

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY



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IN MEMORIAM

While we cannot include all of those who have passed during the period of this report we recognize the following for their service to the Town and their efforts on behalf of our community.

<u>Violet Astley:</u>	Served on Prudential Board; Historical Society	<u>McKenna:</u>	DPW
<u>William J. Bacis:</u>	Worked for South Hadley Council on Aging	<u>John F. O'Neill:</u>	Member of South Hadley School Committee
<u>Donald A. Baker, Jr.:</u>	Coached South Hadley Youth Football; Member of Booster Association; New Field Committee for South Hadley High School	<u>George E. Pelc:</u>	Worked for South Hadley Highway Department
<u>Theresa E. Cleary:</u>	Worked for South Hadley Schools	<u>Claire Wallace:</u>	Former Member of South Hadley Council on Aging
<u>Sandra Darcy-Rodzik:</u>	Worked for South Hadley Council on Aging		
<u>Alexandre J. Dardenne:</u>	Worked for South Hadley Highway Department		
<u>David L. Gendron:</u>	Former Chair of South Hadley Personnel Board		
<u>Peter E. Grabowski:</u>	Coached South Hadley Youth Football and Baseball		
<u>Agnes Loder:</u>	Former Member of South Hadley Council on Aging		
<u>Mary Ruth Loughlin:</u>	Former Member of South Hadley Council on Aging		
<u>James M. McDermott:</u>	39-Year Teacher and Guidance Counselor at South Hadley High School		
<u>Kenneth D.</u>	Worked for South Hadley		

Facts of Interest About South Hadley

South Hadley area was first part of Old Hadley.

- 1675-1719 Individual grants of land were made by Hadley for settlement south of Mt. Holyoke Range.
- 1725 Settlement (delayed by fear of Indian attacks) began.
- 1732 Settlement became "South Hadley Precinct of Hadley."
- 1753 South Hadley Precinct was made a "district" by General Court with local self-government.
- 1755 South Hadley was incorporated as a town with its own representative in General Government.
- 1795 First navigable canal in U.S. began operation at Falls Village, whose mailing address became "South Hadley Canal."

Location

On east side of Connecticut River, about 14 miles North of Springfield, just across the river from Holyoke. Home of Mount Holyoke College.

Latitude of Town Hall

42 12'50" N

Longitude of Town Hall

72 35'40" W

Elevation

(Above sea level)
Town Hall top step 78.16 ft.
Mount Holyoke 878 ft.
Mount Hitchcock (at east end of Holyoke Range) 1,002 ft.

Area

18.3 square miles 11,712 acres

Requirements of Voting

A person must be 18 years old, American born or fully naturalized. May register first day move into Town. Register at Town Clerk's Office (see Directory and Calendar page), by mail or by motor vehicle registration renewal.

Population

Federal Census 2000-17,067
Federal Census 1990-16,685
(Includes registered voters at Mt. Holyoke College)
Local Census 2007 – 14,559

Form of Government

Representative Town Meeting (1933 Charter)

Tax Rate

\$12.56 - FY 2009

Total Valuation of Taxable Property \$1,583,416,154 - FY 2009

Miles of State Highway

10.00

Miles of Town Highway

95.00

National, State and County Officials

Governor:

Deval Patrick

Secretary of the Commonwealth:

William Francis Galvin

Attorney General:

Martha Coakley

United States Senators:

John F. Kerry, Boston
Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

Representative in Congress:

(1st Congressional District)
Richard E. Neal

State Senator:

(Franklin/Hampshire District)
Stanley C. Rosenberg

Representative in General Court:

(2nd Hampshire)
John W. Scibak

Member of Governor's Council:

(8th Councilor District)
Thomas T. Merrigan

District Attorney:

Elizabeth Scheibel
(Hampshire County)

Directory and Calendar - Board Meetings, Officials, Services
Town of South Hadley, 116 Main Street
www.southhadley.org

