

2009 ANNUAL REPORT



ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN RECORDS AND REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICERS



TOWN OF ACUSHNET

2009

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Fire Department (Emergency)	9-1-1
Fire Department (Business)	508-998-0250
Police Department (Emergency)	9-1-1
Police Department (Business)	508-998-0240
Acushnet Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance) ...	9-1-1
Acushnet Emergency Medical Service (Business)	508-998-0235

TOWN SERVICES

Animal Control Officer	508-998-9040
Assessors	508-998-0205
Building Department	508-998-0225
Board of Public Works, Water/Sewer Department	508-998-0230
Cemetery Department	508-995-0052
Conservation Commission	508-998-0202
Council on Aging	508-998-0280
Director of Finance	508-998-0220
Emergency Management Agency (Civil Defense)	508-998-0295
Gas Inspector	508-998-0225
Health Board	508-998-0275
Park Department	508-998-0285
Planning Board	508-996-6662
Plumbing Inspector	508-998-0225
Russell Memorial Library	508-998-0270
School Business Manager	508-998-0261
Selectmen	508-998-0200
Superintendent of Schools	508-998-0260
Town Collector	508-998-0210
Town Clerk	508-998-0215
Town Treasurer	508-998-0212
Tree Warden	508-998-0230
Veteran's Services	508-998-0207
Visiting Nurse	508-998-0275
Wire Department	508-998-0225

WEB SITE ADDRESS

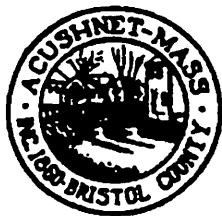
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MASSACHUSETTS



For the

Year Ending December 31, 2009

Front Cover Photo Courtesy of Susan Amaral

**In Memoriam
2009**

Claire Rouillier
Elementary School Teacher
Date of Death – February 1, 2009

Alice Kut
Election Inspector
Date of Death – February 19, 2009

Manual P. Raposa
Department of Public Works
Date of Death – March 23, 2009

Joseph Desautels
Golden Cane Recipient
Date of Death – April 9, 2009

John Souza, Jr.
School Department Superintendent
Ford Middle School Principal
Guidance Counselor
Teacher
Date of Death – April 24, 2009

Arsene J. Cusson
Fire Chief
Acushnet's Man of the Year (1985)
Date of Death – July 21, 2009

Theodore Siwik
Department of Public Works
Date of Death – August 13, 2009

TOWN OFFICERS

2009

Town Clerk

Pamela A. Labonte

Term Expires 2011

Board of Selectmen

David E. Wojnar, Chairman

Term Expires 2010

Leslie Dakin, Jr.

Term Expires 2011

Michael A. Cioper

(Resigned November 6, 2009)

Term Expires 2012

Board of Assessors

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman

Term Expires 2011

Liberio Soares

Term Expires 2010

Matt Lopes

Term Expires 2012

Board of Health

Thomas J. Fortin, Chairman

Term Expires 2010

Robert Medeiros

Term Expires 2011

David Davignon

Term Expires 2012

School Committee

Frank Kuthan, Chairman

Term Expires 2011

Douglas Coray

Term Expires 2010

Manuel D. Goncalves

Term Expires 2010

David DeTerra

Term Expires 2011

Dr. Mary Louise Francis

Term Expires 2012

Commissioner of Trust Funds

Paul R. O'Neil, Chairman

Term Expires 2011

William A. Krause

Term Expires 2010

Kevin S. Madruga

Term Expires 2012

Trustees of Free Public Library

Kristen Leotti, Chairman

Term Expires 2010

Robert Bartolome

Term Expires 2010

Anne M. Verissimo

Term Expires 2011

Henry Preston

Term Expires 2011

JoAnn Bertrand

Term Expires 2012

Jean S. Stripinis

Term Expires 2012

Cemetery Board

Paul H. Fortin, Chairman
Charlene Fortin
Joanne Cioper

Term Expires 2012
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2011

Park Commissioners

Michael Desrosiers, Chairman
Marc J. Antone
Wayne Richmond

Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2011
Term Expires 2012

Housing Authority

Nancy Brightman, Chairwoman
Lawrence G. Marshall
Lawrence P. Mulvey
Richard Threlfall - State Appointed
James S. Madruga, Jr.

Term Expires 2011
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2012
Term Expires 2012
Term Expires 2014

Planning Board

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
Richard H. Ellis
Mark DeSilva
Richard P. Forand
Leo N. Coons, Jr.

Term Expires 2012
Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2011
Term Expires 2013
Term Expires 2014

Moderator

Robert E. Francis

Term Expires 2011

Tree Warden

Raymond F. Barlow

Term Expires 2011

Board of Public Works

Steven R. Boucher, Chairman
Dustin Cormier
Brian Slowik
Jeffrey Schuster
Douglas Pinard

Term Expires 2010
Term Expires 2011
Term Expires 2011
Term Expires 2012
Term Expires 2012

Town Oaths Administered by Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk “2009”

<u>Date Sworn In 2008</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date of Election or Appointment</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
5/08/06	Gail Rodrigues	Finance Committee	Resigned 5/04/09	5/01/09
8/14/06	Lori Bates	Historical Commission	Resigned 5/27/09	5/01/09
3/26/07	Albert J. Santos	Board of Appeals	Resigned 2/04/09	5/01/10
5/14/07	Geraldine Frates	Election Inspector	Resigned 5/06/09	5/01/09
5/14/07	Dorothy Lackie	Election Clerk	Resigned 5/07/09	5/01/09
5/14/07	Jeannette Pepin	Election Inspector	Resigned 5/13/09	5/01/09
4/06/09	Michael Cioper	Board of Selectmen	Resigned 11/06/09	4/02/12
4/27/09	Susan Amaral	Sesquicentennial Committee	Resigned 7/10/09	Upon Completion
4/27/09	Joyce Reynolds	Sesquicentennial Committee	Resigned 6/08/09	Upon Completion
4/27/09	Alissa Setera	Sesquicentennial Committee	Resigned 7/13/09	Upon Completion
5/11/09	Joyce Tillett	Election Warden	Resigned 12/16/09	5/01/11
1/05/09	John Bolarinho	Police Sergeant	1/05/09	---
2/03/09	Leo Coons	Acushnet Rep. Old Colony	5/01/08	4/30/11
2/09/09	Allicyn Cote	Alternative Energy Commission	Appt. 1/26/09	5/01/09
2/27/09	Nelson Cardoso	Tilcon Capaldi PJ Keating Weigher	Appt. 4/28/08	5/01/10
3/03/09	Linda Olsen	Cultural Council	Appt. 1/26/09	5/01/12
3/06/09	John Howcroft	By-Law Review Comm. Alternate	Appt. 10/06/08	5/01/09
4/07/09	Jo-Ann Bertrand	Trustee for Free Public Library	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12
4/07/09	Michael A. Cioper	Board of Selectmen	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12

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4/07/09	Paul Fortin	Cemetery Board	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12
4/07/09	Mary Louise Francis	School Committee	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12
4/07/09	Kevin Madruga	Commissioner of Trust Funds	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12
4/07/09	Douglas Pinard	Board of Public Works	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12
4/07/09	Wayne B. Richmond	Park Commissioner	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12
4/07/09	Jeffrey Schuster	Board of Public Works	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12
4/08/09	Jean Stripinis	Trustee of Free Public Library	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12
4/13/09	Leo Coons, Jr.	Planning Commissioner	Elected 4/06/09	4/07/14
4/13/09	David Davignon	Board of Health	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12
4/13/09	Matthew Lopes	Board of Assessors	Elected 4/06/09	4/02/12
4/29/09	Susan Amaral	Sesquicentennial Committee	Appt. 4/27/09	Upon Completion
4/29/09	Kevin Dakin	Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Appt. 4/27/09	5/01/10
4/29/09	Wayne Richmond	Sesquicentennial Committee	Appt. 4/27/09	Upon Completion
4/30/09	Marc Cenerizio	Sesquicentennial Committee	Appt. 4/27/09	Upon Completion
4/30/09	Joyce Lopes	Sesquicentennial Committee	Appt. 4/27/09	Upon Completion
5/01/09	Paul Hipolito	Board of Appeals	Appt. 4/14/09	5/01/10
5/04/09	Matthew Lopes	Sesquicentennial Committee	Appt. 4/27/09	Upon Completion
5/07/09	Joyce Reynolds	Sesquicentennial Committee	Appt. 4/27/09	Upon Completion
5/14/09	James Madruga, Jr.	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10

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5/14/09	James Madruga, Jr.	Housing Authority	Elected 4/6/09	4/7/14
5/14/09	James Marot	By-Law Review Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/14/09	James Marot	Enforcement Agent for BOS	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/14/09	James Marot	Portable Sign Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/14/09	James Marot	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/15/09	Geraldine Frates	Community Preservation Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/15/09	Ed Isaac	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/18/09	Michael Boucher	Finance Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/12
5/18/09	Roger Cabral	Finance Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/12
5/18/09	Roger Cabral	Tax Shift Study Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/18/09	Dianna Couto	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 5/01/08	6/30/11
5/18/09	James Marot	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/19/09	John Abaray, Jr.	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/19/09	Gloria Bernier	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/19/09	David Flynn	Golf Management & Operational Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/19/09	Michael Greene	Cable TV Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/19/09	Alissa Setera	Sesquicentennial Committee	Appt. 4/27/09	Upon Completion

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5/19/09	George Souza	Cable TV Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/20/09	Louise Benoit	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/20/09	Lillian Contois	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/20/09	Jeanne Duggan	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/20/09	Donna Forand	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/20/09	Juliana Perry	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/20/09	Anita Tetreault	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/21/09	Catherine Audette	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/21/09	Carol Chongarlides	Community Preservation Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/12
5/21/09	Carol Chongarlides	Conservation Commission	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/12
5/21/09	Lorraine Gentili	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/21/09	Manuel Goulart	Golf Management & Operational Committee (Bus Rep)	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/21/09	Paulette Hudson	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/21/09	Donald Lopes	Cable TV Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/21/09	Wayne Richmond	Golf Management & Operational Committee (Park Rep)	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10

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5/21/09	Joyce Wylie-Scholz	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/21/09	Suzanne Sounik	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/21/09	Michael Sylvia	Registrar of Voters (Rep)	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/22/09	Charlotte Coutinho	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/22/09	Charlotte Coutinho	Downtown Steering Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/22/09	Thomas DeCosta	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/22/09	Robert Ferreira	Golf Management & Operational Committee (Finance Rep)	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
5/22/09	Margaret Mota	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/22/09	Connie Preston	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/22/09	Joyce Reynolds	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/22/09	Joyce Reynolds	Historical Commission	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/12
5/22/09	Priscilla Santos	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/26/09	Janet West	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/27/09	Marc Cenerizio	Open Space Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/27/09	Marc Cenerizio	Phase II Stormwater Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
5/27/09	Joanne Fournier	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11

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5/28/09	Suzanne DeTerra	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
6/02/09	Marie Hardy	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
6/09/09	Lawrence Mulvey	Community Preservation Committee/Housing Authority	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/12
6/09/09	Maria Otocky	Insurance Advisory Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
6/10/09	Simonne Coutinho	Election Warden	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
6/15/09	Betsy Ellis	Election Clerk	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
6/17/09	Charles Leonard	By-Law Review Committee (Alt)	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
6/17/09	Heather Sylvia	Council on Aging Director	Appt. 6/01/09	5/01/10
6/18/09	Rebekah Tomlinson	Animal Control Officer/Insp. of Animals	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
6/18/09	Rebekah Tomlinson	Constable	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/12
6/18/09	Tiffany Tripp	Asst. Animal Control Officer/Insp. of Animals	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
6/30/09	Stephen Morrisseau	Shellfish Warden/Harbor Master	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
7/01/09	Michael Alves	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
7/01/09	Michael Alves	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 5/01/09	5/01/10
7/02/09	Joyce Tillett	Election Warden	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11

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8/20/09	Donna Forand	Library Bldg. Feasibility Study Committee	Appt. 8/17/09	5/01/10
8/20/09	Jayne Viveiros	Library Bldg. Feasibility Study Committee	Appt. 8/17/09	5/01/10
8/25/09	Kristen Leotti	Library Bldg. Feasibility Study Committee	Appt. 8/17/09	5/01/10
8/25/09	Robert Rocha	Open Space Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
8/26/09	Katherine Milligan	Tax Title Custodian	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
8/27/09	Nancy Francis	Library Bldg. Feasibility Study Committee	Appt. 8/17/09	5/01/10
9/01/09	Al Amaral	Library Bldg. Feasibility Study Committee	Appt. 8/17/09	5/01/10
9/01/09	Victor Pereira	Deputy Wire Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
9/01/09	Henry Preston	Library Bldg. Feasibility Study Committee	Appt. 8/17/09	5/01/10
9/08/09	Paulette Hudson	Council on Aging	Appt. 8/31/09	5/01/12
9/08/09	Cynthia Lundrigan	Council on Aging	Appt. 8/31/09	5/01/12
9/10/09	Lucia Casey	Board of Appeals Secretary	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
9/10/09	Ronald Cormier	Veteran's Agent	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
9/10/09	James Marot	Library Bldg. Feasibility Study Committee	Appt. 8/17/09	5/01/10
9/10/09	Sue Picard	Insurance Advisory Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10

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9/11/09	Paul Fortin	Insurance Advisory Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
9/11/09	Robert Lanzoni	Cable TV Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
9/11/09	Henry Young	Alternative Energy Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
9/11/09	Henry Young	Housing Partnership Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
9/11/09	Henry Young	Library Bldg. Feasibility Study Committee	Appt. 8/17/09	5/01/10
9/14/09	Steven Pina	Deputy Bldg. Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
9/21/09	Lee Forand	Election Clerk	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
9/22/09	Maria Moore	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
9/29/09	Dianna Couto	Election Warden	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
9/29/09	Patricia Mulvey	Cultural Council	Appt. 6/29/09	5/01/12
9/30/09	Genevieve Linhares	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
10/05/09	Marc Brodeur	Conservation Commission	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/12
10/13/09	Richard Threlfall	State Member Housing Authority	Appt. 9/17/09	1/29/13
10/19/09	Dorothy Pepin	Town Meeting Teller	Appt. 10/19/09	6/30/11
12/01/09	Janis Bubluski	Police Officer	Appt. 12/01/09	---
---	Nelson Cardoso	Alt. Energy Comm.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Allicyn Cote	Alt. Energy Comm.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10

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---	Christian Loranger	Alt. Energy Comm.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Brian Mello	Alt. Energy Comm.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	John Roy	Alt. Energy Comm.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	David Wojnar	Alt. Energy Comm.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Jennifer Dahlberg	Beautification Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
---	James Pringle	Board of Appeals (Alt)	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	John Howcroft	By-Law Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	John Golda	Cable TV Committee	Appt. 6/29/09	5/01/11
---	Jeannette Francis	Cultural Council	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/12
---	Robert Medeiros	Deputy Shellfish Warden	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Alan Coutinho	Downtown Steering Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Diane Braley	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
---	Jenny Correia	Election Inspector	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
---	Kevin Gallagher	Forest Warden	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Theodore Govoni	Herring Warden	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
---	Eric Arruda	Ins. Advisory Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Keith Ashley	Ins. Advisory Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	John Roy	Ins. Advisory Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10

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---	Kelly Medeiros	Open Space Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
---	Raymond Barlow	Phase II Stormwater Comm.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
---	Alan Coutinho	Phase II Stormwater Comm.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
---	Ralph Urban	Phase II Stormwater Comm.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
---	Merilee Woodworth	Phase II Stormwater Comm.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/11
---	Alan Coutinho	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Kevin Gallagher	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Eric McGlynn	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Gerri Reed	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Paul Sylvia	Safety Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Theodore Machado	Sealer of Weights & Measures	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	Kevin Gallagher	Street Naming Committee	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10
---	David Wojnar	SRTA Rep.	Appt. 5/11/09	5/01/10

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON
APRIL 6, 2009

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on March 17, 2009

	Democrat	Green Rainbow	Libertarian	Republican	Unenrolled	Total
Precinct I	916	2	5	132	1137	2192
Precinct II	1003	1	10	218	1416	2648
Precinct III	957	2	10	179	1526	2674
Total	2876	5	25	529	4079	7514

CLERK'S REPORT -PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk:

The undersigned submit the following of the Annual Town Election held this day in Precinct I.

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Joyce Tillett, Warden.

Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received 1300 plus 7 Absentee ballots.

Number of ballots cast from tape 413.

Number of ballots counted manually 1.

Number of ballots spoiled 10.

Number of Provisional Ballots not cast 0.

Number of Unused ballots returned 883.

The following officers were present:

Warden:	Joyce Tillett
Deputy Warden:	Susan Sounik
Clerk:	Dorothy Gomes
Deputy Clerk:	---
Inspectors:	Faye Philla, Jeanne Duggan, Gloria Bernier, Anita Tetreault, Catherine Audette
Police Officers:	Keith Ashley, Louann Jenkinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 413.

A true record: Attest:/s/ Dorothy Gomes
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk:

The undersigned submit the following of the Annual Town Election held this day in Precinct II.

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Simonne Coutinho, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 1300 plus 22 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 511.
Number of ballots counted manually 0.
Number of ballots spoiled 8.
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 803.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Simonne Coutinho
Deputy Warden: ---
Clerk: Betsy Ellis
Deputy Clerk: ---
Inspectors: Joyce Wylie Scholz, Jenny Correia, Donna
Forand, Juliana Perry, Lorraine Gentili, Lillian Contois,
Paulette Hudson
Police Officers: John Bolarinho, Eugene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 511.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Betsy Ellis
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk:

The undersigned submit the following of the Annual Town Election held this day in Precinct III.

Polls were opened at 10:00 a.m. by Dianna Couto, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received 1300 plus 15 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 444.
Number of ballots counted manually 0.
Number of ballots spoiled 7.
Number of Provisional ballots not cast 1.
Number of Unused ballots returned 863.

The following officers were present:

Warden:	Dianna Couto
Deputy Warden:	---
Clerk:	Lee Forand
Deputy Clerk:	---
Inspectors:	Margaret Mota, Priscilla Santos, Maria Moore, Suzanne DeTerra, Janet West, Marie Hardy
Police Officers:	John Bolarinho, Gene Robinson

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 444.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Lee Forand
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 6, 2009

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SELECTMEN</u> <u>(Three Years)</u>				
Michael Cioper	233	302	231	766
Kevin Gaspar, Sr.	178	200	206	584
Blanks	3	9	8	20
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>1370</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ASSESSOR</u> <u>(Three Years)</u>				
Matthew Lopes	309	371	322	1002
Blanks	104	137	123	364
Write-In's: (4)				
Paul Fortin	1			1
Frank Knox		1		1
David White		1		1
John Pacheco		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>1370</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>BOARD OF</u> <u>HEALTH</u> <u>(Three Years)</u>				
David Davignon	313	376	321	1010
Blanks	99	133	123	355
Write -In's: (5)				
Christian Desousa	1			1
Peter Fortin	1			1
Dotty Cabral		1		1
Paula White		1		1
John Golda			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>1370</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</u> (Three Years)				
Mary Louise Francis	308	360	321	989
Blanks	105	149	124	378
Write-In's: (3)				
Robert Lanzoni	1			1
Paula White		1		1
Patty Cioper		1		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>1370</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>COMMITTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</u> (Three Years)				
Blanks	403	492	432	1327
Write-In's: (22)				
Marshall Allan	1			1
Robin Bordman	1	6		7
Kevin Madruga	3	8	1	12
MaryLou Marques	1			1
Paul Fortin	2			2
Michelle Deterra	1			1
Jim Vieira	1			1
Richard Jansen	1			1
David White		1		1
Michael Murray		1		1
Manuel Goulart		1		1
John Pacheco		1		1
Mark Laplante		1		1
Robin Boardman			4	4
Lisa Bertrand			1	1
Timothy Brown			1	1
Christopher Green			1	1
Kim McCoy			1	1

Barney Fife			1	1
Rick Ellis			1	1
Wm. Burtch			1	1
Roger Cabral			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>1370</u>

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PLANNING COMMISSIONER</u> (Five Years)				
Leo N. Coons, Jr.	308	365	319	992
Blanks	105	144	126	375
Write-In's: (3)				
Paul Fortin	1			1
Andrew Gomes		1		1
John Pacheco		1		1
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<u>CEMETERY BOARD</u> (Three Years)				
Paul H. Fortin	323	373	325	1021
Blanks	91	138	118	347
Write-In's: (2)				
Paul O'Toole			1	1
Raymond Barlow			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>1370</u>

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<u>TRUSTEE OF FREE</u>				
<u>PUBLIC LIBRARY</u>				
(Three Years)				
<u>Vote for Two</u>				
Blanks	809	978	852	2639
Write-In's: (34)				
Donald Salvail	2			2
* Joan Bertrand	5			5
**Jean Strinis	3			3
Marshall Allan	1			1
Virginia Baird	1			1
Rusp Biarois	1			1
Robert St. Jean	2			2
Connie Preston	1			1
Kevin Dakin	1	3	2	6
Rick Haskel	1			1
Paul Fortin	1			1
Michael Murray		1		1
Simonne Coutinho		4	4	8
Lianne Cory		1		1
**Jean Stripinis		16	6	22
Jeannie Soucy		1		1
Edward Sylvia		1		1
Charlotte Coutinho		1		1
Robbin Bordman		1		1
Kevin Madruga		1	1	2
Jean Pimental			1	1
Tom Fortin			1	1
Edward Chase, Jr.			2	2
Chuck Coswell			1	1
Kim McCoy			1	1
Paul Amaral			1	1
Johnny Bernard			1	1
Barney Fife			1	1
Betsy Ellis			1	1
Giselle Crowell			1	1
Robert Bartolome			1	1
Doug Bourgault			1	1
Roger Cabral			1	1
* Joann Bertrand		14	11	25
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>828</u>	<u>1022</u>	<u>890</u>	<u>2740</u>

* Upon unanimous vote of the Board of Registrars, the voter intent was for Joann Bertrand.

** Upon unanimous vote of the Board of Registrars, the voter intent was for Jean Stripinis.

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PARK</u>				
<u>COMMISSIONER</u>				
(Three Years)				
James L. Pringle	128	156	164	448
Wayne B. Richmond	242	298	241	781
Blanks	44	57	40	141
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>1370</u>

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<u>BOARD OF PUBLIC</u>				
<u>WORKS (Three Years)</u>				
<u>Vote for Two</u>				
Jeffrey D. Schuster	247	279	261	787
Douglas Pinard	295	319	304	918
Blanks	282	420	322	1024
Write-In's: (9)				
David Tetreault	1			1
Mark Froh	1			1
Matthew Tripp	1			1
Paul Fortin	1	1		2
Rene Racine		1		1
John Mello		1	1	2
Mark Dasilva		1		1
David Wojnar			1	1
Dan Maynard			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>828</u>	<u>1022</u>	<u>890</u>	<u>2740</u>

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>HOUSING</u>				
<u>AUTHORITY</u>				
(Five Years)				
James S. Madruga, Jr.	281	318	265	864

Blanks	130	188	173	491
Write-In's: (12)				
Everett Hardy III	2			2
Marshal Allen	1			1
Sandra Bettencourt		3		3
Mark Bruilport		1		1
Charles Leonard, Sr.		1		1
S. Kickey			1	1
Robert Lanzoni			1	1
Wm. Burtch			1	1
John Roy			1	1
Andrew Gomes			1	1
Wayne Richmond			1	1
Paul Francis			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>1370</u>

Attest:

Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

Percentage of Votes Cast 18%

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009 AT 7:15 P.M.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, SS
To the Constable of the Town of Acushnet

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Acushnet Ford Middle School Auditorium in said Acushnet, Monday, the Eighteenth (18th) day of May, at 7:15 P.M. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles viz:

WEATHER: Good

LOCATION: Ford Middle School

WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES:

Approved by Robert Francis, Moderator

TIME OPENED: 7:22 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: 110

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix salaries and compensation of elected/appointed officers/employees, to fund and implement the cost items contained in the following collective bargaining agreements: Library A.F.S.M.E. Union, which becomes effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010; and to see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds, or otherwise for the payment of said salaries and compensation, payment of debt and interest, for a reserve fund, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several town departments for the ensuing twelve (12) month period through June 30, 2010, or to take any other action relative thereto.

