	Jean, Gary	44,393.20
Fairbrother, Alan	576.18	Jenkins, Rodney S.	69,761.47
Farmer, John	3,717.66	Johnson, Cheryl	2,454.46
Farr, Cathy M.	65,013.66	Johnson, Priscilla A.	23,763.98
Ferguson, Donna	18,980.00	Johnson, Rhonda	269.50
Ferguson, Richard Sr.	3,921.70	Johnson, Richard	2,619.90
Ferrante-George, Giovan	960.00	Johnson, Sandra	13,329.34
Fiske, George	510.00	Jones, Stephen G.	64,599.92
Fitzgerald, Tammy	3,482.50	Josti, Timothy	46,400.88
Flamand, Joseph	5,432.25	Kachadoorian, Adam	49,263.70
Flannery, Tara	36,663.04	Kaczmarczyk, Ferdinand	4,715.74
Ford, James	2,454.20	Kaslauskas, Ellen	15,002.37
Ford, Susan D.	36,452.15	Kennan, Richard E. Jr.	42,647.27
Foyle, Helen	8,867.04	Kidd, Ann	22,638.51
Foyle, James	719.69	Kimball, Joan	4,575.00
Foyle, John	1,549.93	Kiritsy, Patrick	17,787.05
Gannon, Brad	6,091.80	Kittredge, Maria	95.53
Gaumond, Andre	25,052.31	Korabowski, Adam S.	54,128.30
Gauthier, Donna M.	37,255.68	Kularski, James	587.30
George-Kort, Kim	6,120.48	Kularski, Kelly	1,000.00
Girouard, Matthew	1,796.90	Kularski, Mary E.	530.00
Givans, Diane Kay	5,055.75	Lacaire, Shelly C.	53,938.22
Gonelli, Joseph	1,257.75	Laflamme, Susan	61,475.41
Hackenson, David	64,637.89	Laird, Elizabeth	11,759.49
Haddock, Charles	731.84	Lambert, Amanda	30,700.00
Halley, Karen	12,442.62	Lamothe, Francis	360.50
Harrington, Barbara	15,044.58	Lamothe, Lisa C.	52,732.89
Hartman, Kimberly	23,009.87	Lane, John J.,II	379.55
Healey, Bridget	50.00	Lane, Robert .	524.25

Lapierre, Earlene M.	35,888.19	Nosek, Christopher	50.00
Lapierre, Laurie J.	17,027.10	Nosek, Erin	101,690.58
Latka, Sarah	8,099.55	Nykiel, Nancy J.	35,069.27
Lazarick, Joseph III	2,331.60	O'Brien, David	8,692.86
Leach, Andrew J., Jr.	79,781.55	O'Connor, Mark S.	69,633.85
LeBlanc, Diane H.	65,124.12	O'Hara, Cynthia	9,699.86
LeBlanc, Paul	3,131.00	O'Malley, Frederica	65,746.35
LeBlanc, Shiela A.	22,524.39	O'Sullivan, Karen	28,743.34
Lee, Blaise	1,001.00	Osborne, Gail E.	57,169.35
Lee, Gail A.	54,536.48	Pariset, Jean	10,458.30
LeMay, Raymond	44,625.00	Pasierb, Paul	458.50
Leonard, Carolyn	12,879.00	Pasternack, Janet M.	1,869.48
Lewengrub, Charlotte	635.46	Peloquin, Mary	4,924.20
Loricco, Ann	32,363.37	Peterson, Sherry	12,031.22
Lyons, Deborah A.	63,710.61	Pettee, Julia	42,992.06
MacIntosh, Barbara	34.63	Rice, Richard	144.00
Mackenzie, Rosemary	15,319.79	Richardson, Susan	8,210.00
Maher, David	1,980.00	Rigney, Abigail M.	39,557.09
Mailing, Donald	2,222.26	Rigney, Richard B.	67,014.40
Mansfield, William	542.50	Rising, Margaret	1,437.50
Marinin, Christopher	635.25	Rockwood, Kevin	2,983.45
Marshall, Keith	1,140.66	Roszkiewicz, Melissa	63,214.76
Martin, David	2,453.38	Roy, Joshua	1,450.15
Marty, Kathleen	5,943.00	Ruiz, Theresa	10,313.59
Mason, Michelle	5,042.64	Ryan, Diana	20,255.91
Mathon, Meghan	7,283.50	Ryback, Carole E.	2,973.88
McGarry, Melanie	46,445.79	Ryel, Lori	19,444.65
McGrail, Kaitlyn	198.00	Sampson, Lydia	2,233.00
McGrail, Sheila M.	30,422.67	Sanborn, Jennifer	560.00
McKay, Raymond	7,275.20	Sanborn, Keith	1,845.32
Mckeon, James	34,296.99	Santos, Renee	4,555.21
McNeaney, Lee A.	60,258.86	Sarrette, Damian C.	51,428.22
Mercadante, Michael	34,028.13	Scortino, Richard	2,800.00
Mills, Diana	53,629.69	Serra, Christine	8,349.12
Miner, Thomas R.	6,998.72	Servant, Christine	36,077.79
Mooney, Jay	62,347.21	Sharpe, Michele	28,742.95
Mshooshian, Sharon	12,093.88	Shipman, Cheryl	60,851.55
Murphy, John	913.40	Shipman, Peter	54,560.56
Murray, Leslie A.	58,603.32	Sidebottom, Lara	6,457.50
Murray, Meghan	638.00	Small, Joan	26,432.08
Nason, Tim	1,174.40	Smith, Donald C.	275.00
Nealer, Reedy J., Jr.	17,331.57	Smith, Donald E.	371.33
Nolette, George	1,990.66	Soffan-Daigneault, Khaz	8,686.31
Noble-Young, Sarah	546.24	Sokol, Jane A.	64,492.35
Noonan, Joseph	1,830.00	Spence, Melody	6,615.04