Police Department 538-8231

Fire Department (District #1) 533-7111

Fire Department (District #2) 533-4010

Ambulance 533-7111

Department of Public Works 538-5033

Selectboard/Town Administrator – Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5017**

Human Resources – Personnel Officer/Chief Procurement Officer –Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5030**

School Committee – High School Library, Newton Street, Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5060**

School Department – Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 4:30 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5057**

Board of Health – Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted. **Tel.: 538-5013**

Town Clerk & Treasurer – Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5023** or **538-5024**

Town Collector – Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5020**

Voter Registration – At Town Clerk’s Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration deadline is 20 days before election. **Tel.: 538-5023**

Town Accountant – Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5031**

Board of Assessors – Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meetings 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. **Tel.: 538-5027**

Director of Veterans’ Services South Hadley/Granby/ Easthampton Veterans’ District, Veterans’ Burial Agent – John A. O’Connor, Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5015**

Building Commissioner – Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5010**

Trustees of the Old Firehouse Museum – See postings for meeting schedule

Conservation Commission – Town Hall Office Hours, M, W, Th and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday 8:30-1. Meetings every third Monday at 7:00 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5052**

IT Department/Director - Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Tel.: 493-1988**

Recreation Department – Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5039**

Planning Board/Town Planner – Town Hall Office Hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meetings 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5011**

Wiring Inspector – Town Hall Office Hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Tel.: 538-5010**

Plumbing/Gas Inspector – Town Hall Office Hours, Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Tel.: 538-5013** or **467-7524**

Council on Aging - Offices - Woodlawn Senior Center, Dayton St., Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Meetings 2nd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at Senior Center. **Tel.: 538-5042**

Housing Authority – 69 Lathrop Street. Meetings 2nd Wednesday each month at 4:00 p.m. (see posting for location). **Tel.: 532-3194**

Sealer of Weights & Measures-Thomas Kelleher **Tel.: 532-7157**

Parks Division – Town Barn, Lincoln St. **Tel.: 538-5037**

Forest Warden – John MacLean, 25 Edison Dr. **Tel.: 536-6566**

Dog Officer – Robert Dufault. **Tel.: 538-8231**

Cable Studio Manager – Justin LeTellier, South Hadley High School. **Tel.: 538-5063, Extension 5**

Date of Annual Town Election April 6, 2009
Date of Annual Town Meeting May 9, 2009

**Town Government
Elected Officials
April 6, 2009**

Moderator (1 year)

Edward J. Ryan, Jr.

Town Clerk/Treasurer (3 years)

Carlene C. Hamlin (2012)

Town Collector (3 years)

Deborah Baldini (2012)

Selectboard/Police and Sewer Commissioners (3 years)

Gregory R. Sheehan, Chair (2010)

Carlene C. Hamlin (2011)

John R. Hine (2012)

Marilyn G. Ishler (2012)

Robert G. Judge (2011)

School Committee (3 years)

Edward Boisselle, Chair (2010)

William (Roddy) Adams (2010)

JoAnn Jordan (2011)

Lorraine Liantonio (2012)

Katherine Mazur (2011)

Board of Health (3 years)

Herman Picard DC, Chair (2012)

Ann M. Canata, RN (2010)

Michael A. Rosner MD (2011)

Municipal Light Board (3 years)

Cheryl Scott Nickl, Chair (2010)

Jeffrey Labrecque (2012)

Rita Lawler (2011)

Trustee for Free Public Library (3 years)

Constance A. Clancy (2012)

Larry S. Fuller (2012)

Helen Gage (2011)

Hollis Haley (2010)

Joyce O'Neil (2011)

Susan Obremski-Crowther (2011)

Mitchell B. Resnick (2012)

Gail Scanlon (2010)

Shane Robitaille (2010)

Board of Assessors (3 years)

Francis Conti, Chair (2010)

Hazel Snopek (2012)

David Hutchinson (2011)