1. Motion made by Natalio Gomes, resident to amend Article 1* and cut the Golf Committee's budget by \$150,000.00. (from \$1,503,818.00 to \$1,355,818.00) (*copy of the complete Article 1 on file in the Town Clerk's Office)
2. Vote: Amendment fails with opposition.
3. Robert Francis, Moderator states the sum of \$1,503,818.00 stands.
4. Motion made by Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee to move that the Town fix salaries and compensation of elected/appointed officers/employees, and appropriate funds for the payment of said salaries and compensation, including funding the cost items of the first year of the collective bargaining agreement with the Library A.F.S.M.E. Union, which becomes effective July 1, 2009 and runs through June 30, 2010, payment of debt and interest, a reserve fund, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several town departments for the ensuing

twelve (12) month period through June 30, 2010 , all as set forth in the budget presented by the Finance Committee, and, as funding therefore, to appropriate from Taxation the sum of **\$21,280,700.00**, transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$486,443.00**, transfer from the Over Lay Surplus the sum of **\$200,000.00**, transfer from EMS Reserved Receipt account the sum of **\$250,000.00**, transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of **\$194,867.00**, appropriate from Water Fees the sum of **\$982,435.00**, transfer from Water Surplus the sum of **-0-**, appropriate from Sewer Fees the sum of **\$440,330.00**, transfer from Sewer Surplus the sum of **\$3,942.00**, appropriate from Golf Fees the sum of **\$1,503,818.00**, and transfer from Golf Contingency the sum of **-0-**. (Finance Committee)

5. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee states Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
6. Vote: (requires 2/3rd's majority vote) Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2009 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or to take any other action relative thereto.

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town accept article as read.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee: This is a routine article we pass every year. The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Cemetery Board to perform work in the Cemeteries and to determine the compensation to be paid to said members, or to take any other action relative thereto.

1. Motion made by Selectmen Cioper to move that the Town accept said article as read.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee: Another routine article, Finance Committee recommends passage.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads, or to take any other action relative thereto.

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town accept said article as read.

2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee: Also, a routine article, Finance Committee recommends passage.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the payment of unpaid bills of prior years in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941, or to take any other action relative thereto.

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town table said article as there are currently no unpaid bills.
2. Vote: Article tabled unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT - To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation Budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenues or available funds the amount of \$162,498 for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2010 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION BUDGET

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the following amounts be appropriated or reserved from Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, unless otherwise specified, for Fiscal Year 2010 Community Preservation purposes with each item considered a separate appropriation:

<u>PURPOSE:</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED AMOUNT:</u>
Appropriations:	
Community Preservation Administrative Expenses	\$8,124
Reserves:	
Open Space	\$16,249
Historic Resources	\$16,249
Community Housing	\$16,249
Budgeted Reserves (may be impacted by project appropriations if projects are not appropriated from other reserves)	\$105,627
Total FY 2010 Budget*	\$162,498

*note: The \$162,498 is comprised of the FY 09 Surcharge (net of abatements/exemptions) of \$121,576 plus an estimated 26% FY 10 state match of \$31,610, plus the FY 2008 certified undesignated fund balance of \$9,312. The 26% is a conservative estimated state match (state recently released 29% w/ no guarantee).

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund FY2010 estimated revenues the sum of \$162,498.00 as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and as set forth in the warrant for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2010, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.
2. Motion held per request of Cathy Doane, Finance Director to amend motion to move that the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund FY2010 estimated annual revenues ~~the sum of~~ \$153,186.00 and \$9,302.00 from the CPA Fund Free Cash as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and as set forth in the warrant for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2010, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.
3. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee: This is not an expenditure this is the town reserving funds for future projects. When these funds are actually expended there would be a separate and distinct vote to expend those dollars. All we are doing is reserving them at this point and the Finance Committee supports that.
4. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Library Trustees to sell for the sum of (\$1.00) the discarded books and periodicals of the Russell Memorial Library to the Friends of the Russell Memorial Library, a non-profit library support group, or to take any other action relative thereto.

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town accept said article as read.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee: Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the amended provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60 Section 15 and amend the Town of Acushnet Demand Fees from \$5.00 to \$15.00, said change to take effect FY 2010, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town set the Demand Fees under M.G.L. c.60, § 15 at \$15.00 beginning in fiscal year 2010 on July 1st.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee: This is a fee that has been in place and unchanged for a number of years and increasing it from \$5.00 to \$15.00 allows the town to get closer to covering its costs of sending out a past due notice for a tax bill. The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 57C for the purpose of adopting a quarterly tax payment system, said change to take effect FY 2010 and to act fully thereon or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Board of Selectman, to move that the Town accept M.G.L. Ch. 59 Sec. 57C as set forth in the warrant.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee: The Finance Committee recommends passage of this article. We believe there are benefits to both the Town and the taxpayers and we recommend and support this article.
3. Vote: Article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw, Junk, Old Metals or Second Hand Articles Bylaw, as on file with the Town Clerk, acceptance of this bylaw will give the Town the ability to keep junk or other debris, in any zone, hidden from view by neighboring properties and the general public, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin to move that the Town accept said article as read.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee: Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Vote: (Requires 2/3rd's majority vote) Article fails to acquire 2/3rd's majority vote.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws to establish a floodplain overlay district and permitted uses within that district, substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, and further to amend the Zoning Map to add such overlay district, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Board)

1. Motion made by Leo Coons, Planning Board to pass this article/bylaw as written.
2. Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Planning Board recommends this article (Leo Coons, Planning Board) if this article does not pass certain people in the Town of Acushnet will probably lose their flood insurance and have to go to private carriers. Also if this article does not pass and there is a disaster in the Town of Acushnet of floods we would not be able to get FEMA money. The Federal Government is forcing us to pass this by-law.
4. Motion made by David Davignon, resident, to amend the article. to approve 7.1 and 7.2 and deleting 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, and 7.6; amend article to include 7.1 and 7.2 and to modify the Zoning Maps on pages 24 and 25 to reflect these changes; deleting the rest of the sections which are not needed.
5. Robert Francis, Moderator, accepts the amendment to keep sections 1 and 2 and to delete the other sections.
6. Planning Board recommends the amendment.
7. Moderator, Robert Francis: Although the article requires a 2/3rds vote the amendment requires a majority vote. The motion for the amendment is allowed.
8. Vote (majority vote is requirement for amendment): vote is counted (In favor: East 9/West 25-Total 34/Opposed: East 13/West 15-Total 28) the amendment passes. It now only consists of 7.1 and 7.2.
9. Robert Francis, Moderator would like to make a change to last page/very last line of article which reads: "And to modify the Zoning Map on pages 24-25 to reflect these changes" to "And to modify any Zoning Map as needed to reflect these changes". The reason being, the Zoning Maps don't cover all the areas in Town. This amendment will allow them to put all the changes on all the maps. There are no objections, the change is made and the article is ready to be voted on.
10. Vote (required 2/3rds majority) Moderator declares article passes by a 2/3rds majority with opposition.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission, said Commission shall serve as a facilitator and advocate for encouraging the pursuit of farming and agriculture in Acushnet, shall promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in the Town, and shall work with town officials and boards to promote and protect agricultural interests.

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The initial term of two members shall be three years, of two members shall be two years, and of one member shall be one year. After the initial term, the term of a member shall be three years. A maximum of the three alternate members may be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The term of an alternate member shall be one year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town accept said article as read.
2. Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds an amount for the purpose of contributing to a Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Finance Committee)

1. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee recommends tabling the article as there are no available funds.
2. Vote: Article tabled unanimously.

Motion made to adjourn the Special Town Meeting/Motion passes unanimously at 10:12 pm.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven (7) days at the least before the time of said meeting as directed by the Board of Selectmen. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 27th day of April, 2009.

David E. Wojnar, Chairman

Michael A. Cioper, Member

Leslie Dakin, Jr., Member
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy, Attest:
This 30th day of April, 2009

Rebekah Tomlinson
Constable of Acushnet

A True Copy, Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, SS

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Greetings:

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WEATHER: Good

LOCATION: Ford Middle School

WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES:

Approved by Robert Francis, Moderator

TIME OPENED: 7:07 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: 110

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to line item #0104423/529000 (Snow Removal, Emergency) to fund expenses incurred in FY 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$123,881.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. The Finance Committee approves this article. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee states: This is the amount we went over budget in snow removal this past winter and we have to pay these bills.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to line item #8230122/515000 (Sick Time Buyback), or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$5,000.00)

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Michael Cioper, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee states: We are proactively funding the sick time account in anticipation of

future retirements so we will have the funds on hands. The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.

3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to line item #0105543/577000 (Veterans Benefits) or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Board of Selectmen to move the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$85,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee states: Veterans benefits in 2009 cost us more than we could have ever anticipated. This is to cover veterans' benefits we are obligated to pay. The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to line item #0101911/517800 (Medicare), or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Treasurer)

1. Motion made by David Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee states: At the Annual Town Meeting last year, we estimated what our Medicare liability would be; what we are doing now is putting aside some additional dollars to fund what our true liability turned out to be. The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.
3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE: 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus Account a sum of money (\$35,000) for the purpose of increasing department #2704450 (water division) line item #523000, New Bedford Water Bills, or to take any action relative thereto. (\$35,000)

(Submitted by the Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Steven Boucher, Chairman, Board of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from the Water Surplus Account the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee states: We are moving a sum into this line item to cover our actual bills. At

last year's Town Meeting, we estimated what the bills would be.
The Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article.

3. Vote: Article passes unanimously.

ARTICLE: 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus Account a sum of money (\$20,000) for the purpose of continuing a water well field testing and engineering, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$20,000)

(Submitted by the Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Steven Boucher, Chairman, Board of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from the Water Surplus Account the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee states: the Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article and defers to Chairman Boucher to explain what is being voted on.
3. Steven Boucher, Chairman, Finance Committee states: This year we have a huge increase in water, from the City of New Bedford. We are now again continuing the exploration of well fields up at the Rivet wells and some other additional solutions to our water problem. We have asked the engineers to explore this for us so we can hopefully in time become water independent from the City.
4. Vote: Article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE: 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus Account a sum of Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000), to conduct a water system cross connection survey, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$3,000)

(Submitted by the Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Steven Boucher, Chairman, Board of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from the Water Surplus Account the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee states: the Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article and defers to the Board of Public Works for explanation.
3. Steven Boucher, Chairman, Board of Public Works states: These are cross connection surveys that are basically mandated by the DEP. It is an ongoing thing we have to do on a yearly basis.
4. Vote: Article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE: 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of (\$12,000) money to the Gasoline line item #010422/541500 or to take any other action relate thereto. (\$12,000)

(Submitted by the Board of Public Works)

1. Motion made by Steven Boucher, Chairman, Board of Public Works to move that the Town transfer from free cash the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee states: the Finance Committee recommends the passage of this article. Gas costs in the town were more than we originally budgeted, so we are putting more money in that account.
3. Vote: Article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds an amount for the purpose of contributing to a Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Finance Committee)

1. Motion made by Roger Cabral, Chairman, Finance Committee to move that the Town table said article as there are no available funds.
2. Vote: Article tabled unanimously.

7:21 P.M. Motion is made to adjourn meeting and is seconded.
Robert Francis, Town Moderator announces the Special Town Meeting is adjourned.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof fifteen (15) days at the least before the time of said meeting as directed by the Board of Selectmen. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 30th day of April, 2009.

Chairman

David E. Wojnar,

Member

Michael A. Cioper,

Member

Leslie Dakin, Jr.,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest:

This 30th day of April, 2009

Rebekah Tomlinson
Constable of Acushnet

Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Bristol, SS

To the Constable of the Town of Acushnet

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acushnet, who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Acushnet Ford Middle School Auditorium in said Acushnet, Monday, the nineteenth (19th) day of October, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening then and there to act on the following articles viz:

WEATHER: Good

WARRANT & NEWSPAPER NOTICES

TIME OPENED: 7:25 P.M.

LOCATION: Ford Middle School

Approved by Robert Francis, Moderator

ATTENDANCE: 75

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to reduce Department # 3320 Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Line Item # 532200 Regional School, by the sum of Thirty Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$33,174.00) previously voted under Article 1 of the May 18, 2009, Annual Town Meeting or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made by David E. Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to table said article as the Regional School Committee reduced their appropriation; therefore, we do not need to vote on this article.
2. Vote: (requires 2/3rd's majority vote) - The article is tabled unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of replacing the roof and making additional improvements at Fire Station #1, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Michael A. Cioper, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from Free Cash \$50,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of replacing and repairing the roof of the Parting Ways Building, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Jr., Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of the article.
3. Vote: The article declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund and implement wage increases for those employees covered by the following contract: Town Hall Employees-AFSCME (covering the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010), as well as certain non-union personnel, retroactive to July 1, 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Assessors	Line Item # 1141/511300	(Salaries - Clerical)	\$165.00
Town Treasurer	Line Item # 1145/511300	(Salaries - Clerical)	\$165.00
Town Collector	Line Item # 1146/511300	(Salaries - Clerical)	\$165.00
Town Clerk	Line Item # 1161/511300	(Salaries - Clerical)	\$118.00
Conservation	Line Item # 1171/511300	(Salaries - Clerical)	\$ 94.00
T. H. Custodian	Line Item # 1192/511000	(Salaries - Custodian)	\$188.00
Police	Line Item # 2210/511100	(Salaries - Perm.)	\$165.00
Board of Health	Line Item # 5510/511300	(Salaries - Clerical)	\$165.00
Board of Health	Line Item # 5510/512000	(Salaries - Part-time)	\$165.00
Board of P.W.	Line Item # 4422/511300	(Salaries - Clerical)	<u>\$165.00</u>
		Total	\$1,555.00

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made by David E. Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from Taxation the sum of \$1,555.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing to accept this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars from the Community Preservation Fund for the preservation and/or renovation and restoration of the Town Hall pursuant to the community preservation program or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$20,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made by Michael A. Cioper, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the restoration of the historic facade of the Parting Ways Building pursuant to the Community Preservation Program or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$15,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made Leslie Dakin, Jr., Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the preservation and or renovation and restoration of the Historic Council on Aging Building pursuant to the community preservation program or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$15,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by David E. Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move that the Town transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: The Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus account the sum of Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of increasing Department #2704450 (Water Division) line item #530200 Legal Fees, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$5,000.00)

(Submitted by the Board of Public Works)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Michael A. Cioper, Board of Selectmen to move the Town accept said article as read.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Surplus account the sum of Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of increasing Department #6004440 (Sewer Division) line item #530200 Legal Fees, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$5,000.00)

(Submitted by the Board of Public Works)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Jr., Board of Selectmen to move the Town accept said article as read.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus account the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars for the purpose of increasing Department #2704450 (Water Division) line item #530400 Engineering Fees, to cover engineering cost associated with a State mandated Emergency Response Plan and compliance / reporting on water quality testing, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$12,000.00)

(Submitted by the Board of Public Works)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made by David E. Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move the Town accept said article as read.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for installation of a security system at the Town Barn, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$10,000.00)

(Submitted by Board of Public Works)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made by Michael A. Cioper, Board of Selectmen to move the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted five to one in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars for the purpose of purchasing ten (10) radio pagers to be assigned to EMS and Fire Department staff members, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$3,600.00)

(Submitted by the Fire Chief)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Jr., Board of Selectmen to move the Town appropriate from Taxation the sum of \$3,600.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Dollars, which would match a private donation made in the name of Retired Fire Chief Arsene Cusson, for the purpose of upgrading equipment and repairs to the Fire Department dispatch room, or take any other action relative thereto. (\$1,000.00)

(Submitted by the Fire Chief)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by David E. Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move the Town appropriate from Taxation the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the EMS Reserve Receipt Account the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, for the purpose of contracting for a Quality Assurance and Training Program for the Emergency Medical Services Department, or take any other action relative thereto. (\$15,500.00)

(Submitted by the Fire Chief)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made by Michael A. Cioper, Board of Selectmen to move the Town transfer from EMS Reserved Receipt Account the sum of \$15,500.00 for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: The article declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for costs associated with the December 5, 2009, Special Primary Election and the January 19, 2010, Special State Election by increasing line items:

0101163/520100 - Voting Programming Mover - \$2,800.00
0101163/512000 - Temporary Salaries - \$711.00
0101163/542000 - Office Supplies - \$475.00
0101113/578000 - Town Meeting & Elections- \$6,300.00

or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Town Clerk)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Correction of election date from December 5, 2009 to correct election date of December 8, 2009, change can be made by unanimous consent with no objections.
2. No objections noted.
3. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Jr., Board of Selectmen to move the Town appropriate from Taxation the sum of \$9,053.00 and transfer from Free Cash \$1,233.00 for the purpose of said article.
4. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
5. Vote: The article declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Article VII, "Laws Relating to Dogs", as set forth in a document entitled 2009 Amendment to Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Article VII, "Laws Relating to Dogs", substantially as on file with the Town Clerk or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Animal Control Officer)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by David E. Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move the Town accept said by-law as set forth in the document titled 2009 Amendment to Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Article VII, "Laws Relating to Dogs".
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Vote: (requires 2/3rd's majority vote) - The article passes by a 2/3rd's majority.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to add to the Town of Acushnet General Bylaws, Zoning Article VIII, Section 3, a new section named "3.3.3 Business/Commercial District (B/C)" comprised of permitted uses; uses by special permit; prohibited uses; development standards; and dimensional requirements for the commercial district which was created at Town Meeting in 2003, substantially as on file with the Town Clerk, and further amend the Zoning Map to rename this Business District the Business Commercial District (B/C), or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Planning Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by Michael A. Cioper, Board of Selectmen to move the Town accept said by-law as set forth in the zoning by-law for the Town of Acushnet, Massachusetts Business/Commercial District.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted four to two in favor of this article.
3. Planning Board Recommendation: Marc Cenerizio, Planning Board Chairman states the Planning Board recommends unanimously.
4. Voted: (requires 2/3rd's majority vote) - The article passes by a 2/3rd's majority.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of purchasing bullet proof vests for the police department, or to take any other action relative thereto. (\$20,000.00)

(Submitted by the Police Chief)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made by Leslie Dakin, Jr., Board of Selectmen to move the Town transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from Free Cash for the purpose of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted seven to nothing in favor of this article.
3. Voted: The article declared passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of a revolving account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, §53E1/2 for the Conservation Commission into which shall be deposited Conservation Commission program and application fees wherein the entire proceeds of the fees remain with the Town and are not otherwise required by law to be accounted for separately, and from which the Conservation Commission shall be authorized to expend solely for Commission activities related to said programs and applications, not to exceed \$2,500.00 in the fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Conservation Commission)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made by David E. Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen move to accept said article as read.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted zero to six against this article.
3. Vote: The article passes with opposition.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town of Acushnet will vote to transfer from the golf course enterprise contingency fund an amount for the preparation of a design, construction and extension of an enclosed deck to the existing clubhouse structure or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Golf Sub-Committee)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)**

1. Motion made by Michael A. Cioper, Board of Selectmen to move the Town table said article.
2. Vote: (requires 2/3rds majority vote) - The article is tabled by a 2/3rds majority.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of contributing to a Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by the Finance Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
(RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

1. Motion made by David E. Wojnar, Chairman, Board of Selectmen to move the Town transfer \$200,000.00 from Free Cash into the Stabilization for purposes of said article.
2. Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee voted six to nothing not to move any money from Stabilization at this time.
3. Vote: (requires 2/3rd's majority vote) - The article, hand counted with all those in favor: 17 on the East and 21 on the West. All those opposed: 8 on the East and 12 on the West.

In Favor: 38

Opposed: 20

4. Vote: (requires 2/3rd's majority vote) – The article fails.

Motion made to adjourn Special Town Meeting. Motion passes unanimously meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof fifteen (15) days at the least before the time of said meeting as directed by the Board of Selectmen. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.
Given under our hands this 30th day of September, 2009.

David E. Wojnar, Chairman

Michael A. Cioper, Member

Leslie Dakin, Jr., Member
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A True Copy Attest:
This 2nd day of October, 2009

Rebekah Tomlinson
Constable of Acushnet

A True Copy, Attest:

Pamela A. Labonte
Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY HELD ON
DECEMBER 8, 2009

Register of Voters as of Close of Registration on November 18, 2009

	Democrat	Green Rainbow	Libertarian	Republican	Unenrolled	Total
Precinct I	898	3	3	130	1126	2160
Precinct II	987	1	8	222	1424	2642
Precinct III	957	2	10	181	1513	2663
Total	2842	6	21	533	4063	7465

CLERK'S REPORT -PRECINCT I

To the Town Clerk:

The undersigned submit the following of the Special State Primary held this day in Precinct I.

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Joyce Tillett, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received Democrat 600, Republican 300,
Libertarian 25, plus 7 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 380.
Number of ballots counted manually 1.
Number of ballots spoiled 9.
Number of Provisional Ballots cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 542.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Joyce Tillett
Clerk: Dorothy Gomes
Inspectors: Gloria Bernier, Jeanne Duggan, Faye Philla,
Susanne Sounik, Anita Tetreault
Police Officers: Jeremy Fontes, Steve Soqui

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 380.

A true record: Attest:/s/ Dorothy Gomes
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT II

To the Town Clerk:

The undersigned submit the following of the Special State Primary held this day in Precinct II.

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Simonne Coutinho, Warden.
Box register when polls were opened 0.
Number of ballots received Democrat 600, Republican 300,
Libertarian 25, plus 17 Absentee ballots.
Number of ballots cast from tape 409.
Number of ballots spoiled 4.
Number of Provisional Ballots cast 0.
Number of Unused ballots returned 529.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Simonne Coutinho
Clerk: Betsy Ellis
Inspectors: Jenny Correia, Joyce Wylie-Scholz, Lillian Contois,
Donna Forand, Catherine Audette, Faye Philla,
Paulette Hudson
Police Officers: Derek Cathcart, John Bolarinho

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 409.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Betsy Ellis
Clerk of Election Officers
Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

CLERK'S REPORT – PRECINCT III

To the Town Clerk:

The undersigned submit the following of the Special State Primary held this day in Precinct III.

Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Dianna Couto, Warden
Box register when polls were opened 0.

Number of ballots received Democrat 600, Republican 300,
 Libertarian 25, plus 10 Absentee ballots.
 Number of ballots cast from tape 383.
 Number of ballots spoiled 4.
 Number of Provisional Ballots cast 0.
 Number of Unused ballots returned 548.

The following officers were present:

Warden: Dianna Couto
 Clerk: Lee Forand
 Inspectors: Priscilla Santos, Louise Benoit, Marie Hardy,
 Maria Moore
 Police Officers: Derek Cathcart, John Bolarinho

Polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the ballot box registered 383.

A true record, Attest:/s/ Lee Forand
 Clerk of Election Officers
 Attest: Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2009

DEMOCRATIC RESULTS:

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Michael E. Capuano	80	99	80	259
Martha Coakley	157	130	124	411
Alan A. Khazei	17	18	18	53
Stephen G. Pagliuca	76	66	71	213
Blanks:	0	3	3	6
Write-In's:				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>942</u>

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2009

REPUBLICAN RESULTS:

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Scott P. Brown	40	78	65	183
Jack E. Robinson	9	13	20	42
Blanks:		1	1	2
Write-In's: (3)				
Martha Coakley	1			1
Capuano		1		1
Steve Paliogucece			1	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>230</u>

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2009

LIBERTARIAN RESULTS:

	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>I</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>II</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u> <u>III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Blanks:				
Write-In's:				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Attest:

Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk
Percentage of Votes Cast 16%

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In April of 2009, Michael Cioper was elected to his second term as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Cioper resigned from his post in November of this year. The remaining Selectmen David E. Wojnar and Leslie Dakin, Jr. opted to run with two members until the April election.

Buildings

With Town Meeting support the Board has four repair projects slated to start this spring. They include new roofs on Fire Station #1 & the Parting Ways Building, paint & repairs on the Town Hall, Council on Aging, and the Parting Ways Buildings.

Celebrations

The Board of Selectmen officially appointed a Sesquicentennial Committee as a Town Committee to allow them to access the resources and staff as they prepare for our 150th birthday. The Committee and the Board of Selectmen hope you'll enjoy the wide variety of events planned.

Energy

In its second year the Alternative Energy Committee focused on preparing a request for proposals for Solar Panels at Fire Station #1. During last year's energy challenge program, it was determined that Station #1 is the Town's least energy efficient building. The Committee is waiting for word from the Commonwealth on a Green Grant to cover the costs.

Finance

With the help of Congressman Barney Frank the Town of Acushnet received a Federal Earmark in the amount of \$47,700.00 to help residents offset the cost of the Phase II Sewer Betterments. The Board of Selectmen felt the best way to make sure those homeowners received the benefit of the Earmark was to issue each homeowner a check. We are confident that with Congressman Frank's help the Town will be able to issue checks again next year.

By the Town continuing it's conservative approach, and sound business practices we again received a clean audit with complete compliance of accepted accounting principals from the Department of Revenue and our outside audit firm, Powers & Sullivan, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Wojnar, Chairman
Leslie Dakin, Jr.
Board of Selectmen

Alan G. Coutinho
Town Administrator

Lisa Leonard
Christine Amaral
Administrative Assistants

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

David E. Wojnar	2010
Leslie Dakin, Jr.	2011
Michael A. Cioper (resigned November 2009)	2012

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Alan G. Coutinho

TOWN ACCOUNTANT/DIRECTOR OF FINANCES

Cathy L. Doane

TOWN TREASURER

Katherine Milligan

TOWN COLLECTOR

Kristie A. Costa

TAX TITLE CUSTODIAN

Katherine Milligan

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman & Paige

TOWN INSURANCE BROKER

Viveiros-Feitelberg Insurance

POLICE CHIEF

Michael G. Alves

FIRE CHIEF

Kevin A. Gallagher

ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Kevin A. Gallagher

ADA COORDINATOR

Alan G. Coutinho

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Nelson Cardoso

Allicyn Cote

Christian Loranger

Brian Mello

John Roy

Henry Young

David Wojnar

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Rebekah A. Tomlinson

ASSISTANT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Tiffany Tripp

ACUSHNET WOODS PROJECT COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio

Alan G. Coutinho

Leslie Dakin, Jr.