Stanley, Kurt R.	45,739.42	Towler, Jeffrey	26,394.18
Steenbruggen, Kathleen	31,303.14	Trainor, Arlo	3,006.00
Strandberg, Catherine	635.46	Truhel, Joseph	768.24
Stumpf, Paul	7,631.65	Tsihlis, Stephen	450.00
Sturges, Gregory	9,672.21	Varney, Lex	60,601.72
Sullivan, Cindy E.	48,155.63	Vigars, Timothy	2,737.09
Swiercz, Anthony E.	66,127.44	Ward, Gary	62,686.27
Taylor, Jeffrey	372.00	Wells, Shelie	3,684.88
Thayer, Laurence	731.83	Wheeler, Jason	2,707.00
Thomasian, Anthony*	1,346.85	Whitney, Robin	39,903.88
Thomasian, Aram Jr.	71,520.00	Willey, Tammy	1,315.56
Thomasian, John	587.30	Wilmot, Marie L.	8,916.75
Thomasian, Robin J.	14,106.32	Woodard, Elizabeth	72,740.25
Thompson, Lucinda S.	16,088.85	Wright, Joann	3,751.50
Tift, Michael	14,030.87	Wrightson, Holly	532.50
Tonna, Andrew	1,500.00	Zabek, Susan	485.52
Toomey, Susan L.	7,560.00	Zegarra, Joseph	1,200.00
Tourtellotte, David	2,113.20		

\*Includes non-tax dollars for police details.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne B. Jannette  
Treasurer

## **PLANNING BOARD 2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Planning Board had a dynamic and challenging year in many areas within the scope of its responsibility. We continue our efforts to clarify and improve definitions and interpretation of the Zoning By-Laws. Key accomplishments in 2007 include:

- Adding a regulation for and definition of permitted use of small wind energy systems in all districts where buildings are permitted.
- A change in the administration of Special Permits.
- A change in the permitted use regulations in Industrial Districts.

A grant has been awarded by CMRPC to develop a village-zoning Bylaw for the Town's Central Business district and the surrounding area in 2008. The Planning Board will also seek funding in to do a comprehensive update of the current Zoning Bylaws as recommended in the Master Plan.

Phase II of the Master Plan was completed with funds granted to the Town by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs through a Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant award. In October, after two years of hard work the Master Plan Committee delivered to the Planning Board and the Town its first Master Plan. Subsequently, the Open Space and Recreation chapter was submitted to and certified by the State of Massachusetts in December. The Planning Board is grateful to the members of the Master Plan Committee and proud of its accomplishments.

In 2008 the Board will move forward with the appointment of a Master Plan Implementation Team. This team will assure that the Goals, Recommendations and Objectives of the Master Plan are fully implemented over the next eight to ten years. The Implementation Team's mission is to fulfill the Master Plan's vision of "Town Government and Departments committed to a vision for the future which is realistic and in touch with the needs and requirements of the Citizens whom they serve."

The Planning Board and the Master Plan Implementation Team encourage the active participation of representatives of all Town Committees and Departments in the implementation of their goals and objectives. Community volunteers may contact the Master Plan Implementation Team on [NBMP1812@AOL.COM](mailto:NBMP1812@AOL.COM) or 508 867-5377.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Walter, Co-chair  
Planning Board

## PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

For the North Brookfield Playground Committee, 2007 saw the continuation of our ongoing commitment to keep the Common clean and safe for all residents of North Brookfield.

In 2007 we welcomed Dave Hanson to the Committee as Jeff Bennett chose not to run for reelection. We would like to thank Jeff for his many years of dedication and leadership to the Playground Committee through his many years of service.

For the third straight year the Harlem Rockets Basketball Team took on the latest edition of the North Brookfield Dream Team at N.B.H.S. However the results did not change, with the Rockets handily beating the Dream Team.

In February we held our 4th annual Valentine's Day spaghetti supper and dance at the American Legion hall, with music provided by Andy Caron. With the money raised at this event, we were able to award scholarships to North Brookfield High School Seniors Lauren Bennett and Allison Arnold, as well as make a donation to the Julianne Caron scholarship fund. These were awarded based on the student's helpfulness with the youth organizations in town.

During the winter of 2007 in conjunction with Andy Caron's youth basketball league, we were able to run an introduction to basketball 6 week clinic. This will continue in 2008 and going forward.