Planning Board (5 years)

Joan Rosner, Chair (2012)

Ralph Blank (2011)

Thomas Callahan (2013)

Mark Cavanaugh (2010)

Ann Griffin (2014)

Helen Fantini, Associate Member (appointed) (2010)

Housing Authority (5 years)

Donna Asselin, Chair (2013)

Constance A. Clancy (2011)

Marguerite Clancy (State Appointee)

Mary Dufault (2014)

Donna Robideau (2010)

Town Meeting Members As of April 6, 2009

Precinct A

Bower	James R.	2010
Bright	Carol Anne	2010
Dowd	Michael P.	2010
Eaton	Sheryl L	2010
Feilen	Peggy	2010
Gauthier	Roger	2010
Paulin	John M.	2010
Sullivan	Carole J.	2010
Bergeron	Deborah L.	2011
Clancy	Constance A.	2011
Duguay	Barbara A.	2011
Leclair	Gerard	2011
Malinowski	Mitchel J.	2011
Randall	Barbara F.	2011
Roux	Roger	2011
Viamari	Gino	2011
Deschenes	Leo	2012
Eaton	Ann	2012
Ewing	David G.	2012
Foley	William	2012
Fuller	Larry S.	2012
Lafreniere	Michael	2012
Rondeau	Raymond E.	2012
Taughher	Carolyn	2012

Precinct B

Boisselle	Linda	2010
Boisselle	Edward	2010
Dubuc	Thomas J.	2010
Judge	Robert G.	2010
Lacasse	Gerard A.	2010
Miller	Julia	2010
Newman	Doris	2010
Schenker	Kurt	2010
Belsky	Theodore	2011
Blank	Ralph G.	2011
Chesky	Evelyn	2011
Cowan	Wayne H.	2011
Craig	Carol E.	2011
Kaufman	Marjorie R.	2011
Klepacki	Eleanor C.	2011
Snopek	Hazel R.	2011
Blasko	Lucille J.	2012
Blasko, Sr.	Robert F.	2012
Ellenburg	Judith	2012
Farnham	Anthony E.	2012
Keane	Kathleen	2012
Keane	Michael	2012
Lannon	Pamela	2012
Viens	Charles	2012

Precinct C

Etelman	Sarah	2010
Faille	Daniel	2010
Germain	Joan	2010
Hubbard	William	2010
Reale	Nancy	2010
Sowell	Mark	2010
Taughher	K. Michael	2010
Adams	William Roddy	2011
Baldini	Kevin	2011
Clancy	Marguerite	2011
Gardner	Alan	2011
Taughher	Charles V.	2011
Towne	Chester	2011
Urekew	John	2011
Camp	Jon	2012
Hollering	Edward	2012
Minor	Raymond	2012
Sabourin	Charles	2012
Wall	Edward	2012
Wood	Robert	2012
Ziomek	Robert P.	2012

Precinct D

Boulais	Daniel J.	2010
Boulais	Theodore J.	2010
Constant	Carol P	2010
Gass	Marilyn T.	2010
Johnston	Dale	2010
Rosner	Joan B.	2010
Smith	Curtis G.	2010
Steigerwalt	Gary	2010
Bock	Warren M.	2011
Bristol	Barbara E.	2011
Costello, Jr	Philip W.	2011
Gagne	Beverly A.	2011
Gagne	Peter A.	2011
Koske	Michael	2011
Moriarty	John P.	2011
Ryan Jr.	Edward J.	2011
Cavanaugh	Mark	2012
Fisher	Michael	2012
Fitzgerald	Shelia	2012
Jodoin	Margaret E.	2012
Kraske	Patricia C.	2012
McDonough	Matthew J.	2012
Pyle	Christopher	2012
Turner	Gertrude	2012