George J. Gracia

June E. Lemrise

Cathy Murray

John Pacheco

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Charlotte Coutinho	Jennifer Dahlberg
Donna Forand	Lorraine Hunter
Connie Preston	Joyce Reynolds

BOARD OF APPEALS

Lawrence Marshall	2011
Richard Gula	2012
Richard J. Lally	2013
Carol Westgate	2014
Paul B. Hipolito (Chair)	2010
James Pringle (Alternate)	2010
Kevin Dakin(Alternate)	2010

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Raymond F. LeBlanc	2011
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INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

James A. Marot

DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

Steven M. Pina

GAS INSPECTOR

Raymond N. LaFrance, Gas Inspector
(Appointed by Building Commissioner)

PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

Raymond N. LaFrance, (Acting) Plumbing Inspector
(Appointed by Building Commissioner)

WIRE INSPECTOR

Frank Knox

DEPUTY WIRE INSPECTORS

Victor Pereira
Thomas DeCosta

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

James A. Marot	2010
Michael Cioper	2010
Raymond LeBlanc	2010
Pamela Labonte	2011
Marc Laplante	2012
Leo Rousseau	2012
Carol Westgate	2010
John Howcroft	2010
Charles Leonard	2010
Norval Stanley	2010

CABLE T.V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Michael F. Greene	2011
Robert Lanzoni	2011
Donald Lopes	2011
George Souza	2011

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Carol Chongarlides (Conservation Commission)	2012
Lawrence Mulvey	2012
Geraldine D. Frates (Citizen Member)	2010
Marc Antone (Park Commissioners)	2010
Evelyn L. Bouley	2010
Ellen Hardy (Citizen Member)	2010
Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)	2011
Thomas DeCosta (Citizen Member)	2011
Karen L. Knox	2011

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ted Cioper	2011
Kevin Dakin	2010
Richard Gula	2010
Patricia Picard	2010
Marc C. Brodeur	2012
Carol Chongarlides	2012
Robert Rocha, Jr.	2012

CONSERVATION AGENT

Merilee Woodworth

CONSTABLES

Frank J. Adesso	2010
Marc E. Laplante	2010
Kelli A. Tomlinson	2010
Herve W. Vandal, Jr.	2010
Rebekah Tomlinson	2012

COUNCIL ON AGING

Paulette Hudson	2012
Cynthia Lundrigan	2012
Milton Reynolds	2011
Alfred Gonsalves	2010
Alice Soares	2010
Pauline Teixeira	2010

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Heather Sylvia

CULTURAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Dianna Couto	2010
Lisa Leonard	2010
Edward Macomber	2010
Jeanne M. Siwik	2010
Pauline Teixeira	2010
Jeannette Francis	2010
Walter S. Dalton, Jr.	2011
Patricia Mulvey	2012
Linda Olsen	2012

ELECTION INSPECTORS

Catherine Audette	Louise Benoit
Gloria Bernier	Lillian Contois
Jenny Correia	Simonne Coutinho, Warden
Dianna Couto, Warden	Suzanne Deterra
Jeanne Duggan	Betsy Ellis, Clerk
Donna Forand	Lee Forand, Clerk
Joanne Fournier	Lorraine Gentili
Dorothy Gomes, Clerk	Marie Hardy
Paulette Hudson	Alice Kut
Genevieve Linhares	Maria Moore
Margaret Mota	Juliana Perry
Faye Philla, Warden	Barbara Pike
Priscilla Santos	Susanne Sounik
Joyce Wylie-Scholz	Anita Tetreault
Janet West	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DIRECTOR)

Gerard Bergeron

EMPOWERMENT REPRESENTATIVES

David E. Wojnar
Alan G. Coutinho

ENFORCEMENT AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James A. Marot

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Michael Boucher	2012
Roger Cabral	2012
Susan Delgado	2012
Robert Ferreira	2010
Kevin Gaspar	2010
Russell Goyette	2010
Elizabeth Gatenby	2011
Mary Lou Marques	2011
Paul Pelletier	2011

FOREST WARDEN, INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

GOLF MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE

John Abaray, Jr. (Member at Large)	2010
Robert Ferreira (Finance Committee Rep.)	2010
David Flynn (Member at Large)	2010
Manuel Goulart (Business Community Rep.)	2010
Edward Issac (Member-at-Large)	2010
James Madruga, Jr. (Member at Large)	2010

GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Michael G. Alves	Jacqueline Brightman
Marc Cenerizio	Richard Ellis
Lawrence Marshall	William Murphy
George Perry	Kathleen Perry
Gladys Varrieur	

HERRING WARDEN

Ted Govoni

ASSISTANT HERRING WARDEN

Joseph G. Costa

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

James Coutinho (alternate member)	2010
Madeline Gwozdz	2010
Pauline Teixeira	2010
Joyce Reynolds	2012
Matthew Lopes	2011
Mark Phaneuf	2011

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Henry Young	2010
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INSPECTOR OF GARAGES

Kevin A. Gallagher

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Eric Arruda	2010
Keith Ashley	2010
Paul Fortin	2010
Maria Otocky	2010
Sue Picard	2010
John Roy	2010

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT/INSPECTOR OF PEST CONTROL

Raymond Barlow

O.C.V.R.T.H.S. DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Leo Coons
Linda Enos
Michael Miller

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio	2011
Kelly Medeiros	2011
Robert Rocha	2011
Merilee Woodworth	2011

PARKING CLERK

Alan G. Coutinho

PHASE II STORMWATER COMMITTEE

Raymond Barlow (Highway Supertintendent)
Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission)
Alan Coutinho (Town Administrator)
James Marot (Building Inspector)
Ralph Urban (Board of Health Agent)
Merilee Woodworth (Conservation Commission Agent)

PORTABLE SIGN COMMITTEE

Richard A. Ellis	Robert Hall
Peter Koczera	Paul Melo
James A. Marot	

PPWG - HARBOR TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBER

Stephen Morrisseau

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR

Michael A. Cioper

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Michael J. Sylvia	2011
Kristin Bourgault (resigned)	2010
Irene DeCotis	2011

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Michael Alves (Police Chief)	2010
Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)	2010
Gerri Reed	2010
Alan G. Coutinho (Town Admin.)	2010
James Marot (Bldg. Insp.)	2010

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Theodore Machado

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Marc Cenerizio
Joyce Lopes
Matthew Lopes
Wayne Richmond

SHELLFISH WARDEN/HARBOR MASTER

Stephen Morrisseau

DEPUTY SHELLFISH WARDEN

Robert Medeiros

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Carol Chongarlides (Conservation Commission Rep.)
Marc Cenerizio (Planning Commission Rep.)
Ralph Urban (Soil Conservation Board Inspector)
Robert Lanzoni (Board of Public Works Rep.)
Robert Medeiros (Board of Health Rep.)
David E. Wojnar (Board of Selectmen Rep.)

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER OF NEW BEDFORD WATER WORKS

Paul Sylvia

S.R.P.E.D.D. - J.T.P.G. MEMBERS

Henry Young

S.R.T.A. ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS

David E. Wojnar

STREET NAME COMMITTEE

Michael Alves (Police Chief)

Kevin Gallagher (Fire Chief)

TILCON CAPALDI CLOSURE PLAN COMMITTEE

Raymond LeBlanc

David E. Wojnar

VETERANS' AGENT, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Veterans Burial Agent for Indigent Soldiers & Sailors
& Veterans Grave Officer (C115 S7 & 9)

Ronald Cormier

(TILCON CAPALDI) WEIGHER

Kerrie Almeida	2010
Ron Burke	2010
Nelson Cardoso	2010
Antone DeMello	2010
Joseph DeNardo	2010
Sarah FitzGerald	2010
Rick Leaver	2010
Christian Loranger	2010
Mike Oliveira	2010
Felix Perez	2010
Johathan Souza	2010
Filomenia Yuille	2010



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Acushnet:

The current Board of Assessors is: Marc Cenerizio, Chairman, Liberio Soares, Member, and Matthew Lopes, Member. The office staff consists of Kelly A. Koska, M.A.A., Principal Assessor, and Suzanne Picard, Senior clerk.

A new member was elected to the Board of Assessors. Matthew Lopes ran unopposed and won the election in April 2009. Mr. Dakin did not run for re-election in 2009 and remains as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Fiscal 2010 (assessments based on January 1, 2009) is a triennial certification year for the Town of Acushnet. Full fair cash values for this tax cycle were determined through the analysis of arms length sales that took place from June 2007 through December 2008. Residential property owners will see their actual assessments reflect this timeframe. The Department of Revenue, Bureau of Local Assessments, requires communities do a complete revaluation every three years.

Fiscal 2010 was also the first year for the implementation of QUARTERLY tax billing for the Town of Acushnet. Taxpayers will now pay their annual tax bills in FOUR installments. Taxpayers will be mailed two billing statements per year. One mailing takes place in late June including two payment coupons that are due in August and November, respectively. These two installments are referred to as PRELIMINARY BILLS. The amount of these bills is determined by dividing the prior fiscal year's total tax bill in half. The second mailing is in December including two payment coupons that are due February and May, respectively. These two installments are referred to as ACTUAL BILLS. Actual bills are based on the new approved values and certified tax rate for the given fiscal year as per the Department of Revenue. Quarterly tax billing provides taxpayers with a greater certainty about payments dates as well as provided the Town with an even flow of revenue.

The Assessors' office generated \$138,331 in new growth. This amount has decreased from previous years but is reflective of the decline in new construction and building improvements. Though this amount has decreased over the past several years it does assist with alleviating the burden of raising the needed revenue to run the Town through taxation. The economic crisis now faced by us locally as well as nationally has impacted this number dramatically.

The tax rate for FY 2010 reflects a 20% shift. This translates in to the real properties classified as commercial or industrial and personal property paying a 20% higher rate than those that are residential. By statute, this decision is rendered by the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation from the Board of Assessors.

The third committed apportioned installment for the Phase II Sewer betterment was committed in Fiscal 2010 for those taxpayers who were assessed this improvement in June 2007 by the Board of Public Works. Taxpayers can also pay down on their remaining balances throughout the year. They can also pay off the betterment completely at any time. If they plan to do so, a written request should be submitted to the Assessors' office in order for the proper interest due to be calculated and committed to the Collector's office.

The Board of Health had funds available through June 2009 via a grant provided by the Water Pollution Abatement Trust to assist residents to pay for sewer tie in costs and septic improvements. As of fiscal 2010, 93 properties took advantage of this loan program. The staff in the Assessors' office is available to answer any questions property owners may have regarding this loan or other special assessments.

The Board of Assessors wishes everyone continued good health and best wishes for the 2010.

TAX SUMMARY	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>
Total Amount to be raised	\$ 27,279,303.80	\$26,539,461.28
Total estimated receipts from other revenue sources	\$ 15,023,676.00	\$13,855,232.00
TAX LEVY	\$12,255,627.80	\$12,684,229.28

VALUE BY CLASS	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>
Single Family (101)	\$ 1,009,855,900.00	\$ 962,289,700.00
Condominiums (102)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2 & 3 Family (104 & 105)	\$ 48,772,940.00	\$ 46,359,920.00
Multi Family (111-125)	\$ 6,384,300.00	\$ 6,252,000.00
Vacant land (130-132,106)	\$ 32,522,100.00	\$ 32,173,200.00
Others (103,109, Res mixed use)	\$ 59,421,902.00	\$ 56,242,387.00
Commercial (3**)	\$ 21,898,800.00	\$ 21,449,200.00
Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	\$ 2,213,893.00	\$ 1,775,906.00
Industrial (4**)	\$ 31,609,200.00	\$ 28,540,200.00
Personal Property	\$ 25,019,041.00	\$ 26,155,084.00

TAX RATE FY 2010

Residential = \$ 10.47 Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property = \$ 12.81
(120% shift)

AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE SINGLE FAMILY HOME \$ 300,340.00

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
Liberio Soares, Member
Matthew Lopes, Member
ACUSHNET BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Report of
THE TOWN CLERK

**Births, Marriages and Deaths
Vital Statistics 2009**

BIRTHS:

In Acushnet	0
In other Municipalities	80
<i>Total</i>	<i>80</i>
 Resident	 80
Non-Resident	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>80</i>
 Male	 39
Female	41
<i>Total</i>	<i>80</i>

MARRIAGES:

In Acushnet	13
In other Municipalities	23
<i>Total</i>	<i>36</i>
 Resident Bride and Groom	 17
Resident Groom	4
Resident Bride	3
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	12
<i>Total</i>	<i>36</i>

DEATHS:

In Acushnet	18
In other Municipalities	54
<i>Total</i>	<i>72</i>
 Resident Deaths - Female	 30
Resident Deaths - Male	42
Non-Resident Deaths - Female	0
Non-Resident Deaths - Male	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>72</i>

Attest:

**Pamela A. Labonte
Town Clerk**

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for many tasks; the most important is maintaining and preserving the official records of the town. This includes recording and certifying all actions of the Town including those of Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Committee and other committee and boards.

The Office, in compliance with the Public Records Law, provides access and certifies all public records in its custody, issuing certified copies of all official vital records of births, deaths, and marriages. This office is also responsible for the issuing of business certificates, underground fuel storage permits, dog licenses and assisting in genealogical research.

Another major function of the Town Clerk, along with the Board of Registrars is the organization, training and the administration of fair and accurate elections and recounts. In 2009, this office was responsible for the following elections and Town Meetings:

- The Annual Town Election, (April 6th)
- Annual/Special Town Meeting, (May 18th)
- Special Town Meeting, (October 19th)
- The Special State Primary Election (December 8th)
 - Replacement of Senator Kennedy due to his death

In addition to the above, The Clerk's Office continued with the following initiatives:

1. Partnered with Rebecca Tomlinson, the Animal Control Officer in the enforcement of dog licensing and fee collection as it relates to state law and the by-laws for the Town of Acushnet. This resulted in an additional 62% increase in revenue for the Town.
2. Implemented a late fee of \$10.00 for all dogs not licensed as required in the by-laws of the Town of Acushnet. This resulted in \$2,415.00 of additional income to the Town.

3. During the Rabies Clinic, the existing Dog Licensing software was utilized and the licensing at the clinic was automated for the first time in history. This resulted in the highest number of licenses issued in the history of the clinics.
4. Partnered with the Assessor's Office to share new, existing and discontinued Business Certificates to ensure our offices have the most up-to-date information. This resulted in an additional 71 businesses never previously licensed in the Town and an additional 50% increase in revenue.
5. Partnered with the Tax Collector's Office for added customer convenience and accepted tax payments made by check only, in the Clerk's Office on Tuesday evenings.
6. Completed three mailings of the Town Census, which assisted in updating the voting list and updating the Annual Resident Street list.
7. Initiated, with the assistance of Selectman, Leslie Dakin the assessment of all Town Hall records. In 2010, a formal evaluation will be conducted and presented by an outside firm with recommendations on the preservation of the Official Town Records as dictated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Archives Division. Funding sources such as Preservation Grants and Community Preservation funding will be pursued.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff in the Town Clerk's Office, Rachel Charbonneau, Nancy Clerc, and Irene Decotis, all department heads, elected officials, election workers, and town employees. Their dedication and hard-work made 2009 a successful year and I look forward continuing our progress together in 2010.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Balances per Reconciled Bank Statements

Bristol County Savings Bank	CPA Account	447,936.37
Bristol County Savings Bank	Money Market	521,567.82
Citizens Bank & Trust	Collector's Account	57,668.36
Citizens Bank & Trust	Golf Course	428,186.70
Citizens Bank & Trust	Investment Account	1,178,080.17
Citizens Bank & Trust	Money Market	2,564,246.37
Citizens Bank & Trust	Payroll Account	0.08
Eastern Bank	Money Market	2,732.87
Mellon Bank	Money Market	157,265.58
Mellon Bank	Vendor Account	1.95
Rockland Trust	Money Market	446,246.50
Rockland Trust	Payroll Account	49.84
Rockland Trust	Betterment Account	938,867.73
Rockland Trust	Sewer Account	291,028.44
Rockland Trust	Stabilization Account	1,844,836.42
Uni-Bank	Unipay	180,670.59
Webster Bank	School Lunch	198,914.99
Webster Bank	Money Market	42,148.32
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		9,300,449.10
Deposits in Transit and Cash on Hand		1,950.00
Bartholomew – Various Town Trusts		584,929.20
Citizens Bank & Trust – Various Town Trusts		360,265.05
Citizens Bank & Trust – Planning Board		45,774.54
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Total of All Cash and Investments for the Town		<u><u>\$10,293,367.89</u></u>

I hereby certify that the foregoing schedule, setting forth the total cash in the custody of the Treasurer, is in agreement with the general ledger controls and the Auditors Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine A. Milligan
Treasurer

RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 2009

GENERAL FUND

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

2008	893.00
2009	291,075.00
Total Personal Property Taxes	\$ 291,968.00

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Prior Years	\$ -
2007	1,367.00
2008	181,819.00
2009	11,570,915.00
2010	3,006.00
Total Real Estate Taxes	\$ 11,757,107.00

TAX LIENS REDEEMED

Prior Years	\$ 35,375.00
Total Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 35,375.00

TAX LIENS FORECLOSED

Prior Years	\$ -
Total Tax Liens Foreclosed	\$ -

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Prior Years	\$ 51.00
2003	181.00
2004	1,154.00
2005	2,388.00
2006	1,446.00
2007	22,235.00
2008	229,279.00
2009	831,371.00
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 1,088,105.00

FARM EXCISE

Total Farm Excise	\$ -
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PENALTIES AND INTEREST

Personal Property Tax	\$ 114.00
Real Estate Tax	34,156.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	32,417.00
Tax Liens Redeemed	5,380.00
Total Penalties and Interest	\$ 72,067.00

RUBBISH

Rubbish Revenue	\$	28,280.00
Liens		-
Total Rubbish	\$	<u>28,280.00</u>

FEES

Police Detail	\$	3,045.00
Cable		1,637.00
Lien Certificates		10,295.00
Town Clerk Late Fees		290.00
Non - Renewal Motor Vehicles		7,060.00
Constable Fees		<u>100.00</u>
Total Fees	\$	<u>22,427.00</u>

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

Assessors	\$	387.00
Selectmen		-
Treasurer		-
Collector		68.00
Town Clerk		8,305.00
Conservation		-
Planning Board		1,190.00
Appeal Board		6,400.00
Police		1,799.00
Fire		3,740.00
Building		201.00
Weights & Measures		230.00
Board of Health		28,937.00
Library		1,094.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		<u>10,003.00</u>
Total Other Departmental Revenue	\$	<u>62,354.00</u>

LICENSES

Business	\$	2,920.00
Drain Layers		2,100.00
Liquor		14,550.00
Victualers		600.00

Amusement	2,900.00
Motor Vehicles	1,425.00
Constable License	-
Dog	16,294.00
Total Licenses	<u>\$ 40,789.00</u>
PERMITS	
Oil Burner	\$ 345.00
Building	27,554.00
Electrical	11,359.00
Gas	4,533.00
Board of Health	12,100.00
Plumbing	7,586.00
Soil Removal	2,100.00
Gun Permits	2,338.00
Trench Permits	150.00
Total Permits	<u>\$ 68,065.00</u>
FINES AND FORFEITURES	
Dog	\$ 7,415.00
Library	3,122.00
Parking	1,305.00
Total Fines and Forfeitures	<u>\$ 11,842.00</u>
SALES OF INVENTORY	
Cemetery Lots	\$ -
Total Sales of Inventory	<u>\$ -</u>
STATE SHARED REVENUE	
Abatements to the Blind	\$ 700.00
Abatements to the Elderly	27,108.00
Abatements to Veterans	27,140.00
Abatements to Surviving Spouse	350.00
Veterans Benefits	66,263.00
Highway Funds	-
Additional Assistance	21,548.00
Lottery Funds	1,681,621.00
Court Fines	-
Registry Fines	8,925.00
Other State	70.00
School Chapter 70	5,825,831.00
School Transportation	-
Charter School Reimb	-
Charter School Capital Overpay	-
Police Career Incentive - Quinn Bill	32,147.00
Total State Shared Revenue	<u>\$ 7,691,703.00</u>

REIMBURSEMENT

Medicare D Reimbursement	\$ 49,615.00
Municipal Medicaid Reimbursement	135,273.00
Total Reimbursements	<u>184,888.00</u>

EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS

	\$ 16,338.00
Total Earnings on Investments	<u>\$ 16,338.00</u>

INTERFUND TRANSFERS

From Enterprise Fund	\$ -
From Special Revenue	260,000.00
From Trust & Agency	587,133.00
Total Interfund Transfers	<u>\$ 847,133.00</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND

<u>\$ 22,218,441.00</u>

SCHOOL LUNCH FUND

<u>\$ 309,977.00</u>

HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90

<u>\$ 533,730.00</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Animal Gift Fund	\$ 431.00
P.E.G. Access	48,998.00
Police SCAT Grant	2,109.00
Law Enforcement Trust	1,259.00
Local Preparedness Grant	-
SETB Support Incentive Grant	21,677.00
Highway Safety Grant	7,749.00
SETB Training Grant	2,818.00
COA Strong Woman Grant	6,817.00
Police Reimbursable	-
Bureau Of Justice	-
LIG/MEG	16,315.00
Library Gift Fund	75.00
Library Fund Grant	-
LSTA Fed. Library Grant	7,500.00
Celebrations Gift Fund	284.00
Partingways Beautification	-
Title V	4,644.00
Arts Lottery Council	4,546.00
Council On Aging Grant	12,662.00
Council On Aging Gift Fund	737.00
Notice Of Intent - Conservation	933.00
Buzzards Bay Watershed Grant	7,500.00

E.M.S.	277,532.00
Lake Street Gaurdrails Grant	50,000.00
Board of Health	-
Insurance Reimbursement	28,268.00
Outside Ads	152.00
Fed. Asst. To Firefighters	14,000.00
Private Organization Grants	-
FEMA Grant	-
LIB-CD Antitrust Settlement	-
Homeland Security	-
Bristol County Homeland Security	-
Fire S.A.F.E Grant	-
Fire Safety Equipment Grant	5,296.00
SEMASS - Mass Tech Park	-
Park Dept. Gift Fund	3,000.00
Long Plain Museum Repair Grant	-
Sewer Tie-In Restricted Grants	-
Sewer Tie-In Loan Program	255,617.00
Sewer Tie-In Loan Res Receipts	85,832.00
Sewer Phase 2 Betterment	696,240.00
Cops In Shops Grant	-
Community Policing Grant	13,734.00
GIS / GPS Mapping System	-
Ambulance Task Force Grant	-
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 1,576,725.00

SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Title I	\$ 112,123.00
Title II 94 - 142	178,199.00
Federal ARRA Grant	684,672.00
Early Childhood	6,588.00
Drug Free School	4,370.00
Ford Middle School Fund	26,295.00
School Building Rental	25,040.00
Elementary School Fund	19,759.00
Teacher Quality in Education	45,844.00
Enhanced Education	1,510.00
Title V	-
Mentoring Grant	-
Early Intervention Lit.	16,590.00
SPED Program Improvement Grant	3,904.00
SPED Circuit Breaker	292,682.00
Full Day Kindergarten	82,368.00
Kindergarten Enhancement Grant	52,200.00
Preschool Program	11,036.00
BC/BS Healthy Choices Grant	-
TOTAL SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 1,563,180.00

<u>COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND</u>	<u>\$ 208,819.00</u>
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<u>WATER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</u>	<u>\$ 901,053.00</u>
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<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</u>	<u>\$ 461,733.00</u>
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<u>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND</u>	<u>\$ 451,966.00</u>
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<u>GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND</u>	<u>\$ 1,426,524.00</u>
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TRUST FUND