The Committee also organized with the help of many volunteers a recreational baseball and softball program for the summer of 2007. This program became the spring board for Little League baseball and softball to become organized once again in North Brookfield as part of the Quaboag Valley League.

Our annual Golf Tournament was held in August at Quail Hollow and as usual was a big success. In December we held our second annual Christmas on the Common. With favorable weather, we were able to hold it on the Common this year. Santa Claus and the North Brookfield High School Student Council entertained over 150 young children.

As we move into 2008 we hope that we will be able to continue these events as well as add others as recommended by the community. The Playground Committee would like to thank all that help out in so many ways in 2007.

Richard LeBlanc, Chairman  
Dave Hanson  
Keith Churchill

## PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Plumbing and Gas Permits for the Period from January 1, 2007  
to December 31, 2007

Total plumbing permits issued-----	56	Inspections Made-----	118
Total Gas permits issued -----	<u>49</u>	Inspections made -----	<u>52</u>

TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	105	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	170
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Amount collected for plumbing permits----- \$3,506.00

Amount collected for gas permits----- \$1,411.00

Total amount collected for the above permits was----- \$4,917.00

Submitted by

Paul Bouchard  
Plumbing and Gas Inspector

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

## FULL-TIME COMPLEMENT

Aram Thomasian, Jr.-Chief

Douglas Blood-Sergeant  
Adam Kachadorian-Officer  
Christopher Donais-Officer

Ryan Daley-Sergeant  
David Churchey-Officer

## PART-TIME COMPLEMENT

Charles Buchanan-Sergeant  
Anthony Thomasian-Officer  
Paul Dacey-Officer  
David O'Brien-Officer  
Adam Hubacz-Officer  
Anne Jannette-Secretary

Thomas Miner-Officer  
Jesse Berard-Officer  
John Murphy-Special Officer  
Joseph Lazarick-Officer  
Matthew Girouard-Officer  
Mary Peloquin-Secretary

Calls for service through the State Police Dispatch in New Braintree increased by 29% in 2007. We also saw an increase in the number of arrests, accidents and firearms applications. I would like to thank the officers for their service and dedication to the community.

The North Brookfield Police Department received 4,507 calls for service through State Police Dispatch in New Braintree. In-house records indicate the following:

Incidents	292	Arrests	186
Restraining Orders	26	Citations	250
Accidents	57	Parking Tickets	99
Town By-Law Violations	2	Firearms Permits	185

All full-time officers attended yearly in-service training. Each officer was also re-certified in firearms, CPR/First Responder and use of the Criminal Justice Information Service.

Several meetings were held throughout the year with the area town's emergency personnel and health departments to implement an emergency dispensing site plan for the Brookfield's. As North Brookfield is the host community, the police department will be responsible for keeping order and insuring that proper procedures are followed.

The Police Architectural Feasibility Committee worked diligently through the spring to select a sight for the construction of a new police station. After careful consideration, research, legal opinion and preliminary site analysis a portion of the former Aztec property was chosen as the site for a new police facility. In

October we learned the Town was awarded a \$200,000 grant toward the construction costs. Voters overwhelmingly supported the project at a special town meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> and again by ballot vote on December 10<sup>th</sup> approving the debt exclusion. I thank the citizens of North Brookfield for understanding the importance of Public Safety.

The generous support from our local businesses and residents to the Police Association Toys for Joy program helped several families have a brighter holiday. We thank everyone for their contributions and their continued support for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Aram Thomasian, Jr.  
Chief of Police

## **POLICE FEASIBILITY AND BUILDING COMMITTEE 2007 Annual Report**

It is with great pleasure that we provide you with an update on the North Brookfield Police Feasibility and Building Committee progress. In November 2005 the Board of Selectman appointed a six-member Police Facility Architectural Selection Committee and allocated \$19,000 for initial architectural and engineering fees.

The members of the committee are:

Chief Aram Thomasian Co-Chair	Paul Dacey Co-Chair
Anne Jannette	Leah Bradley
Bob Filipkowski	Eric Hevy

In February 2006 the Committee selected Reinhardt Associates to conduct a needs assessment and site feasibility study. During the process the committee looked at approximately 40 different locations in town, which consisted of town-owned property as well as property that could be purchased.

On November 10, 2006 the town voted to appropriate \$100,000 for the design and engineering of a new police facility.

On March 16, 2007 the town voted to support the efforts of the Police Facility Committee in designing and constructing a new police facility. This was to show good faith when applying for a construction grant through the state.

In April 2007 the Committee identified three locations, prioritizing them respectively:

1. Route 67/148 (West Brookfield/Brookfield Road)
2. NBDDP (formerly the ztec property)
3. Langevin Property (has since been sold)

In May 2007 the committee received opposition to the Rte 67/148 location due to it being protected Town Forest land. During this meeting we received a tremendous amount of positive feedback from the community on the Aztec location, so the committee voted to have a site analysis and schematic design completed.

On June 22, 2007 the Selectmen signed a contract with Reinhardt Associates to conduct a feasibility analysis and schematic design for the North Brookfield Downtown Development Project (formerly the Aztec Property).