Precinct E

Champagne	Sherrie L	2010
Dubois	Doris R.	2010
Dufault	Robert	2010
Ellis	Kenneth R.	2010
Gallivan	Kathryn	2010
Hogan	Dennis	2010
Jesionowski	Peter	2010
Stefanowicz	Tracy C.	2010
Abrams	Robert M.	2011
Abrams	Frances R.	2011
Callahan	Thomas A.	2011
Callahan	Thomas M.	2011
Kurowski	David	2011
Os	Gene	2011
Swartwout	Dennis	2011
Braun	Randolph	2011
Dubois	Lawrence H.	2012
Fortier	Judith	2012
Gamache	Melissa	2012
Greenia	Irene	2012
Kelleher	Daniel	2012
Maclean	John H.	2012
Robertson	Robert L.	2012
Young	Linda L.	2012

Ex Officio

Sutton	William	Accountant
Brezinsky	Ira J.	Appropriations
Charron	Jackie	Appropriations
Constant	Richard	Appropriations
Gurek	Shannon	Appropriations
Mandrachia	Priscilla	Appropriations
Provost Sr	James L.	Appropriations
Taughher	Kevin	Appropriations
Terry	Thomas	Appropriations
Conti	Francis	Assessor
Picard	Herman	Board of Health
Guilbault	Kenneth	COA
Fleming	John	Conservation
Scott-Nickl	Cheryl	Electric Light
Broderick	John	Recreation
Hine	John R.	Selectboard
Marilyn	Ishler	Selectboard
Sheehan	Gregory	Selectboard
Scibak	John	State Rep.
Baldini	Deborah	Tax Collector
Hamlin	Carlene C.	Clerk/Treasurer
Lamontagne	Michael	Tree Warden

Appointed Officials For Fiscal Year 2009

Individuals

Town Administrator (7/22/08-10/30/08)
Michael Szlozek

Interim Town Administrator (10/30/07-7/21/08)
Barry L. Del Castilho (11/3/08 – 5/31/09)

Interim Town Administrator (6/1/09-12/31/09)
Jennifer L. Wolowicz

Town Accountant (5 years)
William Sutton (2012)

Affirmative Action Officer (1 year)
Jennifer Wolowicz

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator
(1 year)**
Jennifer L. Wolowicz

Animal Control Officer (1 year)
Robert Dufault

Assistant Animal Control Officer (1 year)
Robert J. Whelihan, Sr.

Building Commissioner (3 years)
Steven Reno (2009)

Assistant Building Commissioner (1 year)
Stephen Houle

Chief of Police (3 years)
David LaBrie

Chief Procurement Officer/Personnel Officer (1 year)
Jennifer L. Wolowicz

Conservation Administrator (1 year)
Janice Stone

Constables (1 year)
Leslie Dickinson (Honorary)
Michael Dubuc
Robert Lynes
Donald St. Pierre

Council on Aging Director (1 year)
Joanne Trybus

Interim Co-Directors of Ambulance Services (1 year)
Kurt Schenker
David Keefe

Director of Golf Operations (1 year)
Ryan Richards (10/1/08-2/27/09)

Interim Director of Golf Operations (6/23/08-9/30/08)
Michael Fontaine (3/2/2009 –)

Emergency Management Director (1 year)
David LaBrie

Assistant Emergency Management Director (1 year)
Forrest Price

Fence Viewer (1 year)
Mitchel Malinowski

Forest Warden (1 year)
John MacLean

Holyoke Range Advisory Committee Representative (1 year)
Bernard Nestor

Inspector of Animals (1 year)
Robert Dufault
Sharon Hart
Robert Whelihan, Sr.