Contributions	\$ 8,222.00
Transfers	5,402.00
Interest & Earning on Investments	48,335.00
TOTAL TRUST FUND	<u>\$ 61,959.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 29,714,107.00</u></u>
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Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
RESERVE FUND 1110		
F.B. Reserve Fund	\$ 46,153.00	\$ 0.00
Total Reserve Fund	46,153.00	0.00
TOWN MEETING 1113		
Town Meeting / Election	10,595.00	10,515.00
Total Town Meeting	10,595.00	10,515.00
MODERATOR 1114		
Salary	660.00	660.00
Supplies	30.00	0.00
In-State Travel	40.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	40.00	0.00
Total Moderator	770.00	660.00
SELECTMEN 1122		
Stipends - Selectmen	15,749.00	15,748.00
Salaries - Town Administrator	94,262.00	94,262.00
Salaries - Clerical	57,675.00	56,758.00
Salaries - Special Project Manager	9,289.00	9,289.00
Salaries - Temporary	1,980.00	1,096.00
Longevity	700.00	700.00
R. & M. Vehicles	1,000.00	162.00
Special Article School Facility Com.	0.00	0.00
Special Article - DEP Site Assessment	11,058.00	7,150.00
Engineering Fees	0.00	0.00
Consulting / Grant Writer	0.00	0.00
Telephone	2,500.00	2,029.00
Comm. Reverse 911	8,000.00	8,000.00
Communications - Advertising	5,102.00	4,988.00
Office Supply	1,500.00	1,431.00
Training & Testing	400.00	240.00
Town Report / Warrant	4,000.00	3,571.00
Meeting Expenses	100.00	100.00
Travel	500.00	250.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	1,600.00	1,600.00
Special Article - Communication Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Selectmen	215,415.00	207,374.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
FINANCE COMMITTEE 1131		
Salaries - Clerical	2,125.00	2,107.00
Office Supplies	150.00	140.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	400.00	338.00
Total Finance Committee	2,675.00	2,585.00
FINANCE DIRECTOR 1133		
Salaries - Director of Finance	11,237.00	11,237.00
Total Finance Director	11,237.00	11,237.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT 1135		
Salaries - Town Accountant	70,391.00	70,391.00
Salaries - Accounting Clerk	30,263.00	29,772.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	7,477.00	7,395.00
Longevity	300.00	300.00
Auditing	20,000.00	20,000.00
Telephone	1,500.00	1,165.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,490.00
Travel	1,200.00	890.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	350.00	201.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Special Article - GASB 45 Implementation	15,000.00	0.00
Special Article - GASB 34	14,651.00	158.00
Total Town Accountant	162,632.00	131,762.00
ASSESSORS 1141		
Stipends - Assessors	12,507.00	9,505.00
Salaries - Assistant Assessor	49,440.00	49,440.00
Salaries - Clerical	31,340.00	31,260.00
Salaries - Overtime	1,040.00	1,040.00
Longevity	300.00	300.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	175.00	175.00
Telephone	800.00	669.00
Printing & Binding	300.00	244.00
Communications - Advertising	400.00	0.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Training	800.00	720.00
Plot Plans	2,600.00	945.00
Reg. Deeds/Probate	200.00	151.00
Office Supplies	1,123.00	1,117.00
Travel	667.00	200.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	350.00	240.00
Management Consulting	4,677.00	2,256.00
Software Expense	3,740.00	1,500.00
Cama License Fee	5,550.00	5,550.00
Triennial Certification	24,500.00	24,500.00
Total Assessors	140,509.00	129,812.00

TOWN TREASURER 1145

Salaries - Town Treasurer	55,120.00	55,119.00
Salaries - Clerical	33,161.00	31,403.00
Salaries - Temporary	0.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	1,500.00	48.00
Longevity	900.00	900.00
Legal - Land Court	22,500.00	5,283.00
Loan Expense	2,500.00	1,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	1,000.00
Communications - Advertising	1,500.00	0.00
Reg. Deeds / Probate	1,250.00	679.00
Office Supplies	2,550.00	2,530.00
Postage	22,000.00	22,000.00
Travel	1,500.00	1,133.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	250.00	130.00
Bonding	850.00	675.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Town Treasurer	146,581.00	121,900.00

TOWN COLLECTOR 1146

Salaries - Town Collector	44,246.00	42,200.00
Salaries - Clerical	31,260.00	31,260.00
Salaries - Temporary	2,500.00	2,384.00
Salaries - Overtime	700.00	574.00
Longevity	500.00	500.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	250.00	0.00
Tax Bills	3,200.00	1,594.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Telephone	1,000.00	778.00
Communication - Advertising	3,000.00	1,627.00
Registry Recordings	5,000.00	2,039.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00	999.00
Travel/Meals	1,500.00	963.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	140.00	90.00
Bonding	300.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	200.00	200.00
Total Town Collector	94,796.00	85,208.00

TOWN COUNSEL 1151

Legal - Land Court	71,408.00	71,408.00
Total Town Counsel	71,408.00	71,408.00

DATA PROCESSING 1155

Salaries - Systems Administrator	4,305.00	4,305.00
Internet Services	8,328.00	7,932.00
R. & M. Copier	6,022.00	5,567.00
R. & M. - Other	3,442.00	3,367.00
Software Maintenance	54,928.00	54,928.00
Photocopier Supply	2,300.00	2,300.00
Software Expense	1,887.00	1,187.00
Other Supplies	3,318.00	3,203.00
Training	900.00	278.00
Additional Equipment	3,606.00	1,780.00
Sp Art- Munis Special Training	30,000.00	14,325.00
Total Data Processing	119,036.00	99,172.00

TOWN CLERK 1161

Salaries - Town Clerk	27,537.00	27,537.00
Salaries - Clerical	55,276.00	52,439.00
Salaries - Temporary	1,250.00	864.00
Salaries - Overtime	2,500.00	886.00
Longevity	900.00	900.00
R. & M. - Office Equipment	500.00	500.00
Vital Statistics	400.00	0.00
Telephone	1,000.00	584.00
Communications - Advertising	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,563.00	1,281.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Postage	1,600.00	1,600.00
Travel	600.00	600.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	250.00	190.00
Bonding	100.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	500.00	405.00
Dog Licenses	800.00	552.00
Special Article - Vital Records	6,699.00	0.00
Special Article - CD ROMS	929.00	0.00
Software Expense	1,000.00	312.00
Total Town Clerk	103,404.00	88,650.00

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS 1163

Salaries - Temporary	8,760.00	8,760.00
Voting Program Movers	5,200.00	5,200.00
Street Voting / Census	1,900.00	1,862.00
Office Supplies	400.00	400.00
Travel	508.00	508.00
Postage	600.00	600.00
Total Registrar Of Voters	17,368.00	17,330.00

CONSERVATION 1171

Salaries - Agent	33,204.00	33,204.00
Salaries - Clerical	17,625.00	17,575.00
Salaries - Overtime	645.00	641.00
Longevity	0.00	0.00
Telephone	600.00	309.00
Communications - Advertising	0.00	0.00
Training & Testing	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	737.00	737.00
Photo Supplies	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	0.00	0.00
Special Article Employee Vehicle	0.00	0.00
Total Conservation	52,811.00	52,466.00

SOIL BOARD 1172

Salaries - Clerical	1,000.00	750.00
Office Supplies	50.00	50.00
Total Soil Board	1,050.00	800.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
PLANNING BOARD 1175		
Salaries - Agent	5,463.00	5,463.00
Salaries - Clerical	10,478.00	10,397.00
Master Planner	31,827.00	31,827.00
Training & Testing	250.00	250.00
Communications - Advertising	2,895.00	2,895.00
Other Purchase - Serv. Recording.	200.00	138.00
Registrat. Deeds/Update Maps	25.00	0.00
Office Supplies	1,600.00	1,600.00
Master Plan Supplies	2,000.00	1,828.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	0.00	0.00
Special Article - Zoning Bylaw Edits	4,688.00	0.00
Telephone	500.00	135.00
Total Planning Board	59,925.00	54,533.00
BOARD OF APPEALS 1176		
Salaries - Clerical	2,200.00	1,465.00
Communications - Advertising	2,000.00	1,811.00
Office Supplies	200.00	36.00
Total Board of Appeals	4,400.00	3,311.00
TOWN HALL COMPLEX 1192		
Salaries - Custodian	36,791.00	36,790.00
Salaries - Temporary	975.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	4,575.00	4,575.00
Longevity	500.00	500.00
Energy	46,000.00	44,184.00
Grass Cutting/Maintenance	300.00	126.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	14,929.00	12,221.00
Supplies	5,336.00	5,153.00
Special Article - A.D.A. Requirement	9,580.00	0.00
Special Article - Town Hall Parking	4,797.00	0.00
Special Article - Long Plain Restoration	3,893.00	0.00
Special Article - Long Plain Roof	7,500.00	6,800.00
Total Town Hall Complex	135,176.00	110,349.00
BY - LAWS 1197		
Office Supplies	500.00	49.00
Total By-Laws	500.00	49.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
POLICE DEPARTMENT 2210		
Salaries - Police Chief	88,580.00	88,580.00
Salaries - Permanent	1,303,442.00	1,299,512.00
Longevity	9,000.00	9,000.00
Clothing Allowance	14,600.00	14,600.00
Vehicle Maintenance	10,600.00	9,875.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	9,500.00	9,500.00
Software Maintenance	8,450.00	8,450.00
Telephone	4,950.00	4,544.00
Training & Testing	1,500.00	1,375.00
Office Supplies	2,250.00	2,250.00
Meals	650.00	630.00
Other Supplies - Hardware/Lockup	19,761.00	19,660.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	1,840.00	1,840.00
Equipment	20,414.00	20,414.00
Special Article - Police Cruiser	24,000.00	24,000.00
Total Police Department	1,519,537.00	1,514,230.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT 2220		
Salaries - Fire Chief	76,153.00	76,153.00
Salaries - Permanent	197,986.00	190,790.00
Salaries - Callmen	51,650.00	41,591.00
Overtime	39,925.00	39,925.00
Longevity	2,000.00	2,000.00
Clothing Allowance	1,850.00	1,290.00
Energy	8,500.00	8,284.00
Water	0.00	0.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	500.00	307.00
R. & M. Equipment	2,500.00	2,461.00
R. & M. Vehicle	4,550.00	4,483.00
Software	595.00	595.00
Radio Repairs	605.00	605.00
Hepatitis B Shots	0.00	0.00
Telephone	2,690.00	2,250.00
Training/CPR/1st Aid	3,100.00	3,100.00
Office Supplies	600.00	594.00
Other Supplies	150.00	112.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	700.00	610.00
Additional Equipment	1,850.00	1,849.00
Special Article - Sewer Tie-In	5,000.00	3,625.00
Fire Alarm Inspection	0.00	0.00
Total Fire Department	400,904.00	380,624.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2232		
Salaries - Director	9,966.00	5,109.00
Salaries - Permanent	317,614.00	317,614.00
Salaries - EMT's	6,000.00	5,738.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	11,964.00	11,831.00
Salaries - Overtime	14,860.00	14,365.00
Longevity	200.00	200.00
Clothing Allowance	2,204.00	2,188.00
Energy	15,500.00	15,055.00
R. & M. Buildings & Grounds	1,008.00	1,008.00
R. & M. Equipment	3,196.00	3,191.00
Physicals	86.00	0.00
Telephone	2,000.00	1,649.00
Training & Testing	2,000.00	1,910.00
Collection Expense	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	2,197.00	2,048.00
Supplies	800.00	724.00
Software Expense	4,200.00	4,200.00
Vehicle Supplies & Maintenance	4,344.00	4,339.00
Medical & Surgical Supplies	13,000.00	12,827.00
Oxygen	1,000.00	929.00
Travel	50.00	50.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	12,070.00	12,070.00
Additional Equipment/Furniture	300.00	290.00
Special Article - EMS Software	0.00	0.00
Total Emergency Medical Services	424,559.00	417,335.00

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 2241

Salaries - Building Inspector	52,525.00	52,525.00
Salaries - Clerical	30,585.00	16,330.00
Salaries - Wire Inspector	10,902.00	10,902.00
Salaries - Deputy Wire Inspector	100.00	0.00
Salaries - Deputy Building Inspector	100.00	75.00
Salaries - Gas/Plumbing Inspector	8,740.00	8,740.00
Salaries - Deputy Gas/Plumbing Inspector	775.00	665.00
Longevity	900.00	0.00
Training & Testing	525.00	420.00
R. & M. Equipment	162.00	162.00
Telephone	650.00	597.00
Office Supplies	1,389.00	1,350.00
Vehicle Supplies	958.00	958.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	170.00	158.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Building Department	108,481.00	92,882.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES 2244

Salaries -Permanent Position	982.00	982.00
Telephone	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	0.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Sealer Of Weights & Measures	982.00	982.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 2291

Energy	2,700.00	2,539.00
Repairs/Equipment Maint.	1,100.00	1,071.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,200.00	1,169.00
Telephone	530.00	296.00
Internet Services	795.00	756.00
Maintenance & Supplies	619.00	615.00
Disaster Fund	25.00	0.00
Travel	150.00	150.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	50.00	45.00
Additional Equipment/Gear	1,100.00	1,055.00
Total Emergency Management Agency	8,269.00	7,695.00

ANIMAL CONTROL 2292

Salaries - Director	35,515.00	35,515.00
Longevity	500.00	500.00
Clothing Allowance	100.00	100.00
R. & M. Equipment	500.00	499.00
Telephone	817.00	730.00
Boarding Services	1,000.00	648.00
Training & Testing	223.00	223.00
Office Supplies	100.00	99.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	50.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Animal Control	38,805.00	38,314.00

FORESTRY 2294

Salaries - Tree Warden	0.00	0.00
Tree Removal	3,179.00	3,173.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Tree Planting	296.00	296.00
Other Supplies	100.00	100.00
Total Forestry	3,575.00	3,569.00

MISCELLANEOUS 2699

Beautification	1,000.00	990.00
Shellfish Warden/Harbor	200.00	0.00
Herring Inspector	200.00	0.00
Acushnet Cultural Council	2,500.00	2,499.00
Safety Committee	200.00	0.00
Housing Partnership	200.00	0.00
Buzzards Bay Comm.	650.00	633.00
Total Miscellaneous	4,950.00	4,122.00

OLD COLONY REGIONAL SCHOOL 3320

Regional School Tuition	1,636,207.00	1,636,207.00
Total Old Colony Regional School	1,636,207.00	1,636,207.00

ACUSHNET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 3325, 021

Expenses	12,734,270.00	11,496,494.00
Sp. Article - Detention Pond	10,000.00	0.00
School Renov. Bond Principal	120,000.00	120,000.00
School Renov. Bond Interest	81,960.00	81,960.00
Total Acushnet School Department	12,946,230.00	11,698,454.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 4422

Salaries - Director	27,221.00	27,221.00
Salaries - Permanent	212,849.00	211,390.00
Salaries - Highway Superintendent	52,283.00	51,862.00
Salaries - Clerical	10,422.00	10,386.00
Salaries - Part-Time Clerk	5,585.00	1,007.00
Salaries - Temporary	0.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	4,240.00	2,673.00
Longevity	0.00	0.00
Clothing Allowance	4,400.00	3,939.00
Energy	15,000.00	9,872.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	4,500.00	4,496.00
R. & M. Equipment	36,103.00	36,103.00
Rentals & Leases	6,101.00	5,899.00
Engineering Fees	0.00	0.00
Telephone	2,000.00	1,378.00
Communications - Advertising	99.00	35.00
Police Detail	4,000.00	3,739.00
Training & Testing	1,450.00	1,230.00
Office Supplies	1,750.00	1,711.00
Gasoline	92,000.00	79,337.00
Personal Safety Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Road Materials	91,400.00	91,400.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships/Licenses	500.00	233.00
Additional Equipment	3,000.00	2,994.00
Special Article - Town Barn Door Repairs	1,616.00	1,615.00
Special Article - Town Barn Roof Repairs	0.00	0.00
Total Highway Department	578,019.00	550,020.00

HIGHWAY ROAD EQUIPMENT 4423

O.P.R.S. - Snow Removal - Emergency	148,881.00	148,881.00
Total Snow/Ice Removal/Ice Control	148,881.00	148,881.00

STREET LIGHTS 4424

Energy	62,140.00	62,140.00
Total Street Lights	62,140.00	62,140.00

SEMASS 4431

Salaries - Permanent Position	16,754.00	16,754.00
Curbside Pick - Up	3,814.00	3,814.00
Incinerator - SEMASS	155,165.00	117,392.00
Heavy Pick-Up	10,000.00	7,789.00
Rubbish Removal	424,000.00	409,817.00
Communications - Advertising	2,000.00	1,175.00
Total SEMASS	611,733.00	556,741.00

CEMETERY 4491

Salaries - Temporary	5,700.00	5,700.00
R. & M. Equipment	650.00	633.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	400.00	400.00
Office Supplies	50.00	0.00
Building Repairs/Maint/Supply	225.00	47.00
Total Cemetery	7,025.00	6,780.00

HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES 5510

Stipends - Board	9,774.00	9,774.00
Salaries - Sanitarian	55,894.00	55,894.00
Salaries - Clerical	31,123.00	28,566.00
Salaries - Temporary	31,257.00	30,819.00
Salaries - Overtime	1,000.00	796.00
Longevity	800.00	800.00
Clothing Allowance	100.00	71.00
R. & M. Vehicles	100.00	29.00
Physician	975.00	975.00
Prof. Pub. Health Agency	13,000.00	13,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	561.00
Communications - Advertising	327.00	294.00
Training & Testing	400.00	45.00
Office Supplies	750.00	746.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Photocopier Supplies	423.00	421.00
Software Expense	0.00	0.00
Medical & Surgical Supplies	0.00	0.00
Water Testing	0.00	0.00
Travel	73.00	50.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	200.00	100.00
Additional Equipment	269.00	269.00
Total Health Inspection Services	147,465.00	143,210.00

COUNCIL ON AGING 5541

Salaries - Director	27,728.00	27,728.00
Salaries - Temporary	10,815.00	10,702.00
Salaries - Janitorial	5,629.00	5,621.00
Energy	9,815.00	9,815.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,485.00	1,315.00
R. & M. Vehicles	1,600.00	1,549.00
Telephone	1,500.00	1,336.00
Alarm Services	700.00	422.00
Internet Services	720.00	720.00
Office Supplies	400.00	297.00
Postage	200.00	200.00
Building Supplies	700.00	613.00
Nutrition	5,385.00	4,556.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Total Council On Aging	66,677.00	64,874.00

VETERANS 5543

Salaries - Permanent	6,940.00	6,940.00
Telephone	400.00	282.00
Training & Testing	278.00	61.00
Training/Public Awareness	200.00	0.00
Office Supplies	500.00	497.00
Veterans Benefits	167,500.00	157,071.00
Total Veterans Benefits	175,818.00	164,851.00

LIBRARY 6610

Salaries - Director	50,812.00	50,812.00
Salaries - Asst. Director - Part Time	33,950.00	31,352.00
Salaries - Education	0.00	0.00
Salaries - Tech.	50,209.00	49,456.00
Salaries - Custodian	10,515.00	10,094.00
Longevity	892.00	891.00
Energy	5,400.00	5,400.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
R. & M. Building & Grounds	2,220.00	2,217.00
R. & M. Office Equipment	410.00	410.00
Tech Support	980.00	980.00
Telephone	1,500.00	874.00
Education	600.00	560.00
Communications - Advertising	150.00	0.00
Sail Expenses	11,491.00	11,490.00
Office Supplies	2,150.00	2,150.00
Children Ed Supplies	375.00	361.00
Other Supplies	22,199.00	18,465.00
Travel	400.00	338.00
Additional Equipment	325.00	325.00
Special Article - Library Roof Repair	0.00	0.00
Total Library Department	<u>194,578.00</u>	<u>186,175.00</u>

RECREATION 6630

Energy	6,842.00	5,785.00
Service & Maintenance	2,511.00	1,814.00
Telephone	500.00	264.00
Communications - Advertising	600.00	0.00
Summer Youth	10,226.00	8,693.00
Office Supplies	50.00	48.00
Hardware	1,300.00	988.00
Other Supplies - Athletic, ETC.	300.00	254.00
Total Recreation Department	<u>22,329.00</u>	<u>17,846.00</u>

PARK DEPARTMENT 6650

Salaries - Permanent	12,640.00	12,640.00
Salaries - Permanent Laborer	7,181.00	7,075.00
Contracted Services	10,950.00	8,110.00
R. & M. - Equipment	500.00	115.00
Serv. - Trash Removal	150.00	0.00
Restroom Supplies	175.00	62.00
Park Materials	2,900.00	2,417.00
Special Article - Park Restrooms	24,812.00	24,011.00
Total Park Department	<u>59,308.00</u>	<u>54,430.00</u>

HISTORICAL COMMISSION 6691

Energy	4,350.00	4,297.00
R. & M. Building. & Grounds	50.00	0.00
Telephone / Alarm	1,220.00	1,186.00
Communications - Advertising	0.00	0.00
Special Article - Historic Inventory	78.00	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Postage	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships	100.00	100.00
Total Historical Commission	5,798.00	5,583.00

CELEBRATIONS 6692

Road Race	1,500.00	1,500.00
Other Celebrations	2,657.00	2,657.00
Memorial Day/July 4	2,000.00	1,174.00
Total Celebrations	6,157.00	5,331.00

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 7710

Long Term Debt - Fire Engine	30,000.00	30,000.00
Long Term Debt - Parting Ways	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Retirement of Debt	50,000.00	50,000.00

INTEREST 7751

Long Term Debt Interest	17,090.00	17,090.00
Short Term Debt - Loan Interest	5,000.00	0.00
Total Interest	22,090.00	17,090.00

COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 8830

County Tax	97,909.00	97,909.00
Total County Tax	97,909.00	97,909.00

STATE ASSESSMENTS 8850

Special Ed.	0.00	0.00
School Choice Tuition	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	8,340.00	7,800.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Mosquito Assessment	29,993.00	29,993.00
Air Pollution Assessment	2,630.00	2,630.00
RTA Assessment	24,956.00	24,956.00
SRPEDD	1,642.00	1,641.00
Total State Assessments	67,561.00	67,020.00

PENSIONS 1911

Bristol County Retirement	820,918.00	784,057.00
Social Security	3,000.00	944.00
Medicare	135,000.00	134,219.00
Total Pensions	958,918.00	919,220.00

WORKERS COMPENSATION 1912

Fringe Benefits/Charges	64,400.00	50,203.00
Total Workers Compensation	64,400.00	50,203.00

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION 1913

Fringe Benefits/Charges	18,000.00	14,164.00
Total Unemployment Compensation	18,000.00	14,164.00

HEALTH INSURANCE 1914

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance	1,387,869.00	1,165,872.00
CRA/Flexible Benefits Plan	7,000.00	1,974.00
Total Health Insurance	1,394,869.00	1,167,846.00

LIABILITY INSURANCE 1945

Ins. Pr. Dis.- Fire - Police Accident	20,682.00	18,375.00
Liability Insurance	147,420.00	129,776.00
Total Liability Insurance	168,102.00	148,151.00

TRANSFERS 9999

Transfers To Capital Project	0.00	0.00
Transfers To Special Revenue	700.00	700.00
Transfers To Enterprise Funds	0.00	0.00
Transfers To Trust & Agency	5,402.00	5,402.00
Total Transfers	6,102.00	6,102.00

SUBTOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 23,422,819.00	\$ 21,498,102.00
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SEWER DEPARTMENT 6004440

Salaries - Director	14,022.00	14,022.00
Salaries - Permanent Labor	7,786.00	7,671.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Salaries - Clerical	10,422.00	10,383.00
Salaries - Part Time Clerk	5,585.00	0.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	2,692.00	2,586.00
Salaries - Overtime	1,000.00	585.00
Longevity	0.00	0.00
Fringe Benefits - Health/Vacation	7,600.00	1,760.00
Clothing Allowance	600.00	323.00
Energy	10,000.00	7,466.00
Service & Maint. Equipment	21,000.00	7,593.00
R. & M. Vehicles	1,000.00	421.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	1,000.00	289.00
Software Maintenance	1,000.00	820.00
Maintenance of System	5,500.00	1,227.00
Sewer Pumping - New Bedford	330,000.00	320,619.00
Telephone	1,500.00	1,095.00
Legal Expense	2,500.00	1,106.00
Engineering Fees	1,000.00	0.00
Training & Testing	250.00	60.00
Gasoline	1,000.00	330.00
Office Supplies	350.00	246.00
Sewer Bills	500.00	411.00
Postage	750.00	406.00
Travel	100.00	0.00
Upgrading System	500.00	0.00
Additional Equipment	1,000.00	183.00
Subtotal	<u>428,657.00</u>	<u>379,602.00</u>
RETIREMENT OF DEBT 6007440		
Long Term Debt Principal	0.00	0.00
Long Term Debt Interest	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TRANSFERS 6009999		
Transfers to General Fund	0.00	0.00
Transfers to Special Revenue	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Sewer Department From Sewer Users' Fees	\$ <u>428,657.00</u>	\$ <u>379,602.00</u>

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
WATER DEPARTMENT 2704450		
Salaries - Director	41,242.00	41,242.00
Salaries - Permanent Labor	88,066.00	69,043.00
Salaries - Water/Sewer	2,652.00	2,652.00
Salaries - Clerical - Part Time	10,422.00	10,383.00
Salaries - Billing Clerk	7,776.00	7,755.00
Salaries - Part Time Clerk	5,585.00	0.00
Salaries - Overtime	7,000.00	1,447.00
Longevity	0.00	0.00
Fringe Benefits - Health/Vacation	14,000.00	4,802.00
Clothing Allowance	1,000.00	942.00
Energy	2,700.00	1,002.00
New Bedford Water Bills	510,900.00	484,315.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	2,000.00	1,093.00
Vehicle Maintenance	2,500.00	1,638.00
Software Maintenance	500.00	500.00
Maintenance Of System	6,000.00	3,383.00
Repair/Trench Repairs	3,000.00	1,693.00
Rentals & Leases	1,000.00	300.00
Legal Expenses	2,500.00	757.00
Engineering Fees	2,000.00	0.00
Telephone	1,000.00	574.00
Training & Testing	2,500.00	30.00
CCR Reports	2,500.00	1,119.00
Communications - Advertising	1,000.00	0.00
Other Purch. Serv. - Police Detail	2,500.00	256.00
Gasoline	5,000.00	2,973.00
Office Supplies	1,120.00	384.00
Water Bills	1,000.00	540.00
Postage	2,500.00	2,498.00
Water Testing	6,080.00	6,080.00
Sp. Article - Well Test/Engineering	20,000.00	0.00
P.W. Suppl. - Equipment - Supplies	10,000.00	1,463.00
Travel	500.00	0.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships/Licenses	500.00	500.00
Upgrading System	1,000.00	0.00
Additional Equipment - New Meters	9,460.00	6,905.00
Sp. Art. - Radio Read	274,601.00	73,896.00
Sp. Art. - Leak Detect	7,500.00	7,100.00
Sp. Art. - Cross Survey	5,500.00	2,725.00
Subtotal	<u>1,065,104.00</u>	<u>739,990.00</u>

RETIREMENT OF DEBT 2707450

Long Term Debt Principal	44,765.00	44,765.00
Long Term Debt Interest	<u>162,229.00</u>	<u>162,226.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>206,994.00</u>	<u>206,991.00</u>

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
TRANSFERS 2709999		
Transfers to General Fund	0.00	0.00
Transfers to Special Revenue	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	0.00	0.00
Total Water Department From Water Users' Fees	\$ 1,272,098.00	\$ 946,981.00

GOLF COURSE 6606650

Salaries - Director	55,152.00	55,152.00
Salaries - Superintendent	80,628.00	80,628.00
Salaries - Head Professional	31,000.00	31,000.00
Salaries - Clubhouse Employees	83,500.00	58,054.00
Salaries - Assistant Superintendent	42,436.00	42,436.00
Salaries - Maintenance Employees	145,000.00	142,866.00
Salaries - Collector	4,191.00	4,191.00
Fringe Benefits	7,000.00	3,708.00
Fringe Benefits - Maintenance Employees	15,000.00	7,295.00
Energy	14,000.00	12,675.00
Energy - Maintenance	9,600.00	8,990.00
R. & M. Building & Grounds	4,000.00	2,700.00
R. & M. Equipment	8,000.00	7,005.00
R. & M. Equipment - Maintenance	10,100.00	10,100.00
Rentals & Leases	66,000.00	60,198.00
Rentals & Leases - Maintenance	13,000.00	9,631.00
Legal Expenses	500.00	0.00
Telephone	5,000.00	4,595.00
Telephone - Maintenance	2,100.00	1,813.00
R. & M. Irrigation - Maintenance	5,000.00	4,998.00
Communications - Advertising	30,000.00	22,215.00
Training & Safety - Maintenance	1,500.00	416.00
Uniforms	2,200.00	1,307.00
Uniforms - Maintenance	1,500.00	677.00
Gasoline	28,000.00	26,674.00
Supplies - Golf Shop	42,500.00	21,817.00
Seed/Topdress/Orn. - Maintenance	13,500.00	10,857.00
Fertilizer - Maintenance	37,800.00	31,130.00
Pesticides - Maintenance	62,000.00	54,875.00
Food Supplies	83,000.00	73,038.00
Other Supplies	10,500.00	10,003.00
Supplies - Maintenance	10,000.00	9,880.00

	FY 2009 APPROP.	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Travel	1,000.00	381.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships/Licenses	2,000.00	1,859.00
Dues/Subscription/Memberships/Licenses - Maint.	2,000.00	1,435.00
Insurance	10,000.00	8,947.00
Special Article - Golf Car Paths	45,657.00	45,657.00
Special Article - Golf Clubhouse	47,000.00	46,300.00
Special Article - Golf Entrance	60,000.00	54,223.00
Capital Projects	<u>32,310.00</u>	<u>11,040.00</u>
Subtotal	1,123,674.00	980,766.00
DEBT SERVICE 6607650		
Long Term Debt Principal	335,000.00	335,000.00
Long Term Debt Interest	<u>223,964.00</u>	<u>223,964.00</u>
Subtotal	558,964.00	558,964.00
TRANSFERS 6609999		
Transfers to General Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Subtotal	0.00	0.00
Total Golf Course Enterprise Fund	\$ 1,682,638.00	\$ 1,539,730.00
TOTAL	\$ <u>26,806,212.00</u>	\$ <u>24,364,415.00</u>

OTHER EXPENDITURES**FY 2009
EXPEND.****CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**

Computer Project	0.00
Partingways Building Project	0.00
Fire Department	0.00
D.P.W. - Sewer Infiltration	0.00
Park Renovation Project	0.00
A.D.A. Compliance - Town Hall	0.00
CPA Land Purchase	197,500.00
Water Main Replacement - Phase II	122,295.00
Water Improvements - Phase III	154,088.00
Total Capital Project Funds	473,883.00

CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY FUNDS

Stormwater - Mendall Rd.	209,755.00
Fairway Drive	198,405.00
Crompton/Surround Streets	0.00
Darling St./Wheldon Lane	0.00
Main Street	21,294.00
Hathaway Road	66,960.00
Gammons Road	226.00
Lake Street Guardrails	10,119.00
Total Chapter 90 Highway Funds	506,760.00

SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

School Lunch	346,536.00
Full Day Kindergarten	81,783.00
Preschool Program	567.00
Other Grants & Funding	1,215,247.00
Total School Special Revenue Funds	1,644,133.00

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Animal Gift Fund	1,936.00
Community Preservation Fund	322,662.00
Community Development Grant	0.00
Cable Ed. & Gov. Access	2,779.00
Peg Access	57,447.00
Lake Street Guardrails Grant	1,428.00
Bureau Of Justice	0.00
Police D.A.R.E.	0.00
SCAT -Southcoast Anti-Crime	2,109.00
Community Policing	0.00
Cops Grant	556.00
Law Enforcement Trust	1,539.00
Gov. Highway Safety Grant	7,749.00
SETB Training Grant - 911	2,818.00
SETB Support Incentive Grant	21,677.00
Private Organization Grant - Police	36.00

	FY 2009 EXPEND.
Fire S.A.F.E. Grant	5,296.00
Firefighter Equipment Grant	0.00
Council On Aging Grant	12,662.00
C.O.A. Building	232.00
Council On Aging Gift Fund	825.00
Library Gift Fund	8,228.00
LIG/MEG	20,641.00
Library - Music Expenses	120.00
LSTA Grant Expenses	6,243.00
Field Equipment	0.00
Arts Lottery	6,211.00
Title V - Receipts Reserved	6,661.00
Celebrations Gift Fund	123.00
Park Department Gift Fund	3,048.00
Sewer Tie-In Administration	212,387.00
Sewer Phase II Betterment	454,006.00
Strong Women Grant	2,772.00
Notice Of Intent	(1,218.00)
Buzzards Bay Watershed Grant	7,500.00
E.M.S. Fund	260,000.00
Insurance Reimbursements	31,183.00
Outside Ads	152.00
FEMA Grant	0.00

	FY 2009 EXPEND.
LLEBG	0.00
Local Preparedness Grant	0.00
Bristol County Homeland Security Grant	0.00
Assistance to Firefighters	15,980.00
Fire Department Gift Fund	0.00
DUI Grant	0.00
MEMA Grant	0.00
Total Special Revenue Funds	1,475,788.00

TRUSTS

Various	57,962.00
Total Trust Funds	57,962.00

STABILIZATION FUNDS

Transfers to General Fund	587,133.00
Total Stabilization Funds	587,133.00

GRAND TOTAL	\$ 29,110,074.00
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Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GENERAL FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 3,177,501.00
Receivables:	
Personal Property	12,820.00
Real Estate	202,565.00
Tax Liens	239,798.00
Taxes In Litigation	-
Motor Vehicle Excise	131,074.00
Tax Foreclosures	233,860.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,997,618.00
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LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 448,654.00
Other Liabilities	105,489.00
Accrued Salaries-Teachers	241,669.00
Allow. For Abatements & Exemptions 2001-2009	388,695.00
Tailings	131.00
Due To Firearms Record Fund	-
Police Academy Withholding	4,800.00
Fire Dept. Comp. Time	22,956.00
Deferred Revenue:	
Real Estate And Personal Property	(173,311.00)
Tax Liens	239,798.00
Tax Foreclosure	233,860.00
Motor Vehicle	131,074.00
Farm Excise	-
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,643,815.00
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FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances-Prior Year	\$	260,181.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		1,407,179.00
Fund Balance Designated for Expenditures		686,443.00
Fund Balance Reserved for School Debt Reduction		-

TOTAL FUND EQUITY \$ 2,353,803.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY \$ 3,997,618.00

Attest:
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Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 446,342.00
CPA - Surcharge Receivable - 2009	1,643.00
CPA - Surcharge Receivable - 2010	(39.00)
Tax Liens Receivable	<u>1,598.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 449,544.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	11,553.00
Deferred Revenue - Tax Liens	\$ 1,598.00
Deferred Revenue - CPA Surcharge	<u>1,604.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 14,755.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrance - Prior Year	\$ 285,988.00
Fund Balance Reserved For Open Space	12.00
Fund Balance Reserved For Historic Preservation	43,115.00
Fund Balance Reserved For Community Housing	66,215.00
Fund Balance Des. For Expenditures	9,302.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>30,157.00</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 434,789.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 449,544.00</u>

Attest:
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Director of Finance

TOWN OF ACUSHNET SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2009

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 2,068,777.00
Cash on Hand	500.00
Receivables:	
E.M.S.	121,003.00
<u>Title V Loan Program:</u>	
Apportionment Added To Tax	-
Comm. Interest Added to Tax	-
Apportionment Not Yet Due	23,540.00
<u>Sewer Tie In Loan Program:</u>	
Apportionment Added To Tax	574.00
Comm. Interest Added to Tax	161.00
Apportionment Not Yet Due	474,468.00
<u>Sewer Phase 2 Betterment Program:</u>	
Betterment Added To Tax	9,310.00
Comm. Interest Added to Tax	7,854.00
Betterment Not Yet Due	3,945,458.00
Deferred Betterment - Prin Add to Tax	2,865.00
Deferred Betterment - Comm Int	1,785.00
Deferred Betterment Not Yet Due	-
Privilege Fee Not Yet Due	12,891.00
Tax Title Receivable	10,431.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,679,617.00 <hr/>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 13,710.00
Deferred Revenue E.M.S.	121,003.00
<u>Title V Loan Program:</u>	
Def. Ref. Uncollected Apportionment	-
Def. Rev. Uncollected Committed Interest	-
Def. Rev. Not Yet Due	23,540.00
<u>Sewer Tie In Loan Program:</u>	
Def. Rev. Uncollected Apportionment	574.00
Def. Rev. Uncollected Committed Interest	161.00
Def. Rev. Not Yet Due	474,468.00
<u>Sewer Phase 2 Betterment Program:</u>	
Def. Rev. - Betterment Added To Tax	9,310.00
Def. Rev. - Comm Interest Added to Tax	7,854.00

Def. Rev. - Betterment Not Yet Due	3,945,458.00
Def. Rev. - Deferred Betterment - Prin Add to Tax	2,865.00
Def. Rev. - Deferred Betterment - Comm Int	1,785.00
Def. Rev. - Deferred Betterment Not Yet Due	-
Def. Rev. - Privilege Fee Not Yet Due	12,891.00
Tax Title Receivable	10,431.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ 4,624,050.00

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved For Encumbrances	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved For Expenditures	250,000.00
Community Development Grant	-
Building Maintenance Fund	2,853.00
Cable Ed & Gov. Access	1,768.00
D.A.R.E. Grant	231.00
Police SCAT Grant	-
Peg Access	105,479.00
Police Reimbursable	
Law Enforcement Trust	9,898.00
Fire S.A.F.E.	-
Library Lig/Meg	34,904.00
Strong Woman Grant	6,589.00
Library Info Grant	282.00
Library Gift Fund	297,619.00
Library Building Grant	406.00
Board Of Health	64.00
Title V	-
Arts Lottery Council	5,524.00
Partingways Beautification	312.00
Notice Of Intent	9,788.00
E.M.S. Fund	140,687.00
Title V Receipts Reserved	41,477.00
Empowerment Fund	1,873.00
Downtown Steering Committee	5,654.00
Historical Commission Survey	48,572.00
C.O.A. Building Fund	74.00
Insurance Reimbursement	-
Animal Gift Fund	3,946.00
FEMA Grant	-
LIB CD Antitrust Grant	206.00
Fed. Assist To Firefighters	268.00
Sewer PH 2 Betterment	944,233.00
Sewer Tie-In Reserved Receipts	116,175.00
Park Department Gift Fund	43.00
COA Gift Fund	7,379.00
Community Policing Grant	13,735.00
Long Plain Museum Repair Grant	1.00
Stormwater Assessment Grant	1,512.00

GIS/GPS Mapping System Grant	-
Baseline Documentation Grant	-
Fire Department Gift Fund	16.00
Fire Safety Equipment	-
Skate Park Gift Fund	161.00
Cops In Shops Grant	1,599.00
COPS - Private Org Grant	-
LSTA - Library Grant	1,257.00
Sewer-Tie In Admin Grant	789.00
Ambulance Task Force Grant	193.00
Field Equipment Gift Fund	-
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 2,055,567.00</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	 <u><u>\$ 6,679,617.00</u></u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane

Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL LUNCH**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 32,017.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 32,017.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 5,038.00
Due to Mass. - Meal Tax	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 5,038.00

FUND EQUITY

Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 26,979.00
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 26,979.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 32,017.00

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**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
SCHOOL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2009

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 572,888.00
SPED Circuit Breaker Due from Commonwealth	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 572,888.00

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 21,367.00
Accrued Teacher Salaries	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 21,367.00

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved For Encumb - Current Year	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved For Encumb - Prior Year	1,042.00
Fund Balance Reserved For Expenditures	-
Title 1	2,250.00
Title 2	-
Title II - P.L.94-142	27,130.00
DDE/ Math - Science	-
School Building Rentals	38,756.00
Tuition Revenue	58,361.00
Ford Middle School Fund	11,950.00
Elementary School Fund	23,934.00
Tech Literacy	-
Tech Lighthouse	385.00
Title V	-
Teacher Quality	11,101.00
Enhanced Education	97.00
Full Day Kindergarten	72,804.00
Full Day Kindergarten Grant	-
Blue Cross Healthy Choices	-
SPED Improvement Grant	164.00
Preschool Program	10,469.00

SPED Circuit Breaker	292,682.00
Non - Smoking Grant	396.00
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 551,521.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 572,888.00

Attest:
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Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
WATER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 509,169.00
Receivables:	
Water Charges	16,936.00
Tax Title Receivable	174.00
Water Services	-
Water Leins added To Tax - 2009	143.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 526,422.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 64,450.00
Def Rev Tax Title	174.00
Deferred Revenue Water	16,936.00
Deferred Revenue Water Liens	143.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>\$ 81,703.00</u></u>

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances- Current YR	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances- Prior YR	224,005.00
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Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	-
Undesignated Fund Balance	220,714.00
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 444,719.00</u></u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 526,422.00</u></u>

Attest:
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Director of Finance

TOWN OF ACUSHNET SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2009

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 311,991.00
Receivables:	
Sewer User Charges	11,261.00
Tax Title Receivable	99.00
Sewer Connection Receivable	-
Sewer Leins Added To Tax-2009	274.00
Machinery & Equipment	5,650.00
Allowance for Depreciation - Machinery & Equipment	(5,650.00)
Infrastructure	5,753,984.00
Allowance for Depreciation - Infrastructure	(513,464.00)
Vehicles	10,293.00
Allowance for Depreciation - Vehicles	(10,293.00)
Construction in Process	-
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,564,145.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 10,172.00
Def Rev Tax Title	99.00
Deferred Revenue Sewer	11,261.00
Deferred Revenue Sewer Leins	274.00
Net Fixed Assets	5,240,520.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 5,262,326.00</u>
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FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances- Current YR	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances- Prior YR	\$ 8,547.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	3,942.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	289,330.00
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TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 301,819.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 5,564,145.00</u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane

Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 365,181.00
Land Acquisition	1,637,100.00
Land Improvements	3,686,881.00
Land Improvements Interest	798,862.00
Buildings	197,198.00
Machinery and Equipment	337,348.00
Construction In Process	-
Amounts To Be Provided For Payment Of Bond	<u>5,584,290.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 12,606,860.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 19,136.00
Bonds Payable	5,300,000.00
Taxes Due To Massachusetts	-
Outing Deposits	1,850.00
Gift Certificates	46,071.00
Capitalized Lease Obligation	134,290.00
Bonds Payable Golf Equipment	150,000.00
Net Fixed Assets	<u>6,657,389.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 12,308,736.00</u>

FUND EQUITY

Contributed Capital	\$ 500,000.00
FB Reserved For Encumbrances-Prior Year	157.00
FB Designated For Expenditures	-
Fund Balance Designated - P/Y Revenue Shortfall	-
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>(202,033.00)</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 298,124.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 12,606,860.00</u>

Attest:

Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	<u>\$ (4,955.00)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ (4,955.00)</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ -</u>

FUND EQUITY

Stormwater Mendall	\$ (296.00)
Main Street	(4,619.00)
Fairway Drive	<u>(40.00)</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ (4,955.00)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ (4,955.00)</u>

Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ (6,786.00)
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ (6,786.00)</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 4,050.00
B.A.N. Payable	<u>-</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 4,050.00</u>
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FUND EQUITY

FB Res For Encumb - Current Year	\$ -
FB Res For Encumb - Prior Year	32,100.00
Computer Account	926.00
EMS Building	387.00
Water Infiltration - Phase II	(44,249.00)
Capital Project Bonded Equipment	<u>-</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ (10,836.00)</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ (6,786.00)</u>
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Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
AGENCY FUNDS**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 70,743.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 70,743.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ -
Braley Hill Estates	681.00
Erin Heights	413.00
Mendall Hill Estates	-
Stoney Acres	1,021.00
Deep Brook Estates #4	13,694.00
Blaise Drive	5,039.00
Park Drive Extension	-
Forestdale Estates	24,771.00
Maple Ridge Estates	80.00
Maple Ridge Estates #2	20,849.00
Davis Farm Estates	378.00
Edgewood Estates	3,217.00
Gendron Estates	781.00
Outside Details - Police	(180.00)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 70,743.00

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance Designated For Expenditures	\$ -
Undesignated Fund Balance	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 70,743.00

Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

TOWN OF ACUSHNET TRUST FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2009

ASSETS

Cash and Short Term Investments	\$ 2,750,000.00
Due From Resident	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,750,000.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 22.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 22.00

FUND EQUITY

Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 111,870.00
Haydon Flower	262.00
Haydon - Candage Flower	491.00
Instructive Nursing	11,306.00
Leo/Ruth Jackson Flower	237.00
Omey/Cottle Flower	19,438.00
Travis/Ellis Flower	3,697.00
Charles Beals Library	7,021.00
Albert Leconte Library	3,518.00
Allen/Rhonda Russell Library	10,250.00
Russell Library Maintenance	7,829.00
F. Sowa Library	13,132.00
Long Plain School	6,546.00
W.G. Owen Art Week	1,386.00
Russell Protestant Poor	67,129.00
Russell Town Hall	11,578.00
Sylvia P. Manter School	55,685.00
Henry H. Rogers School	14,339.00
Russell Public Schools	41,140.00
E. C. Burt School Library	4,677.00
Ruth Tabor Scholarship	9,041.00
Long Plain Meetinghouse	15,364.00
Meetinghouse Restoration	172,906.00
A. Fluegal Board Of Health	1,837.00
RN Swift 1	15,350.00
RN Swift 2	592.00
Conservation	1,834.00

Parting Ways Green trust Fund	12,590.00
Retirement	178,498.00
Accumulated Sick Time	3,369.00
Stabilization	1,649,969.00
Golf Course Farm Land	102,230.00
Fund Balance Designated For Expenditures	<u>194,867.00</u>

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 2,749,978.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 2,750,000.00</u></u>
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Attest:

Cathy L. Doane

Director of Finance

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET
LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNT GROUP**

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2009**

ASSETS

Amounts To Be Provided For Payment Of Bonds	\$ 11,163,686.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 11,163,686.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Sewer Phase II Bonds	\$ 4,581,020.00
School Renovation Bond	1,855,000.00
Bonds Payable Fire Truck	220,000.00
Partingways Building Bonds	80,000.00
Water Main Bonds - Phase I	633,655.00
Water Main Bonds - Phase II	1,704,109.00
Water Main Bonds - Phase III	1,454,299.00
Sewer Tie-In Loan Program	581,253.00
Title V Bonds	54,350.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 11,163,686.00</u>
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FUND EQUITY

CPA - White Woods Authorized	\$ (650,000.00)
Sewer Tie-In Program Authorized	(18,747.00)
CPA - White Woods Unissued	650,000.00
Sewer Tie-In Program Unissued	18,747.00

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ -</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 11,163,686.00</u>
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Attest:
Cathy L. Doane
Director of Finance

2009 Report of the Animal Control Officer

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Number of Dogs Licensensed	1,809
Number of Kennel Licenses (Multi Dog)	68
Number of Dogs Picked Up Unrestrained (Brought to the Shelter)	24
Number of Dogs Claimed	18
Number of Dogs Transferred & Adopted	5
Number of Dogs Euthanized	2
Number of Cats/Kittens Brought to the Shelter	0
Number of Cats Adopted	0
Number of Cats Euthanized/Hit by M.V. or Injured	13
Number of Dead Animal Picked Up	721
Number of Complaints Investigated	3,145
Number of Hearings by Selectmen	0
Number of Citations Issued	238
Number of Court Hearings	60
Mileage	5,617
Citation Revenue	\$3,900.00
Boarding Revenue	\$510.00
Animal Gift Fund Donations	\$431.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebekah Tomlinson
Animal Control Officer

2009 Report of the Animal Inspector

To the Officers & Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

Total Number of Quarantines	23
Number of Dogs Quarantined	13
Number of Cats Quarantined	10
Number of Rabies Investigated	4
Number of Rabies Investigated - Positive	0
Number of Rabies Cases Negative	4
Number of Barn Inspections	82
Number of Cattle Inspections (incl. Dairy, Bulls, Heifers & Calves)	159
Number of Horses & Ponies Inspected	125
Number of Sheep Inspected	152
Number of Goats Inspected	145
Number of Chickens Inspected	889
Number of Turkeys Inspected	0
Number of Rabbits Inspected	236
Number of Swine Inspected	2
Number of Peacocks Inspected	4
Number of Guinea Hens Inspected	20
Number of Waterfowl Inspected	199
Number of Swans inspected	0
Number of Pheasants Inspected	0
Number of Geese Inspected	0
Number of Llamas	0

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Tomlinson
Animal Inspector

Annual Report Acushnet Board of Health 2009

Board Members

Thomas J. Fortin, Chairman
Robert Medeiros, Clerk
David M. Davignon, Inspector

Office Staff

Joann DeMello, Senior Clerk
Wanda L Hamer, Senior Clerk
Ralph Urban, P.L.S., Health Agent

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet,

Nursing Health Care Programs:

Weekly Blood Pressure Screenings were held each Wednesday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Council on Aging Building at 59 ½ South Main Street. The Annual Flu Clinic was held on September 30th, 280 Flu shots were given. The Board held a Last Call Flu Clinic on December 30th for any residents/employees who were unable to attend the Annual Clinic. An additional 62 Flu shots were given. Accommodations were made for residents who needed assistance by the Board of Health staff and the Community Nurse & Hospice Care Staff.

Inspections:

Septic System Installations	86	Mobile Home Parks	5
Title V	68	Food Service	83
Septic System Abandonments	21	Stable/Horse	31
Soil Evaluations	140	Complaints	26
Percolation Tests	68	Well Verifications	5
Housing	8		

Permits:

Septic System Repairs	40
Septic System New Const.	3
Food Handler	48
Stable	31

Total Receipts for 2009

Permit Fees	\$33,911.75
Mobile Park Fees	\$ 9,216.00
Health Clinic Fees	\$ 954.00
Total	\$44,081.75

Board of Health Meetings	17
Homeland Security Meetings Attended	24
Steering Committee Meetings Attended	24
Informational Meetings Attended	5

During 2009, the Board of Health completed the Betterment Grant Program for septic system repairs and sewer tie-ins. The total disbursement amount for septic system repairs was \$167,495.83 and for sewer tie-ins was \$425,081.68 for a total of \$592,577.51. Approximately 98.8 % of the available grant money was utilized.