IT Director (1 year)
Daniel Evans

Joint Transportation Committee Delegate (1 year)
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Jim Reidy

**Joint Transportation Committee Alternate
Delegate - Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (1 year)**
Yem Lip

Municipal Hearings Officer (1 year)
Michael Szlozek (effective 7/22/08)
Barry L. Del Castilho (effective 11/3/08)

Parking Clerk (1 year)
John A. O'Connor

**Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Representative
(1 year)**
Mark Cavanaugh

**Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Alternate Representative
(1 year)**
Richard Harris

**Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Bicycle & Pedestrian
Way Subcommittee Representative (1 year)**
Yem Lip

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Advisory Board (1 year)
Marilyn G. Ishler

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Associate Rep. (1 year)
Michael Szlozek (7/22/08 – 10/30/08)

Plumbing Inspector

Fred Marion

Barbara Erwin, Associate Member (2011)

Recreation Director (1 year)

Andrew Rogers

Registrars of Voters (3 years)

Judith Barthelette (Retired – 4/10/09)
Carlene Hamlin (Sworn in – 4/13/09)
Marguerite Clancy (2010)
Linda J. Schmitter (2011)
Evelyn Simpson (2009)

Sealer of Weights and Measures (3 years)

Thomas Kelleher (2009)

Special Police (1 year)

Timothy Brock	Kevin Hennessey
Scott Burns	Richard LaPierre
Sean Carne	Steven Mailhott
Joseph Cartabona	Peter Michaels
Timothy Cauley	Raymond Morin
Robert Dufault	Phil Nadeau
Matthew Garvulenski	Kevin Quesnel
Roger Gauthier	Ryan Tabb
Michael Goff	Raymond Warren
Steven Gouger, Jr.	Robert J. Whelihan, Sr.

Town Counsel (1 year)

Edward J. Ryan, Jr.

Tree Warden/Insect Pest Control Officer (1 year)

Michael Lamontagne

Veterans' Burial Agent (1 year)

John A. O'Connor

Veterans' Grave Officer (1 year)

Anthony S. Brin

Veterans' Services Director (1 year)

John A. O'Connor

Wiring Inspector (3 years)

Roy Rivers (2009)
Steven Jez, Assistant (2009)
George W. Lafley, Jr., Assistant (2009)

Boards and Committees

Appropriations Committee (3 years)

Thomas Terry, Chair (2010)
Ira Brezinsky (2010)
Jacqueline Charron (2009)
Richard Constant (2011)
Shannon Gurek (2011)
Priscilla Mandrachia (2009)
Matthew McDonough (2010)
James Provost (2011)
Kevin Taugher (2009)

Board of Appeals (3 years)

Martha Terry, Chair (2010)
James Bright (2011)
Pamela Lannon (2010)
Christine Archambault, Associate Member (2011)

Bylaw Review Committee (3 years)

Brian C. Blaney (2009)
Shelia Fitzgerald (2009)
Mary Hirschel (2010)
David LaBrie (2011)
Josephine Wojnarowski (2009)
Edward Ryan, Ex Officio

Cable Advisory Committee (1 year)

Eric Zahm, Chair
Constance Clancy
William Collins
Greg Gauthier
Sean Hannon
Dale Johnston
Robert Nolin
Robert Pueschel

Canal Park Committee (3 years)

Richard Constant, Chair (2010)
William Bacis (2009)
Theodore Belsky (2009)
Nancy Howard (2011)
Eleanor Klepacki (2009)
Gerard Lacasse (2011)
David Rundle (2010)

Capital Planning Committee (3 years)

Theodore Boulais, Chair (2009)
William (Roddy) Adams (2011)
Ira Brezinsky (2011)
Edward Boisselle (2011)
Richard Germain (2009)
John Pietras (2011)
Forest Price (2010)
Joan Rosner (2011)
Schley Warren (2010)

Commissioner of Whiting Street Fund (1 year)

Agnes I. Everson, Chair
Deborah Baldini
Melissa Couture
Hazel Snopek
Margaret St. Martin

Connecticut River Channel Marking Committee (3 years)

Lucien Brunelle, Jr. (2009)
Robert Fowler (2009)
William Nevill (2011)

Conservation Commission (3 years)