Beginning in October the Board and the staff worked on planning H1N1 vaccination clinics for all Acushnet Residents. H1N1 correspondence, emails and conference calls became a daily function of the Board of Health Office. The Board of Health held five H1N1 Vaccination Clinics on the following dates:

November 18, 2009	at the Acushnet Elementary School
December 2, 2009	at the Ford Middle School
December 16, 2009	at the St. Francis Xavier School
January 13, 2010	at the Acushnet Elementary School
January 20, 2010	at the Ford Middle School

A grant was received by Massachusetts Department of Public Health in the amount of \$24,883.28. This grant was allocated for the planning of H1N1 clinics including purchasing materials and equipment and costs to hire a nursing staff for the administration of the vaccine. A total of 1262 H1N1 vaccinations were administered to Acushnet residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Acushnet Board of Health

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL
BOARD**

**BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT
140 NORTH WALKER STREET * TAUNTON, MA 02780
Tel: (508) 823-5253 * Fax: (508) 828-1868**

**ANNUAL REPORT - ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS
January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009**

The calendar year 2009 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The Project was established in 1958 as a result of numerous human and horse cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the years, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project has greatly reduced the exposure to this arbovirus and also the newly introduced West Nile virus.

Since the 1958 formation much has changed. New biological larvicides have been developed and used to suppress mosquito emergence. The Project has acquired new GPS guidance systems for the trucks and GIS mapping capabilities. Newer environmentally sensitive adulticides have been developed and adopted by the Project. During water management projects, low ground pressure machines are used to reduce secondary impacts to the environment. Increased mosquito surveillance, the cornerstone of Integrated Pest Management, continues every summer. The addition of molecular techniques by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health increased sensitivity of virus isolations and decreased turn around time between collections and results.

For the past 6 years, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project reported the most EEE isolations from mosquitoes in Massachusetts. During the 2009 mosquito season, over 16,000 mosquitoes were collected. There were 23 isolations of EEE with 3 collections from human biting mosquitoes and no human or horse cases reported for the County. EEE was active in our County from July 16th till October 5th. We had 9 mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with no reported human or horse cases. A total of 411.2 square miles (263,168 acres) were at a Moderate/High risk for EEE and WNV in 2009. To date the towns of Easton, Raynham, Freetown, Acushnet, Fairhaven and New Bedford are in the High-risk category for EEE. The towns of Taunton, Berkley, Westport and Dartmouth are in the Moderate-risk category for EEE. To date the towns of Fall River, Dartmouth and New Bedford are in the Moderate-risk category for WNV. In 2002, the Project received 3,672-spray request from residents within the County, in 2009 we received 15,964 requests.

The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitoes in areas where mosquito larvae are present.

Catch Basin Treatment - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Mosquito Surveillance Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes.

Water Management - A year round endeavor to clean and maintain mosquito drainage ditches in areas to reduce standing water conducive to mosquito larvae.

Public Outreach: - Providing important information to the residents of the county with respect to personal protection against mosquito bites, mosquito breeding prevention on one's property and mosquito data.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally sensitive so that they do not negatively impact people or the environment. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at legal levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 10,962 acres
- Treated 74.8 acres in 63 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received 307 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 2,015 feet of brush
- 2,070 feet of tractor work
- Treated 1,103 catch basins

I would like to thank the town officials and the people of Acushnet for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne N. Andrews, Superintendent
December 31, 2009

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman
Gregory D. Dorrance
Joseph Barile

Christine A. Fagan
Robert F. Davis

Report of the Building Department

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued 289 permits and collected \$ 33,493.50 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2009. The estimated value of work was \$ 4,544,596.00.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected	Estimated Value of Work
January 2009	6	\$ 693.00	\$ 142,044.00
February	18	\$ 2070.00	\$ 281,500.00
March	20	\$ 2975.00	\$ 525,320.00
April	22	\$ 1041.00	\$ 114,190.00
May	25	\$ 3085.00	\$ 636,600.00
June	35	\$ 3240.00	\$ 575,300.00
July	29	\$ 2531.00	\$ 211,900.00
August	32	\$ 3277.50	\$ 367,492.00
September	32	\$ 4232.00	\$ 543,800.00
October	40	\$ 8207.00	\$ 861,000.00
November	17	\$ 825.00	\$ 67,650.00
December	13	\$ 1587.00	\$ 261,823.00
Subtotals	289	\$ 33,493.50	\$ 4,544,596.00
Certificate of Occupancy		Included with building permit fees	
Certificate of Inspection	17	\$ 750.00	N/A
Trenching Permits	15	\$ 700.00	N/A
Zoning Permits	7	\$ 230.00	Included in Monthly Value Fees
Zoning Board Inquiries	2	\$ 100.00	N/A
Totals	330	\$ 35,273.50	\$ 4,544,596.00

Respectfully submitted,
 James Marot, Building Commissioner
 Steve Pina, Deputy Building Inspector
 Jodie Camara, Senior Clerk

Report of the Building Department

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The following permits were issued for the annual year ending in December 2009.

Structures	Amount
Additions	20
Chimney	5
Commercial	1
Decks	13
Demolitions	2
Doors	11
Dwelling	5
Garage	8
Miscellaneous	9
Pool	7
Porch	8
Renovations	28
Roof	82
Shed	13
Siding	30
Signs	2
Temporary Structures	2
Windows	26
Woodstoves	17
Totals	289

Respectfully submitted,

James Marot, Building Commissioner
Steve Pina, Deputy Building Inspector
Jodie Camara, Senior Clerk

Report of the Wiring Department

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Wiring Department issued 145 permits and collected \$ 11,059.00
in fees for the annual year ending in December 2009.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected
January 2009	5	\$ 480.00
February	11	\$ 860.00
March	8	\$ 695.00
April	15	\$ 960.00
May	12	\$ 840.00
June	17	\$ 1210.00
July	8	\$ 360.00
August	17	\$ 1300.00
September	14	\$ 1649.00
October	15	\$ 1000.00
November	10	\$ 1055.00
December	13	\$ 650.00
Total	145	\$ 11,059.00

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Marot, Building Commissioner
Frank Knox, Wire Inspector
Thomas De Costa, Deputy Inspector
Jodie Camara, Senior Clerk

Report of the Plumbing Department

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Plumbing Department issued 100 permits and collected \$ 7,317.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2009.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected
January 2009	10	\$ 549.00
February	4	\$ 226.00
March	8	\$ 629.00
April	14	\$ 1100.00
May	11	\$ 646.00
June	10	\$ 722.00
July	9	\$ 755.00
August	6	\$ 522.00
September	7	\$ 571.00
October	7	\$ 635.00
November	12	\$ 864.00
December	2	\$ 98.00
Total	100	\$ 7,317.00

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Marot, Building Commissioner
Raymond LaFrance, Plumbing Inspector
William Alphonse, Deputy Plumbing Inspector
Jodie Camara, Senior Clerk

Report of the Gas Department

To the residents and officers of the Town of Acushnet:

The Gas Department issued 87 permits and collected \$ 4,835.00 in fees for the annual year ending in December 2009.

Date	Permits	Fees Collected
January 2009	10	\$ 486.00
February	2	\$ 80.00
March	8	\$ 550.00
April	11	\$ 595.00
May	8	\$ 426.00
June	10	\$ 610.00
July	6	\$ 320.00
August	6	\$ 295.00
September	5	\$ 300.00
October	2	\$ 90.00
November	16	\$ 930.00
December	3	\$ 153.00
Total	87	\$ 4,835.00

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Marot, Building Commissioner
Raymond LaFrance, Gas/Plumbing Inspector
William Alphonse, Deputy Gas/Plumbing Inspector
Jodie Camara, Senior Clerk

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

To the residents and town officials of Acushnet, I submit the following report for the Department of Veterans Services.

The purpose of this position is to provide assistance for military veterans and their families in matters relating to their rights and benefits under various government programs for the Town of Acushnet. The incumbent Veterans Service Officer establishes support programs for financial, medical, educational and vocational matters. Work is generally performed in the second floor office of Town Hall during varied days of the week to accommodate phone requests of veterans. Meetings with veterans are held throughout the town, at people's homes, hospitals, and other veteran facilities.

It is my duty to make regular contact with recently discharged veterans as well as those having served their country in past wars and conflicts. Contacts are also made in person, by telephone, in writing, and by e-mail to Department of Veterans Services employees in the Boston office as well as local contact with VFW and American Legion Posts in town.

The Veterans Service Officer manages all benefit applications and investigates and approves disbursements of monies and benefits under applicable governing laws and regulations. He assists veterans or their spouse in obtaining service records (DD-214), and assists them in the preparation of various applications and documents pertaining to their health or financial welfare, such as Chapter 115 Veterans Benefits, allowances, state bonuses, G.I. loans and burial allowances. He assists veterans in the preparation of various applications and documents pertaining to their seeking compensation for such health problems they may have developed while serving their country, such as exposure to Agent Orange or PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

It is the responsibility of the Town's Veterans Service Officer (VSO) to prepare and submit appeal cases for veterans and their dependents, and appear before the Board of Veterans' Appeal on their behalf. The VSO acts as liaison between State and U.S. representatives on behalf of veterans and their dependents.

As VSO, I assist the veterans to find ways to arrange transportation for disabled or ill veterans to and from VA hospitals or other health care providers. I also serve as Power of Attorney for veterans who request this service when researching and processing their cases to the Rating Review Board of the Department of Veterans Services.

It is the duty of the VSO to perform administrative work necessary to prepare payroll vouchers, billing and related finance and supply duties in-house. The VSO must keep abreast of developments and changes each year by the State Veterans Service Office, as well as keeping abreast of current changes in Massachusetts General Laws and Federal Laws.

I am responsible for assisting the VFW and Legion with flag memorials, and to organize and/or assist with recognition celebrations within the Town of Acushnet. I am available to answer any veterans questions or requests, or those of their widow, simply by contacting my office. The majority of VSOs in the state are full time (40 hrs.wk) with several working 10 to 20 hrs./week.

As the present position of VSO in Acushnet is "part-time" due to the town's population, it is generally my policy to be in my office at the Town Hall Mondays from 8-12 p.m. and Thursdays 11-2 p.m. to work on submitting monthly town payment vouchers to veterans or their widows, as well as being available for office visits. Variables occur each month, therefore there cannot be a "set" amount of hours per week. The hours are determined by the requirements of the work load each week.

I am also required to file each month Town/State reimbursement documents and forms (Chapter 115-Veterans Benefits) of monies paid out by the Town to Veterans or their widows. The state of Massachusetts, Department of Veterans Services, reimburses each city/town in Massachusetts, 75% of all monies paid out by the Towns' VSO to veterans and/or their widows. Massachusetts is the only state in the country that does this.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald T. Cormier
Veterans Service Officer

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet

The following report is submitted for the year 2009

The weighing and measuring devices found in use in the Town of Acushnet were tested, and sealed, or condemned according to the results of their tests. Sealing fees collected and submitted to the town Treasurer amounted to \$465.00.

The delivery of full weight and measure and the elimination of fraud and misrepresentation have been objectives in commercial transactions from the inception of quantity determination of merchandise down to the present day. It has been demonstrated that there are always some who will avail themselves of an opportunity for an unfair or dishonest advantage, and that, even though this number be relatively small, the results of their fraudulent practices constitute a serious problem in their community. Again, it has been shown that another group, larger than the one just mentioned but still constituting only a small percentage of those engaged in business, are careless in the conduct of their affairs to such a degree that the community suffers almost as much from their unintentional errors as from the intentional inaccuracies of the fraudulently minded. Still a third group adds its share to the total of inequities present in commercial quantity determination, and this is made up of those whose errors result from ignorance rather than from carelessness or intent to defraud. Of these three groups, one can be more sympathetic toward the last, the ones who know no better, than toward the other two. But it must not be overlooked that short weight or measure is equally damaging to the injured party whatever its underlying cause.

To sum up, then, it may be said that the functions of the weight and measures official are to safeguard the entire public whom he serves in all matters involving the commercial determination of quantity- to see to it that, whenever merchandise or service is bought or sold by weight or measure, a just weight or a just measure is delivered, and that fraud, carelessness, and misrepresentation in all "quantity" aspects of such transactions are eliminated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theodore Machado
Sealer of Weights &
Measures

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Acushnet board of Appeals met the first Monday of the Month (except on holidays) during the 2009 fiscal year. Occasionally the date was changed to the second Monday due to holidays and availability of the Community Center.

There were twenty one applications for hearings filed with the Town Clerk, fourteen of these applications were for residential purposes and 4 for business use. Three cases were continued from 2008.

Variances were requested in ten cases and Special Permits were requested in three cases.

Eighteen of the petitions were granted by the Board. There were two denied during this fiscal year.

The Town Clerk received \$6400 in filing fees during fiscal 2009.

Paul Hipolito, Chairman
Carol Westgate, Vice-Chairperson
Rick Lally
Richard Gula
Lawrence G. Marshall
Kevin Dakin, Alternate Member
James Pringle, Alternate Member

Respectfully submitted,
Lucia M. Casey, Administrative Assistant

Report of the Acushnet Cable Advisory Committee

To the Subscribers and Residents of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Cable Advisory Committee (ACAC) has five board members.

The Committee meets once a month (normally on the first Thursday of the month). The present Cable Committee has been active for over twelve years since the Committee was reactivated.

We continue to operate from the Acushnet Community Center located at 232 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA. The facilities are open for the broadcasting of Government events on Channel 18 and Education events on Channel 9.

We maintain a fully equipped live broadcasting center at the Town Hall in order to air Government Committee Meetings held at the Town Hall Meeting Room. We also have a complete rebroadcasting center located at the Acushnet Community Center. We can broadcast live from the Council on Aging, Ford Middle School and Town Hall. All other events are taped or recorded and then replayed on the applicable Channel on Broadcast system on a daily basis.

This Committee continues to broadcast events of Community interest. The Committee will continue to broadcast events live as well as replay them on a daily basis. We operate Acushnet's Channel 18 – Government Access programming on a 24 hour 7 days a week basis. We also broadcast Channel 18 Bulletin Board, which operates 24 hours 7 days a week and is updated on a weekly basis. We rebroadcast taped or recorded Government Committee Meetings every day at various times during the day so that the subscribers of Comcast's Channel 18 or 9 may be able to watch a meeting in the event they missed the live broadcast.

This Committee also operates Channel 9 – Acushnet's Education Channel on a 24 hour 7 days a week basis. We rebroadcast School Committee Meetings previously taped on a daily basis. We air upcoming School Events and Notices of Special School Events as furnished to us by the Ford Middle School and Acushnet Elementary School or the Acushnet School Committee.

Acushnet has completed contract negotiations with Comcast. The license was renewed effective November 19, 2009 for a ten year period. The committee very much appreciated the input from resident subscribers. A Public meeting was previously held to air your views, your concerns and your wishes as well as your complaints which we considered when negotiating with Comcast for their renewal license.

We continue to use the Tightrope digital equipment system which should get us into the 21st Century and allow us to broadcast in the latest technology far into the future. We are in the process of rerouting the I-net to accommodate the latest technology in digital broadcasting. Beginning in the year 2010 we expect to have completed the rerouting of the I-net and we will be able to air live from the Town Hall, Council on Aging and the Ford Middle School, in a digital format. In addition we will be able to air those events previously recorded for rebroadcast digitally.

We continue to train new camera operators, S.C.A.L.A. operators, Tightrope operators and editing operators. The Committee welcomes anyone willing to train for the above studio duties or as a camera operator. These positions are always needed and the Committee pays camera operators \$50.00 per event, editors \$20.00 per hour and S.C.A.L.A. operators and Tightrope operators \$25.00 per week.

We continue to look for additional events and programs to air on Channel 9, the Education Channel. We need programs as well as recitals, musical events, graduations etc which can be broadcast on the Acushnet's School Channel 9, with the School Committee's approval. If anyone is interested in producing this type of production in the upcoming year, please contact the Cable Committee.

The Committee welcomes any new ideas from the subscribers of Comcast Cable TV and residents of Acushnet, as to what they consider most important or what they would like to see produced live versus a taped production.

The Committee also welcomes any input as to what times are best to view previously taped events.

The Committee continues to look for new digital pictures of Town Buildings, Town Parks and Town locations for viewing on the Bulletin Board. If you have any that you would like to share, drop off a disk with your images at the Acushnet Cable Committee's Town Hall mail box.

The Committee has established a web page on the Town website by which residents can file a complaint about cable service or cable programming. Please feel free to use the webpage located at: www.acushnet.ma.us. We now have E-mail at the Community Center, mail us your emails direct to acushnetcable@comcast.net. To voice any concerns directly to the Cable Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman – Donald P. Lopes

Member – Robert Lanzoni

Member – John Golda

Member – George Souza

Member – Michael Greene

Recording Secretary – Michelle Albert-Dean

REPORT OF THE **ACUSHNET CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Objective:

The Acushnet Conservation Commission is a seven member board established to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131 Section 40) and collaborate with various town departments on wetland issues. Wetland resource areas are protected because they serve the following public interests:

- Protection of public and private water supply
- Replenishment of groundwater supply
- Flood control and storm damage prevention
- Pollution prevention
- Provide habitat for fisheries, shellfish and wildlife

The Commission works to acquire and manage passive and recreational open space as well as encourage conservation and agricultural preservation restrictions.

Conservation Commission Town Hall office hours:

- Monday- Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Appointments are strongly advised, especially after noon

The Conservation Commission holds its public hearings every second and fourth Wednesday night of the month at 7:00 pm in the Acushnet Town Hall Meeting Room located at 122 Main Street.

Regular site inspections are conducted by the Commission on Saturday mornings during the fall/winter months and Monday evenings in the spring/summer months as necessary.

2009 Filings under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40:

- Notices of Intent – 6
- Requests for Amendment of Order of Conditions - 1
- Requests for Determination of Applicability - 5
- Requests for Certificate of Compliance – 9
- Emergency Certification - 1
- Conservation Restriction & Municipal Certification - 1
- Site Visits - 44

What's New in 2009:

For the first time in many years the Conservation Commission signed a new Conservation Restriction on property in town. The Coalition for Buzzards Bay has purchased the nearly twenty-acre property that was the old Acushnet Sawmill site, located directly on the Acushnet River. This location is also the site of a new weir system of stepped stone pools installed by the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council and the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration to help the herring and other anadromous fish recover their numbers. The Coalition plans to open the area to the public for nature tours and environmental education, once it has completed restoration. The Commission is proud to hold this Conservation Restriction for the Coalition and to contribute to the success of this project however we can.

This year due to severe budget cuts the Conservation Commission instituted its first ever local fees for site visits, filings, and GIS mapping services. With the permission of Town Meeting we were able to establish a revolving fund to make sure those fees come back to this department to help us fund conservation-related activities, up to \$2500. This should enable the Commission to continue its work without severely reducing our effectiveness.

Commission Membership:

This year we had a full year with seven voting members. Persons interested in volunteering for associate and voting member positions are always welcome and may send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

As of December 2009, the Conservation Commission and staff included:

Robert Rocha, Chairman
Ted Cioper, Vice Chairman
Patricia Picard, Member
Marc Brodeur, Member
Richard Gula, Member
Carol Chongarlides, Member
Kevin Dakin, Member

Merilee K. Woodworth, Agent
Patrice LaForest, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Acushnet Conservation Commission

Report of the Council on Aging

To the residents and town officials of Acushnet, I submit the following report on behalf of the Council on Aging Department.

The purpose of the Council on Aging and its' Senior Center is to provide a safe and friendly atmosphere for area residents, age 59+, to gather, socialize and access information and resources they may not otherwise be able to obtain.

This past year was one of transition for our department. Longtime Director, **William Contois** retired in June following a career of unquestioned dedication to both the town and its' senior residents. Board of Directors Secretary, **Linda Guilbeault** resigned her position in August to pursue her teaching career and as a result, in September, **Cynthia Lundrigan** and **Paulette Hudson** were appointed to the Board.

The Senior Center is open and staffed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and various activities are offered throughout the day. The Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program serves lunch daily and between 60-75 meals are served on site weekly with another 221-275 being delivered to the home bound residents of Acushnet.

For Acushnet residents who are able to navigate on and off the bus independently, the COA offers daily transportation to the Senior Center. Patrons are transported home after lunch Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays, seniors are taken by the COA van to the Shaw's in Fairhaven and to the local pharmacy, if needed. They are then able to store their groceries in the refrigerator here at the Senior Center until they depart for the day. The van also runs later during the day on Wednesdays for those patrons wishing to participate in Bingo. At this time, medical transportation is not available.

Our long standing programs continue to thrive such as, Cribbage, Pitch, Square Dancing, Arts and Crafts, Bingo and Strong Women/Strong Bones. Thanks to the extreme generosity of the Acushnet Lions Club, we now have a Nintendo Wii at the Center and several of our patrons "bowl" on a daily basis. The pool table, which was recently reconditioned, is available year round and the shuffle board court is open, weather permitting.

Over the last six months we have incorporated several new programs. They include; Zumba Gold, the French Cultural Group, Tai Chi, Gentle Yoga, and Strength and Conditioning. We are also proud to offer the *Let No Soldier Go Unloved* Program on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. This group is dedicated to supporting our soldiers through crafts and other projects regardless of how its' members feel about the war(s).

In addition to our social programs we host several outreach services. A volunteer is available by appointment on Wednesdays to help with fuel assistance applications. **Dianne Perkins**, SHINE Coordinator, sees clients twice a week to answer questions about health insurance and prescription co-pays. Representative **Robert Koczera**, Representatives from the Attorney General's Office and Selectman **Les Dakin** are also

regular visitors to the Center and are available to the seniors on an ongoing basis. We continue to work closely with a local law firm that now offers free and private legal consultations to our patrons on a monthly basis. An RN from Community Nurse and Hospice is available every Wednesday morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for free blood pressure screenings and our inaugural health fair was held on September 15th with over 20 participating vendors offering a day of free health screenings and information.

The Acushnet Council on Aging also regularly schedules appointments for our patrons to have on site hearing screenings, apply for free or reduced priced diabetic shoes, apply for SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) and have tax consultations with a certified accountant.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Selectmen, Town Administrator, members of the Police Department and other town employees for their continued support and assistance of the Senior Center and the services we provide. We invite everyone to come in and explore all the changes that have taken place.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather J. Sylvia
Council on Aging Director

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council enjoys the independence of being a “Streamline Council” therefore given greater flexibility in being the sole decision making body in the allocation of funds. Once again this year monetary requests for projects / performances outnumbered the availability of funds nearly three times. We have hopefully awarded what can be a significant benefit to the residents of Acushnet.

Dianna Couto
Walter S. Dalton, Jr.
Lisa Leonard
Edward A. Macomber
Patricia Mulvey
Linda Olsen
Jeanne M. Siwik

Respectfully submitted:

Walter S. Dalton, Jr.
Chairman

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Paul Sylvia – Director DPW

**HIGHWAY DIVISION
Raymond Barlow – Highway Superintendent**

Lori Sylvia – Senior Clerk

**Paul Fortin
Raymond Brienzo
John Mello**

WATER/SEWER DIVISION

**Matthew Tripp
John Westgate**

ACUSHNET RECYCLING CENTER

Doug Rodgers

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet DPW – During the calendar year of 2009 the **Highway Division** has been busy maintaining roads, repairing pot holes and manholes, clearing roadside brush, street sweeping, and the ongoing task of clearing storm drains. Traffic lines and crosswalks were repainted, and road and street signs were replaced. The Department maintained and repaired drainage lines and ditches throughout Town, and performed miscellaneous small tasks on an as needed basis. The Department responded timely and efficiently to emergency situations, some occurring during off-duty hours. The Department provided lawn care for many of the Town properties which included the greens at the Town Hall and Parting Ways buildings.

Keeping the roads safe with sanding and snow plowing is one of the highest priorities for the Highway Department, and is their primary mission. The Department maintained all snow removal equipment and kept it in the best possible working condition at all times.

The Department completed a two year project on Mendall Road significantly improving road conditions in that area. The project included engineering, installing 1100 feet of drainage pipe, removal of roadside drainage ditches, reclamation and new paving of roadway.

Various streets were cracksealed to extend road life. New pavement projects included Beechwood Drive, Rock Street and Lawton Avenue.

WATER AND SEWER DIVISION

The **Water Division** continues to install our long-range fixed network automatic meter reading system (AMR). This system will read water meter automatically without the need for door to door meter reading.

The Water Department responded to and/or repaired four main water line breaks, six water service leaks and two broken fire hydrants this year.

The **Sewer Division** continues to operate and maintain our two main sewer pumping stations. Sewer Department personnel continue to inspect new sewer tie-ins and conduct inflow and infiltration surveys through the system.

We would like to say thank you to all DPW employees and Town departments for their continued assistance during 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Boucher, Chairman
Dustin Cormier, Vice Chairman
Brian Slowik, Member
Doug Pinard, Member
Jeffrey Schuster, Member

Listed below are some of the proven practices for water conservation. Not only will you be helping save our important natural resources you will also be saving money.

Five Simple Steps to Water Conservation

1. Check every faucet in your house for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons of water a day.
2. Put a bit of food coloring in each toilet tank. Without flushing, watch to see for a few minutes if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose 100 gallons a day from an otherwise invisible toilet leak.
3. Take shorter showers or fill your tub with less water. Five minutes for a shower or five inches in the tub is plenty.
4. Try to use automatic dish and clothes machines with full loads only. Even when machines feature short cycles, you are being more efficient with water with a full load.
5. Water your lawn and garden with good sense. It's best to water early in the day or late in the afternoon and NOT in the mid-day heat. Avoid watering on windy days or allowing your automatic sprinkler system to operate on rainy days and when it is not necessary. You might want to consult with a local Lawn and Garden Specialist for unique water conservation devices.

Taken from the American Water Works Association

Your continued support and cooperation with water conservation will help us to manage our precious resource into the next century and beyond.

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 2009.

The Acushnet EMS Department witnessed a sharp increase in calls during 2009. Let me begin by explaining the methodology I will use to report to you the level of activity we experience in any given period of time. The department utilizes a computer based incident reporting system. This system allows us to digitally record each contact our EMTs have with patients or potential patients. Not every contact results in a trip to the hospital, some people will refuse transport. The total number of patient contacts (which includes transports and refusals) will be reported to you as "Calls". Those contacts resulting in our bringing the patient to the hospital will be reported as "Transports." It is my intent to provide to you this basic information so that you can follow our level of activity on a year-to-year basis.

With that being said, I report to you that our department experienced in 2009 a 22% increase in calls and a 14% increase in transports over calendar year 2008. The specific numbers are as follows:

2008:	Calls 661	Transports 575
2009	<u>Calls 807</u>	<u>Transports 658</u>
	+146	+83

In addition, the number of mutual aid calls we provided to area communities more then doubled in 2009! During 2008 we responded to 27 requests for assistance. That number increased to 56 in 2009. Finally, the number of times we were forced to request mutual aid from surrounding communities dropped considerably. By calling upon our off-duty local personnel and our Firefighter/Paramedics we have been able to utilize our second ambulance (over 100 transports), respond more effectively to the needs of the patient and capture the revenue lost when another community's ambulance comes to town.

I will leave to the pundits the reasons behind this dramatic increase in EMS activity. I do want to commend the men and women of the Acushnet EMS department for the professional manner in which they address each and every contact with a resident of, or visitor to, our community. While the number of calls has increased our funding has been reduced in response to the tough economic times in which we live. Our staff has met this challenge and excelled. I want to thank them personally for being the dedicated professionals that they are and express the sense of pride I know the town shares.

Respectfully submitted.

Kevin A. Gallagher
Chief of Department

Members of the Acushnet Emergency Medical Services Department

Chief of Department

Kevin A. Gallagher, EMT-Paramedic

EMT Paramedics (Fulltime)

**Carlton Dort
Jayne Gagnon
Richard Gunter
Michael Mentzer**

EMT Paramedics (Part-Time)

**Priscilla Braley
Shawn Samanica
William Rodriques
Valarie Andrade-Higgins**

**John Harrell
Phil Sarvaria
Laurie Gonsalves
Andrew Lavoie**

EMT Basics (Part-Time)

**James Baptiste
Wendy Ashworth
Anthony Westgate**

**Paul Frysinger
Michael Coffey
Alan Bowe**

Report of the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) continues to provide trained support services to many town departments – including Police, Fire, EMS and Public Works. A strictly volunteer agency, the Acushnet EMA coordinates emergency and disaster relief efforts at the local level under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

During 2009, members of the Acushnet EMA continue to maintain and improve the Acushnet EMA Headquarters located at 14 Thomas Street and to utilize this location as the town's Emergency Operations Center or EOC. Through the continued dedication of Tony Duarte, our AEMA communications officer and operations manager working with myself as director, our Deputy Director, and several volunteers, we have continued to make improvements to our facility. We recently received a designation from the Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) of becoming a sub-regional command center for their organization, meaning Amateur Radio volunteers within AEMA would help staff the AEMA with Ham Operators for weather related and communication emergency incidents in Southeast Massachusetts based on ARES leadership discretion. We received additional donations for computer flat screen monitors for the facility through the efforts of Acushnet EMA volunteer Roger Riezovic. We are now conducting First Aid/CPR classes out of the facility and in October 2009, we hosted an Emergency Communications Workshop that was taught by Eastern Massachusetts ARES Leadership. Work continues on the one room of the EMA building needing renovation and that will be completed during 2010.

We continue to have access to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Web EOC program, public safety and Amateur Radio communications resources. Training was recently held on an upgrade to the Web-EOC program, which will be released in 2010. AEMA recently supported operations for the Blizzard of 2009 that occurred on Saturday December 19th into Sunday December 20th, providing services to backup Public Safety with weather related incidents to block off streets if an accident or tree damage occurred and to provide auxiliary support to Eastern Massachusetts ARES as the ARES sub-regional command center. The town based activities for the past year include providing lighting at town events, traffic control at planned activities such as the Apple Peach and Halloween parades, Christmas Sing-a-Long, Labor Day Road Race and Little League activities. We also provide mutual aid support for Fairhaven for their Fathers Day Road Race. The AEMA also participated in two Cape Cod Regional Sheltering exercises from a communications perspective to support Cape Cod and Eastern Massachusetts ARES.

Report of the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency

I would like to personally thank the many members of the Acushnet Emergency Management Agency who give freely of their time based solely on their interest in giving something back to their community. I would like to especially thank our Communications Officer and Operations Manager, Tony Duarte, for his continued tremendous effort and dedication. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator for their continued support, and a very heartfelt thank you to the residents of the town of Acushnet for supporting your local Emergency Management Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerard A. Bergeron
Director

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET FIRE / RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 2009.

This has been a challenging year for the men and women of the Acushnet Fire / Rescue Department. As with all municipal departments, we have adjusted to budget reductions caused by the present fiscal crisis. It has been our goal to meet these budgetary requirements without impacting the safety of our firefighters or the services we provide to the public. I am very pleased to report that we have been successful in both areas.

I am also very pleased to report that our efforts to utilize the services of all our firefighters and EMT's in providing a seamless delivery of services continues to move forward. Paramedics and EMT's in the employ of the Fire Department are assisting our Paramedics while our EMS staff has proven to be of great value to our firefighters at fire based emergency scenes. Not only has this enhanced our effectiveness, it has proven to be an efficient use of town finances and assets. This model is proving to serve the town well and will continue to do so in the years to follow.

The Fire / Rescue Department is very much like a family, and over the last few months we have lost two of our dear family members:

- Chief Arsene Cusson passed away in July at the age of 91. Chief Cusson served this town as a firefighter, fire officer and Chief of Department. He was the first Chief hired under civil service, was responsible for the purchase of several fire trucks and made possible the building of the Russell Street fire station. To many of us he was a role model, mentor and friend. His dry sense of humor, dedication to the department and love for Acushnet will long be remembered.
- Assistant Chief Donald Dandurand passed away in January 2010 at the age of 69. Chief Dandurand served over forty years on the department serving as a firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain and Training Officer. Shortly after I became Chief I promoted Donald to the rank of Assistant Chief. He excelled in that position and provided me with guidance and insight. Donald made it a point to respond to as many incidents as possible, day or night. He was a steady figure both at a fire scene and in the firehouse. His illness came on quick and his passing too soon.

As we enter a new year we commit ourselves to continuing the job in a way that would make both of these leaders proud.

Respectfully submitted.

Kevin A. Gallagher
Chief of Department

Members of the Acushnet Fire and Rescue Department

Chief of Department

Kevin A. Gallagher, EMT-Paramedic

Career Firefighters

Captain Alfred Robichaud

Gerard Bergeron, EMT-Intermediate, CPRI (Senior FF)

Eric Arruda, EMT-Paramedic

Thomas Farland, EMT-Paramedic

Call Deputy Chief

James Knox

Call Captains

Michael Rothwell, FFI

George Pimental

Call Lieutenants

David Makuch

Paul Martins, FFI/II, FOI

Brian Monte, FFI/II

Call Firefighters

Marc Cenerizio

Frank Knox

Jeffrey Krupa

Donald Crocker

Peter Giampa, FFI/II

Brian Costa, FFI/II

Eric Reilly, FFI/II

Joseph Knox, FFI/II, RN, EMT-Basic

Andrew Lavoie, EMT-Paramedic

Scott Salter, FFI/II

Ronald St. Onge (Senior CFF)

Wayne Pimental

Matthew Tripp

Maurice St. Armand

Robert Correia

Peter Rawcliff

Matthew Roderiques, FFI/II, EMT-Basic

Paul Frysinger, FFI/II, EMT-Basic

Kathryn Johnson, FFI/II, EMT-Basic

Michael Mentzer, EMT-Paramedic

Brian Westgate, FFI/II, EMT-Paramedic

John Pytel, FFI/II, EMT-Paramedic

Dispatcher

Diane Barlow

Key: FFI Massachusetts Certified Firefighter Level One
 FFI/II Massachusetts Certified Firefighter Level One & Two
 FI Massachusetts Certified Fire Instructor Level One
 FOI Massachusetts Certified Fire Officer Level One
 CPRI Certified CPR Instructor

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the officials and residents of the Town of Acushnet, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2009.

The Acushnet Police Department had a very successful year in closing some difficult cases in 2009. The Acushnet Police Department Detectives led by Detective Sergeant Thomas Carreau conducted 5 drug raids in various locations throughout the Town this year. Uniform patrol and detectives were able to solve 10 of the 29 house and business B&E cases this year. This is quite remarkable considering the national average for solving these types of cases is approximately 12%.

Detective James Costa's identity theft case from 2007 that originated with an elderly couple from Acushnet and grew to numerous residents from within Bristol County went to trial this year. The suspect in this case received a 15-year State jail sentence. This case was prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office due to the sheer number of victims and the combined monetary loss of those victims. It is very rare that the Attorney General's Office becomes involved in local cases. However they did in this case which speaks to Detective Costa's diligence and effective investigation.

We have had another year with a reduction in staff. We have had one full-time officer and a part-time police officer leave the department. The most notable retirement is that of Sergeant Stephen McCann a 32-year police veteran who began his career here in Acushnet in 1978. We have been able to replace one of the open 4 full time positions utilizing the State's re-hire list. We hired former Fall River Police Officer, Janis Bubluski. The City of Fall River's loss was our gain. Officer Bubluski is a full-time academy trained police officer with numerous certifications. The Town saved approximately \$25,000 in training costs by utilizing the re-hire list to fill this open position.

The Acushnet Police Department had a successful year in receiving grant awards which allowed us to continue being proactive in a down economy. With the assistance of the Town Planner, Mr. Henry Young, our staff and I we were able to receive \$126,487 in grant awards this year. The money was used to purchase a cruiser, computers, 911 infrastructure needs, bulletproof vests, and directed police patrols and monies to cover personnel salaries. We also wrote grant requests for the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council. The Town belongs to the Council and 5 members of the Acushnet Police Department are Team Members on either the Dive Team, Rapid Response Team or the Search and Rescue Team. We were awarded \$160,819, which was allocated to the Council, and the money was used to equip and train the Team Members. In addition to the grant awards we received this year the Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson donated a fully equipped police motorcycle with an approximate value \$19,500 to the Town.

This was the forth-consecutive year of either a level funded or a reduced budget for the police department. We have had to reduce the detective division by 50% in order to staff the uniform patrol and balance our budget. This reduction in staff has impacted our ability to service the community from issuing gun licenses to securing our schools because there is no longer a school resource officer at our schools and a dedicated Firearms Officer. We continue to manage with less however, we are at the point where we need to begin replacing the open full-time positions and then back filling the part-time officers who will staff these open full-time positions.

On behalf of the entire police department I would like to thank the Selectmen, Town Officials and residents that have supported us throughout the year

Following is a list of activities and the current staff of the department.

OTHER ACTIVITIES		
	2008	2009
Calls for Service	7,334	7,258
Att. Murder	2	0
Assaults	61	24
Parking Tickets	56	12
Larcenies	80	57
Breaking & Entering	70	50
Attempted Breaks	7	7
Arrests- M/V, Narcotics, B&Es, Larceny, Warrants	357	264
Summons Served	304	318
Stolen M/V, ATV	9	8
Accidents, damage over \$1,000	108	250
Fatalities	2	0
Robberies	1	2
M/V Citations	582	386
Domestics	54	199
Suicide/Attempt.	11	21

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

Michael G. Alves

SERGEANTS

Thomas L. Carreau

Christopher R. Richmond

Gary S. Coppa

John A. Bolarinho

FULL TIME OFFICERS

Paul J. Melo

James D. Costa

Michael A. Matton

Jeremy T. Fontes

Gary L. Rousseau

Janis Bubluski

Louann Jenkinson

Keith A. Ashley

Derek W. Cathcart

Steven Soqui

Kevin Walsh

PART TIME OFFICERS

Michael J. Nunes

Gene W. Robinson

Gary Moniz

David M. Sol Jr.

John Almeida Jr.

Jason Matton

Danny B. DeAamarl

DISPATCHERS

Jolene M. Olivier

Susan M. Nocon

Laurent R. St. Jean

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Alves

Chief of Police

2009 ANNUAL REPORT of the ACUSHNET PLANNING COMMISSION

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Planning Commission respectfully submits the following report for the calendar year 2009:

The Planning Commission held regular meetings on a generally first Thursday of the month format, beginning at 6:30 PM. Regular meetings are held in the Planning Department office on the second floor of the Parting Ways Building. Public hearings and on-site meetings were posted in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, and most meetings have been televised.

The Planning Department has had a busy and successful year. Implementation of the Master Plan under the direction of our Planner, Henry Young, has aggressively moved forward. Two important zoning bylaws were passed at Town Meeting. The first was a floodplain bylaw, which was required to comply with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) new flood plain maps and regulations. Passage of this bylaw serves to protect the interests of private property owners who live in flood prone areas. The second bylaw created a new 21 acre Business / Commercial (B/C) zoning district on the southwest corner of Middle Road and Nye's Lane. This bylaw will enable growth and expansion of Town businesses and diversification of Acushnet's tax base. In a challenging economic era, this was a priority with the Planning Department.

The Planning Department is also in the midst of a multi-year planning project with the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). As part of the MBTA's South Coast Rail Project, Acushnet has partnered with these agencies to determine potential economic development and transportation oriented projects which would benefit the Town now and upon institution of commuter rail service to New Bedford. Our primary focus has been a South Main Street bypass which would divert a large percentage of truck traffic from the downtown, decrease traffic congestion, improve pedestrian safety and create business development opportunities. The Planning Department has won two State grants to fund this work which promises to be a major 2010 initiative.

Facility planning has also been a centerpiece of the Planning Department's efforts in 2009. In conjunction with the Acushnet Police Department, we have been working with Senator Kerry's office to secure grant funding for construction of new facilities for both the police and emergency management agency. The Planning Department has also worked on a solar photovoltaic system grant for the Acushnet Fire Station #1 with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. The Planning Department also serves on the

Library Feasibility Committee which is examining the co-location of the library and community center within the Howard School.

Other projects around town include the completion/revision of the South Main Street Lane Departure Crash Study and the award and construction of Lake Street safety improvements paid through a State grant, secured by the Planning Department. The Planning Department wrote the bylaw which created the Acushnet Agricultural Commission. Numerous grants were successfully written/co-written with the aim of decreasing costs upon the Acushnet tax payer.

On behalf of the Town, we have actively participated in regional planning through the SRPEDD Joint Transportation Planning Group, SRPEDD Commission, MBTA Growth Management Task Force, South Coast Alternative Energy Committee and the South Coast Rail Project. Our Planner received his LEED AP certification which is an important credential for the Planning Department to maintain in-house as energy and environmental compliance requirements become more complex.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Cenerizio, Chairman
Richard H. Ellis
Richard P. Forand
Leo Coons, Jr.
Mark DeSilva

Henry Young, Planner

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ACUSHNET FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Acushnet is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 2009, the Town of Acushnet paid \$1,641.31 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 16.15 cents per capita.

Local citizens serving at SRPEDD included the following:

- < SRPEDD Commission: Henry Young
- < Joint Transportation Planning Group: Henry Young and David Wojnar
- < Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force: Henry Young

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 2009 were:

- SRPEDD launched new programs to assist cities and towns to address the ongoing fiscal crisis. A regional cooperative purchasing program was begun this year with two rounds of bidding for public works related items. Regional groups were also established to explore the potential of regional 911 dispatch services and the possibility of combining other municipal services. This effort was funded under the state's DLTA program.
- Completion and approval of the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds, and the **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**. The TIP established priorities for federal and state regional targets for highway projects, and transit funds for GATRA and SRTA over the next 3 years.
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Massachusetts**, a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- **The Taunton River** was designated by the US National Park Service as a **Wild and Scenic River** in 2009. This designation was the culmination of over a decade of work by SRPEDD and a group of hard working citizens. SRPEDD is also a partner with 9 other organizations in the Taunton River Campaign.
- South Coast Rail remained a major priority in 2009. SRPEDD continued to support the Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force, which includes representation from SRPEDD municipalities and regional organizations. SRPEDD's work on priority development and priority

protection area designations culminated in the release of the Corridor Plan in August. Plans for development around the train stations commenced in 2009 and will continue into 2010.

- SRPEDD continued as the designated fiduciary agent by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety for the **Southeast Regional Advisory Council for Homeland Security** serving 96 communities in 6 counties in southeastern Massachusetts. The Council has awarded \$23.12 million in federal homeland security funds since 2004.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program (including speed surveys and vehicle classification, and 47 intersection turning movement counts) and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 125 traffic counts at various locations this past year.
- An extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. Every year new computerized “data layers” are added to the system. In 2009, SRPEDD completed a web-based mapping tool for all cities and towns in the region that will enable them to evaluate sites in the community.
- SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.
- In cooperation with UMass Dartmouth, SRPEDD organized the Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Sustainability in 2009, with assistance from the Island Foundation. The broad-based Council is addressing how the region prepares for the future.
- SRPEDD continues to provide planning and support to the two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, on various efforts including: consumer advisory committees, route evaluations, planning, monitoring services and federal reporting.
- SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 355 signalized intersections in the region. This includes geometry, traffic volume, crash rate, signal timing and operational characteristics.
- SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion.

In addition, municipal assistance was provided to the Town of Acushnet in the following areas:

- Prepared Revisions to Zoning Map

SRPEDD was created to serve the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by elected and appointed officials from all the cities and towns. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Report of the Acushnet Historical Commission

Two thousand and nine was a good year for the Commission. The goals set for the Long Plain Museum and the Friends Meetinghouse were met.

We have accomplished many projects at the Long Plain Museum this year. The ceiling upstairs was repaired from the leaking roof that was repaired last year. Mr. Chimney cleaned out the chimney we need to clean it every couple of years. The yearly task of having the well tested at the Museum was done in April and lawn care is an ongoing project thru the spring and summer months with a fall cleanup in November.

The Friends Meetinghouse had some electrical work that was needed and also a new alarm installed. The exterior of the Meetinghouse was sanded, primed and painted. It looks very good especially when it is lit up in the evening. The ceilings were all replastered to coincide with the age of the Meetinghouse and The National Historic Register with help from Mark Phaneuf and Pauline Teixeira, the Meetinghouse and Museum are functioning very well. In the past, Mr. Steve Gilmore who passed away this year was a wonderful asset to the Friends Meetinghouse. We miss him dearly. Mark has taken on the responsibility of taking care of the grounds at the The Meetinghouse.

Two thousand and nine was the best year, in recent years, for activity at the Museum and Meetinghouse. We welcomed the selectmen again to hold a meeting in September at the Meetinghouse. This will be a yearly event. We are very appreciative that our town fathers are willing to do this on a yearly basis.

The Acushnet Historical Commission will make the Meetinghouse and the Museum more visible to the public during the summer months with events planned from June thru September. The events planned for next summer are a collaboration of the Acushnet Historical Commission, the Acushnet Historical Society and The Friends of the Friends. We would also like to open the Meetinghouse for small events such as birthday parties or small weddings and receptions for a small fee.

In June 2009 Walk the Line Band performed, in July, Jumpin' Juba and The Jeff Dunn Trio entertained at the Museum, and the Acushnet Historical Society's annual potluck supper was held at the Acushnet Council on Aging. In August the Relics performed for the public. These events are planned through the Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant that we receive. The Acushnet Apple/Peach Festival was held on the grounds at the Long Plain Museum in early September. All of these events brought many new visitors to our Museum.

The History of Acushnet book and the Ancient Cemetery books are available by calling Pauline Teixeira at 508-961-7843.

The White's Factory on Hamlin Street has had a rebirth because of the hard work and time put in by Mark Phaneuf with help from Matt Lopes, Mark has succeeded in his goal to make the factory an attractive historic site that will attract visitors. If you take a drive down Hamlin Street you will see that Mark is clearing the brush away from the stone wall across from the factory so that it shows even better. Mass Historical hired Ned Connor for an archeology study on White's Factory to complete a deed restriction, that we have been working on with the Town and the Fairhaven and Acushnet Land Trust. Ned did a power point presentation on this fascinating site at the Selectman's meeting. The deed restriction is almost complete from Mass Historical. In the future we may be able to see the White's Factory on the National Historic Register.

The River's End Historic District also has had approval from Mass Historical and has been sent to the National Park Service in Washington for final approval. The next

step is trying to get The Long Plain Museum on the National Historic Register with some financial help from the Community Preservation Committee. Ned Connor is working on this project for the Commission.

The Commission is looking forward to 2010 with new goals for the Museum and the Meetinghouse. These two building are real gems in the Town of Acushnet. The Commission is also repairing and replacing some of the plaques throughout Town that have fallen into disrepair.

Members of the Commission were sad to have lost Steve Gilmore a long time member but we are moving forward with meetings and we continue to address issues. We are in need of new members on the Commission. If you are interested please contact the Selectmen's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Teixeira-Chairperson
Joyce Reynolds-Acting Secretary
Madeline J. Gwozdz
Mark Phaneuf
Matt Lopes
Acushnet Historical Commission

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET HOUSING AUTHORITY

April, 2009 marked the 35th year of service to the Town of Acushnet, providing low income housing to elderly and handicapped individuals.

In fiscal 2008, the Authority was awarded Community Preservation Funds to research the land owned by the authority, but not yet developed. There were numerous discussions with Mass Housing Partnership and DHCD relative to the possibilities of development.

The goal of the Acushnet Housing Authority is to develop the land in order to provide Acushnet with additional Housing to meet the needs of its present and future population. The Housing Authority is working with Old Colony Regional to prepare initial documents to get the ball rolling. The first step is to survey the land to determine the best use of the land.

The Authority is awaiting a grant from The Department of Housing and Community Development to replace existing toilets in each apartment with comfort height and low flow ones. This along with membership in Power Options is one of the strategic steps in reducing energy costs and helping to stretch the operating budget.

The Garfield St facility opened its' doors in 1992 and continues to work successfully. This year the Authority entered into a new contract with the Department of Mental Health and their vendor Fellowship Health Resources. A new contract was developed with DMH and DHCD to ensure open communication between departments, the vendors and the leasing Housing Authorities.

The renovations at Garfield St. are 90% complete with the installation of new sliding doors in the upstairs dining area identified as the last Capital Improvement at present.

The Board of Commissioners and staff of the Acushnet Housing Authority appreciates everyone who assists the Authority in providing safe and secure housing to the elderly and handicapped who have chosen Acushnet to remain their home.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Brightman, Chairman
Lawrence Mulvey, Vice Chairman
Lawrence Marshall, Treasurer
James Madruga, Commissioner
Richard Threlfall, State Appointee to the Board
Lucia Casey, Executive Director
Lynn Sigman, Administrative Assistant

Acushnet Park Department 2009 Report

To the good townspeople of Acushnet, we submit to you the following report for the calendar year ending December 31st, 2009.

In April, Park Department Chairman Tom DeCosta finished his term and in November, Bob Andrade Park Supervisor retired. Both will be solely missed, not only for their dedication, but their commitment to getting things done. Operations at Pope Park will now be handled by Donald Camara, who has done an outstanding job in not only keeping up the appearance of our newly renovated facilities, but in implementing new processes that make the Park Department more efficient. Thanks to all for their assistance.

With all of the new construction, we ask parents to help educate their children, in keeping the park clean and safe for all. Also, we need more police patrols, to keep things safe in the summertime.

Once again, Catherine Jason ran her six week summer youth program, with 160 Acushnet children attending the program in any given week. This very successful program allows children access to adult supervised crafts and sporting activities, for two hours each weekday morning during the summer. With increased cost due to the minimum wage increase, we are hoping that the finance committee agrees with us and allows the necessary funding to keep this great program going. It truly is a benefit to the entire community.

In closing the Park Board would be remiss in not thanking the residents of Acushnet for having the foresight and patience in renovating Pope Park. We as a board, continue to be highly motivated in making the appropriate improvements and to provide proper maintenance to Pope Park, in the hope that it will reclaim its rightful spot as the center of physical activity in the town. With national obesity rates and other physical ailments amongst our youth at an all time high, and no place for our aging residents to get in a little exercise or walk, we have a plan and vision to see that all of our projects be completed. Some of the projects that we were able to finish for 2009 were the walking path, maintenance building, snack shack as well as other support structures. The park also dedicated the new food pavilion in honor of Jerry Arruda, Gus Cote and Frank Janik.

One of our goals for 2010 is to extend the walking path down to Scout's Pond and back. With the assistance of Selectman Wojnar and Henry Young, we hope to obtain the funding through the CPC and an open space state grant.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the residents of Acushnet, and all of the local boards.

Respectfully yours,

Acushnet Park Board
Michael Desrosiers-Chairman
Marc Antone
Wayne Richmond

2009 Acushnet Town Report

Acushnet River Valley Golf Course

Acushnet River Valley Golf Course

This year presented new challenges and provided new opportunities. The golf market is a very competitive market to begin with and if anyone is familiar with golf has had the opportunity to realize that golf course development exceeded golf course demand in the past decade. The golf market is now in the process of downsizing. This is bad news to some and good news to others. I am proud to say Acushnet River Valley is ONE of the few succeeding in this economic climate. We have always believed and held true to our vision of providing the best possible experience for a fair price. In doing so, we have earned the respect and loyalty from a very large market area. The country club sector of the golf market is our competitor and we offer outstanding golf course conditions coupled with a welcoming warm and inviting atmosphere. The golf experience we offer caters to all levels of golfers young and old and continues to gain market share.

As stated last season, in the current downward trending market, success is measured in standing strong and keeping loyal customers satisfied. It is more difficult to attract new customers than it is to maintain a loyal foundation of customers, and by achieving the latter you eventually capture both types of customers as word of mouth continues to grow. The word is still spreading about Acushnet River Valley Golf Course. We do not have the marketing power (budget) that some of the private golf courses do, however we continue to see new faces every season from various New England states. All of the momentum we built last year will continue to grow into this upcoming season! We have developed and executed an effective marketing plan that is continuing to draw new customers every single year, this factor alone is priceless. Anybody can advertise a product but implementation of a good campaign which resonates in the market area has the potential to generate significant revenues. This is the opportunity we envision and which we have and will continue to capitalize on. **We are a valid golf destination for everybody in New England** that is deciding not to vacation this summer but to plan a STAY – CATION. This is where opportunity exists!

The economy continues to struggle; there is hope for the recession to lift towards the end of the year. In this economy it has been decided that **Acushnet River Valley will hold our rates.** We are committed to providing our best effort to create an affordable golf experience. Other golf courses may claim this same objective; the difference with ACUSHNET is we follow through on our commitment. We have consistently elevated the quality of products we offer at Acushnet River Valley Golf Course, *while reducing our budget – a task that is not easily achieved.*

This has been another banner year for our operation. I have influenced and witnessed more “Country Club “members leaving their current golf course/facility to play regularly at Acushnet River Valley, because as they say,” I love the golf course, it’s affordable and I feel comfortable around all the people, golf is a community sport and everyone here is so pleasant and willing to help, it is a great place to be enjoyed.”

We continue to expand through out the region enticing new & loyal customers to travel from the North Shore, Boston, Cape Cod & the Islands, Providence, and Connecticut.

Golf Digest 2009 - 4 star rating

We are devoted to converting as many new customers/golfers into loyal Acushnet River Valley Customers/Golfers every day.

We have been recognized, 7 years consecutively, as a four star Golf Course Facility by the 2009 edition of Golf Digest “Best Places to Play”.

I would like to thank the team of Acushnet River Valley staff for there dedication and implementation of our objectives and outstanding acts of professionalism. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Przybyszewski

REPORT OF THE RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2009

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The mission of the Russell Memorial Library is to provide free and open access to innovative library services, delivered in an efficient and effective manner that will:

- Provide the materials, programs, and services needed to meet recreational needs.
- Provide the materials, tools, and assistance needed to help students succeed in a formal educational program.
- Provide a safe, inviting, and neutral public space that helps to address the need of people to meet and interact with others in their community and to participate in public discourse about community issues.

The six-member Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library has the custody and management of the library and all related property. The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 P.M. in the library meeting room. Any changes or additions to this schedule are posted in the Library, at Town Hall, and on Cable TV.

Jayne Z. Viveiros, Director B.A. Stonehill College, M.S.L.I.S. Simmons College.
Denise Charland, Assistant Director; Constance Preston, John Finni, & Pauline Prudhomme, Library Technicians; Sandra Medeiros, Page; Elaine Spinale, Custodian.

The Library at 88 Main Street is open year round:

Monday and Wednesday	10-8
Tuesday and Thursday	1-8
Saturday	9-3
Telephone	(508) 998-0270
Fax	(508) 998-0271
Website	www.sailsinc.org/acushnet

To obtain a library card, please present positive identification and proof of address. A child may have a card with parental permission when able to print his/her name. No card is required to use materials and services within the library.

The Library offers books, videos, recorded books, newspapers, magazines, music CDs, CD-ROMs, Internet access, on-line databases, and word processing at no cost. Printers, a copy machine, and a fax machine are available to the public for a small fee. When not in use, the Meeting Room is available to municipal and community organizations who need a place to meet.

Free children's programs support emerging literacy. Story Time uses books, songs, crafts, and finger plays to teach listening skills, develop attention span, exercise fine motor skills, and foster a love of books. Summer Reading encourages children to read during the summer, reinforcing the skills gained during the school year. All registered members of the summer reading program are invited to make crafts, enter weekly drawings for prizes and come to a special end of summer celebration. We are grateful to the Acushnet Cultural Council for awarding the library a grant for this year's summer reading program "Starship Adventure @ your Library". This year's kick-off event, held at the Acushnet Community Center, featured a visit from Mike Bent who performed a magic show for the crowd. We also hosted a number of other events including, "Space Buddies" the movie, Davis Bates, a storyteller as well as having a program called "Night Sky", which featured a portable planetarium from the Boston Museum of Science. The Toe Jam Puppet Band also visited the library this summer to perform their "Toe Jam in Outer Space" show.

The library hosted its first ever community wide reading program this year called "Play by the Book". During Play by the Book, the community was encouraged share books about America's favorite pastime - baseball. The library worked to build the baseball collections, selecting baseball titles for discussions at library-sponsored events and scheduled a series of other activities for baseball enthusiasts, from the very young to the young at heart! The highlight of the entire program was the event scheduled on Sunday, May 31st, "An Afternoon with Johnny Pesky". Mr. Pesky spent over an hour talking about his experiences as a player, speaking about his love for the game and the many relationships he forged with other players including Ted Williams, Bobby Doerr and Dom DiMaggio. Johnny fielded questions from the audience and graciously stayed until everyone in line had a chance to speak to him personally, take photos and have memorabilia autographed. It was quite a sight!

The library also holds programs for adults. A Knitters Circle meets twice a month, led by staff member Denise Charland. A Reader's Group meets once a month to discuss a book selected by the members. We are grateful to Jean Stripinis, for the many hours that she volunteers as program leader. All are welcome to join these groups.

In addition to our regularly scheduled meetings, we held several adult programs geared to educate the public about a topic. We hosted a program called Backyard Birding, Keeping Kids Safe Online and An Introduction to Ebay. In addition, a representative from NOAA came to talk to us about the Hurricane of 1938.

All programming is made possible by the generous donation of money and time from the Friends of the Acushnet Public Library. We are grateful to them for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

For many years, it has been recognized that the Russell Memorial Library building at its current location has not been able to adequately service the residents of Acushnet. The lack of space affects all areas of library services. The age, size and location of the building create a number of problems including: inadequate shelf space, overcrowding and lack of seating, no handicapped accessibility, inadequate restroom facilities, limited parking and more. The modern town library, however, should not simply be a repository for books, magazines and videos, but instead should act as a valuable resource for

residents. Library personnel are trained to help library users gain access to information quickly and accurately for both practical purposes and for pleasure. The library should be a community focal point where townspeople can meet each other spontaneously and participate in public discourse about community issues. In addition, a town library needs to provide adequate space for community meetings and programs. The current structure can no longer house the collection or provide the services required by the growing population of Acushnet; it is a continuing challenge to meet the goals set forth in our mission statement.

The Library is a full voting member of the SAILS Library Network. Through SAILS, library patrons have access to the collections of over 60 libraries. In addition to the automated system, SAILS provides professional cataloging services, technical support, and continuing education. The SAILS system allows users with an internet connection to search the catalog, reserve materials, check on holds, items out, and even renew from home.

The Library is also a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Library System (SEMLS), a division of the state library system. SEMLS provides delivery of materials between libraries, regional reference and inter-library loan service, on-line databases, deposit collections, staff training, Summer Reading materials, and professional consultants at no charge to the library.

The library maintained state certification in 2009. Required: a Director with a Master's Degree in Library Studies from an accredited institution and certification by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; a minimum of 40 hours open per week; a minimum of 16% of the total budget expended on materials; a municipal appropriation that increases by 2½% each year over a 3 year average. Certification entitles Acushnet residents to borrow materials from other Massachusetts libraries and qualifies the Town to apply for state aid and state grants to libraries – these elements allow the library to provide residents with a wider variety of materials, and also assist the library in providing additional services.

We also thank the businesses, organizations, and individuals who fund our summer reading program, The Parting of the Ways Beautification Committee for plantings and holiday decorations and the many library patrons who donate time and materials.

The Board of Trustees thanks the citizens of Acushnet, Town officers, and other Town departments for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bartolome
Joann Bertrand
Kristen Leotti, Chair
Henry Preston
Jean Stripinis
Anne Verissimo, Secretary

RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

STATISTICAL REPORT 2009

Active Borrowers.....	3,903
Children's Programs Held.....	37
Attendance, Children's Programs.....	1005
Adult Programs Held.....	44
Attendance at Adult Programs.....	629
Computers for Public Use.....	5
Public Internet Access.....	4
Meeting Room Use.....	67
Materials Holdings (Number of items)	
Books.....	23,892
Periodical subscriptions.....	96
Videos.....	1,715
Audio(cassettes and CDs).....	633
CD/ROMS.....	56
Circulation (Times Borrowed)	
Books.....	31,505
Periodicals.....	5,433
Video/DVD.....	10,891
Electronic format.....	1,423
Audio.....	1,994
Miscellaneous (equipment, museum passes, etc.).....	327
Total Items circulated.....	51,573

REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET PUBLIC SCHOOLS

I am delighted to offer the annual report on the state of public education in the Town of Acushnet for the year 2009.

School Committee:

The school committee is the governing board of the town's public school system. In Acushnet, the committee is a five member board elected to three overlapping terms. Current members of the Acushnet School Committee are:

Frank Kuthan, Chairman
Douglas Coray, Secretary
Manuel Goncalves

David DeTerra, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Mary Louise Francis

Dr. Mary Louise Francis was re-elected to another three-year term in April of 2009.

Districtwide:

For the second year in a row, there were no changes to the Acushnet Central Office staff.

Student enrollment for the district decreased for the fifth year in a row. As of October 1, 2009, there were 996 students PK-grade 8. This figure is 33 students less than the figure for the same date in 2008. The student enrollment for the Albert F. Ford Middle School decreased by seven students (489 to 482), and the Acushnet Elementary School's enrollment decreased by 26 students (540 to 514).

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) is administered annually to students in Massachusetts in accordance with the Education Reform Law of 1993. These state tests are designed to measure performance based on the learning standards in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and serve as one measure of accountability for students, schools, and districts.

Overall, the percentage of Acushnet students scoring a 220 (needs improvement) or higher was greater than the state average for all of the 14 MCAS tests administered to students in the district for the third straight year. The percentage of Acushnet students scoring a 240 (proficient) or higher was greater than the state average for 12 of the 14 MCAS tests in 2009.

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires that all students reach proficiency in mathematics and English/language arts by the year 2014. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports the progress schools and districts are making toward having all students reach this goal. In Massachusetts' case, proficiency is demonstrated by a score of 240 on the MCAS. The No Child Left Behind Act makes provisions for schools that do not demonstrate AYP. Those that do not meet AYP for two consecutive years must follow a required course of action to improve school performance. A school or district's "accountability status" defines that course of action. Accountability status designations include improvement, corrective action and restructuring.

In 2008, the Acushnet Elementary School failed to exceed the state performance target or the improvement target for special education students for two consecutive years, which put the school in year one of improvement status. In 2009, the elementary school met its improvement targets for English/language arts for the low income subgroup and for the aggregate. Despite this fact, the Acushnet Elementary School will remain in improvement status for English/language arts until it meets AYP in this area for all subgroups for two consecutive years. By law, the elementary school is still required to provide parent/guardian notification of the improvement status, spend a portion of Title I monies on professional development, and offer school choice within the district due to its improvement status designation.

In 2009, the Albert F. Ford Middle School continued to avoid the improvement status designation; however, the district failed to meet its AYP for mathematics. District AYP determinations are based on grade span results (grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12). If even one grade span is successful in meeting the participation, attendance, and the performance or improvement requirements, then the district makes AYP for that particular subject. Since AYP was achieved for the aggregate and subgroups in the 3-5 grade span for English/language arts, the district made its AYP in that subject. Because the district didn't meet both grade spans for two years in a row in mathematics, then the district is now labeled as improvement status-year 1 for the first time. Unfortunately for Acushnet, it has proven to be easier for districts that maintain a high school to meet AYP. In addition, the district missed AYP by the narrowest of margins. If the low income subgroup's composite performance index in the 3-5 grade span was .1 higher, then the district would have achieved its AYP.

In late October, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) unveiled a new means of reporting MCAS results known as the growth model. This growth model describes a method of measuring individual student progress on MCAS by tracking the scores of the same students from one year to the next. The 2009 growth report included results for students in grades 4-8 and grade 10 in English/language arts and mathematics. The data was calculated using historical MCAS results going back at least two years. Students were put in peer groups based on their performance on the 2007 and 2008 MCAS English and mathematics exams. Their 2009 scores were then compared to others in this peer group and ranked by percentile.

The student growth percentile measures how much a student's performance has improved from one year to the next relative to his or her academic peers (other students statewide with a similar MCAS test score history). The calculation answers the question, "Among other students with similar MCAS test score histories in previous years, what is the range of scores attained this year?" The model then uses the answer to determine whether a student grew at a faster or slower rate than the students' peers.

The median growth percentile for the students at the Acushnet Elementary School was at the 42nd percentile in English/language arts and at the 47.5 percentile in mathematics. At the middle school, the median growth percentile was at the 45.5 percentile in English/language arts and at the 50th percentile in mathematics. For the district as a whole, the median growth percentile was at the 45th percentile in English/language arts and at the 49th percentile in mathematics.

According to the DESE, high growth is defined as growth in a subject at or above the 60th percentile, typical growth is between the 40th and 60th percentile, and low growth is below the 40th percentile. So the district as a whole, along with each school, fell in the typical growth range for English/language arts and mathematics.

The district continued to conduct data analysis of the MCAS results and developed curriculum in 2009. Subject area and grade level teams at both schools met to identify student weaknesses for different student populations and subject areas. These actions will culminate into the annual MCAS Data Analysis Report to be unveiled in January/February 2010. Curriculum, instruction, professional development, school budgets, and academic support for students are all influenced by this report.

The elementary school unveiled new curriculums for both mathematics and science. These new curriculums are comprehensive and in line with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Each curriculum contains benchmarks or outcomes of what students should be able to do upon the completion of a particular grade; a curriculum map, which is a general overview of the subject for the entire year per grade level; and a curriculum guide, which includes a breakdown of the Massachusetts standards to be taught, learning outcomes, suggested resources and activities, and suggested assessments.

The professional development committee continued to enhance the district's professional development plan and planned many professional development opportunities for the district. The district offered workshops on the following topics: Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), assessment for improving student learning, activators, training on the use of Reading Street, effective teaching strategies, and the use of Promethean boards.

The Acushnet Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) continued to play an important role in the success of our schools in 2009. Joyce Hester was named the new PTO president for the 2009-2010 school year. Members of the PTO continued to donate many hours of their time volunteering for school events and organizing and administering PTO-sponsored events. Their fundraising efforts continue to provide the district with monies for field trips, activities, and special events for Acushnet students.

In an effort to reduce energy consumption, the Acushnet Public Schools Energy Task Force was formed in 2008. It is through the efforts of this task force and the entire school department that electrical usage decreased by over 16% from the 2007-2008 to the 2008-2009 school year. Preliminary data suggests that the percentage of electrical consumption will continue to decrease for the 2009-2010 school year.

Several school committee policies were renamed and/or revised in 2009. These policies included: BC Re-organization of the Acushnet School Committee, BDE Subcommittees of the School Committee, BDFA School Councils, BEDG Minutes, ECBAA Pesticide Use, GCBB Employment of Principals, IJNDC Student Acceptable Use Policy, IJNDC-E1 Student Acceptable Use Policy Contract, KG Use of School Facilities, and KHA Solicitations and Fundraising,

Several school committee policies were eliminated, including: BDDKA Distribution of School Committee Minutes, IJNDC-E (a letter to students and parents regarding the Internet Policy), IJNDC-E2 Staff Contract for the Acceptable Use Guidelines, IJNDD Placing World Wide Web Pages on the Internet, and IJNDE Internet Safety Policy.

Several school committee policies were created, including: IJNDB Staff Acceptable Use Policy, and IJNDB-E1 Staff Acceptable Use Policy Contract.

Albert F. Ford Middle School:

At Albert F. Ford Middle School, the staff continued with initiatives that would bolster academic achievement. The use of the Study Island, Accelerated Reader, and Accelerated Math educational technology programs continued to be important adjuncts to the general curriculum. Technology has been added to mathematics classes in the form of Promethean boards and active student response units. These technology items increase the interactivity of mathematics instruction and allow for instantaneous assessment of student learning. In addition, each subject area team updated and modified their curriculum guides, and teachers used MCAS data with the goal of improving instruction and overall student achievement.

The school schedule has been adjusted to allow for individualized targeted academic assistance by each teacher. A minimum of thirty minutes each day has been designated by grade level as "Team Time;" this time allows teachers to provide small group instruction to remediate students exhibiting difficulty in a given subject. The groups are flexible and are altered according to need and student proficiency.

The Ford Middle School staff has undergone several significant changes this year; first, with Timothy Plante moving to the Acushnet Elementary School, Christopher Green, the former assistant principal, was promoted to the position of principal. Mrs. Charlene Charette was hired to fill the assistant principal position vacated by Mr. Green. Mrs. Charette comes to Acushnet with fifteen years of experience teaching middle school math and English.

There were two new teachers hired at Ford Middle School in 2009. Patricia Barker was hired as a special education resource room teacher, and Erika Jacob, a former paraprofessional in the district, was hired to replace Sally Santos who retired after 35 years of service to the children of Acushnet.

Acushnet Elementary School:

One of the main goals for the Acushnet Elementary School (AES) in 2009 was improving English/language arts scores in order to shed the improvement status label for failure to meet AYP. In the interim, these efforts have paid off as the elementary school met its improvement targets for English/language arts for all subgroups. If AES meets AYP in English/language arts for all subgroups in 2010, then the elementary school will be removed from the improvement status classification.

To help address this improvement status label in English/language arts, the elementary school purchased a new reading series: Scott Foresman's Reading Street. The staff received ongoing training in this textbook series in 2009 and will continue to receive

training in 2010. In addition, all teachers were trained in the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS). The DIBELS assessment tool is specifically designed to assess the Big Ideas of early literacy: Phonological Awareness, Alphabetic Principle, Fluency with Connected Text, Vocabulary, and Comprehension. Combined, the measures form an assessment system of early literacy development that allows educators to readily and reliably determine student progress and to target interventions for struggling students. These tests will be administered to elementary school students three times a year. Finally, the system of pre-referral was dramatically changed from a schoolwide teacher assistance team to a grade level assistance team. This change will ensure that more struggling students will be identified as in need of intervention and will receive the necessary accommodations to be successful in a more timely fashion.

In 2009, there were several staffing changes at the Acushnet Elementary School (AES). Jennifer Cummings resigned as building principal and Timothy Plante transferred from the middle school principal position to lead the elementary school. Susan Beck resigned as AES assistant principal/district curriculum coordinator and Mr. Paul LaBelle was hired to take her place. Mr. LaBelle comes to Acushnet with over twenty years of experience teaching at the elementary school level.

In regards to teaching staff, Janet DiSalvo was hired as a special education resource room teacher, while the two Reading Recovery / grade two teaching positions were eliminated in favor of one grade two teaching position and a Reading Recovery / intervention teaching position. Finally, due to budgetary constraints, one grade two teaching position was eliminated and there was a reduction in force of two paraprofessionals.

Special Education:

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has notified the school department that it will be conducting a Mid-Cycle Review of the special education department in March 2010. Work began in October 2009 to begin preparing for this review, which follows the Coordinated Program Review held in April 2007.

The special education director applied for extraordinary relief for Circuit Breaker in FY09, but the district's expenses for out-of-district students did not qualify for this extra reimbursement. In FY09, the director applied for and the district is expected to receive \$181,982 in Circuit Breaker reimbursement.

The director serves as a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) Steering Committee, a group that discusses and proposes programs that would be beneficial to the collaborative member districts. Through SMEC, the district has hired a school psychologist for two days a week to be shared with another member district and the collaborative for the other days of the week. The district is also contracting several other related service providers through the collaborative.

The district has added two substantially separate classrooms in FY10, one at each school, to better meet the needs of students with special needs within our district and to provide alternatives to sending students to costly out of district special education placements.

The director participated in a DESE six day workshop with the program director of SMEC on developing a collaborative special education program evaluation. The programs evaluated were those for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders at the elementary level, both at Acushnet Elementary School and SMEC. Skills learned at this training will be used to evaluate other special education programs in the future.

The Acushnet-Fairhaven Special Education Parent Advisory Council met four times during 2009 to review special education regulations and discuss areas of interest and concern to the parents. Topics of meetings were: 1) a video presentation and discussion about children with learning disabilities; 2) a presentation on visual supports for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders by Lisa Roy, Acushnet Public Schools Speech and Language Pathologist; 3) a presentation by Mary Kay Sullivan and Doreen Rasteiro of the Department of Developmental Services about transition planning to adult services; and 4) a presentation on Parents, Students and Schools as Partners: Rights and Responsibilities in Special Education led by the Acushnet Public Schools' Special Education Director.

Grants:

The district applied for and was slated to receive NCLB entitlement grants from the federal government totaling \$151,652 in FY10. This was a decrease of \$9,621 from the previous fiscal year's adjusted allocation. These entitlement grants consist of Titles I, II-A, II-D, and IV. Title I monies make up the largest portion of the NCLB entitlement grants and mostly help to pay for 2.5 Title I teachers that help to provide reading skill development to low achieving students at the elementary school. Title II-A (Teacher Quality) funds are used to help support professional development for teachers and paraprofessionals and the district's mentor program. Title II-D funds (Enhancing Education Through Technology) will once again be mainly used to help fund an afterschool tutoring program at the elementary school and Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools) will be used to conduct the first Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) in approximately a decade.

The special education director applied for and received four grants for FY10. The Federal Special Education Entitlement Grant- 240 supplemented the district's special education program by \$251,520, which is an increase of \$5,609 from the previous fiscal year. The Department of Early Education and Care's Early Childhood Special Education Grant- 262 totaled \$6,574. This grant helps to supplement the Acushnet Elementary School's preschool program.

Several grants were made available this year through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The ARRA- State Fiscal Stabilization fund provided for a one-time appropriation from the U.S. Department of Education awarded to state governors to help stabilize state and local budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential services. These monies were allocated by Governor Patrick and used to replace the monies cut from Chapter 70 in FY09. Acushnet's allocation was \$684,672.

The ARRA Special Education Grant- 760 will be doled out in two installments: \$154,579 in the first installment and \$154,285 in the second part to help supplement but not supplant the district's special education program. In addition, the ARRA Special Education Early Childhood Grant- 762 will provide \$6,012 in the first installment and a similar amount in the second installment to help supplement the district's preschool program.

The district historically has applied for two competitive grants from the state: Early Intervention Literacy and Kindergarten Enhancement. The Early Intervention Literacy grant monies previously used towards the salary of one of the Reading Recovery teachers was eliminated, while the Kindergarten Enhancement grant, which helps to support the full-day kindergarten program by offsetting salary and supply costs was reduced by \$6,280 (from \$52,200 in FY09 to \$45,920 in FY10).

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Donovan
Superintendent of Schools

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ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 10,208

10,129 (State Census)

Total Valuation:

Class 1 and 2 Tax Rate: \$10.47 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2007)

Class 3 and 4 Tax Rate: \$12.81 per \$1,000 (Fiscal Year 2007)

Registered Voters: 7,466

Total Area: 18 Square Miles

Churches: 6

Public Schools: 2

Parochial Schools: 1

Regional School: 1

Principal Industries:

**golf ball mfg., road surface materials, farming, apple,
peach orchards, box factory, sawmill, landscape nurseries**

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Annual Town Meeting: 4th Monday in April