John Fleming, Chair (2009)
Brad Allen (2011)
James Canning (2009)
Dennis Swartwout (2011)
Art Jackson (2010)
Jacob Masenior, Associate Member (2009)

Council on Aging Board of Directors (3 years)

Kenneth Guilbault, Chair	2009
Sara Bach	2010
Irene Bernstein	2010
M. Connie Laplante	2010

Shirley Martin 2010
Susan Meyers 2009
Dr. Francis Nelen 2009
Melide Normand 2009
Theresa Roy 2009
Judith Strzempko 2009
Eileen Tonelli 2009

Cultural Council (3 years)

Constance Clancy, Chair (2010)
Carol Constant (2011)
Michael Davis (2010)
Kathleen Holt (2009)
Carlotta Michel (2009)
Susan Rusiecki (2010)
Victoria Wildman (2009)

Forestry Committee (3 years)

David Rundle, Chair (2009)
Lyndon Bagg (2009)
Michael Lamontagne (2009)

Historical Commission (3 years)

Josephine Wojnarowski, Chair (2009)
Theodore Belsky (resigned 7/29/08)
Susan Canedy (2009)
David Daly (2009)
Mark Larrow (2009)
Robert Sklarz (2009)
Kenneth L. Williamson (2009)

Holyoke Dam Relicensing Intervenor Status Committee (1 year)

Richard Harris, Chair
Theodore Belsky
Marilyn Ishler
Jim Reidy
John W. Scibak
Janice Stone

Municipal Golf Course Commission (3 years)

Kevin McAllister, Chair (2011)
Jeffrey Cyr (2011)
Stanley Czerwiec (2009)
Dale Gurek (2009)
Peter LaPorte (2010)
Peter Rosskothien (2010)
Scott Williams (2011)
Gary Smith, Associate Member (2010)

Personnel Board (3 years)

Paula Auclair, Chair (2011)
Ann Eaton (2010)
Kris Gagne (2011)
Michael Kennedy (2010)
Alison O'Donald (2010)
Jenna Rahilly, Alternate Member (2010)

Personnel Review Board (3 years)

David Hutchinson, Chair (2011)
Paula Auclair (2010)
Kris Gagne (2011)
Dr. Francis Nelen (2010)
Alison O'Donald (2009)
Mitchell Resnick (2010)

Jennifer Wolowicz

Recreation Commission (3 years)

John Broderick, Chair (2011)
Patrick Dawson (2009)
Mark Du Bois (2009)
Amy Foley (2010)
Jane Gawron (2011)
Ronald Michalski (2009)
Allan T. Tracy (2010)

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (1 year)

Theodore Boulais
Michael Fischer
Sharon Hart
John Higgins
Yem Lip
Ron Michalski

Traffic Sign Committee (1 year)

Chief of Police David LaBrie, Chair
Safety Officer Jesse Camp
Selectboard Rep. Marilyn Ishler
Public Works Supt. Jim Reidy
Citizen Rep. Mary Allen
Citizen Rep. Robert Pueschel

Trustees of the Old Firehouse Museum (3 years)

Gerard Lacasse, Chair (2009)
Robert Blaney (2009)
Todd Calkins (2009)
Brian Duncan (2009)
Wayne Gass (2009)
Brenda Griffin (2009)
Barbara Randall (2009)
Richard Stefanowicz (2009)
Josephine Wojnarowski (2009)

Wetlands Bylaw Administrative Appeals Committee (1 year)

Ralph Blank
Mark Cavanaugh
Sharon Hart
John Hine
Yem Lip

Selectboard

<http://www.southhadley.org>

FY 09 was another year of changes for the Selectboard. We began and ended the year with an Interim Town Administrator with less than three months of a Town Administrator in between. Unfortunately, Michael Szlosek did not feel South Hadley was the right fit for him. We are very thankful for the continued services of Barry L. Del Castilho who again came out of retirement to assist us and to Personnel and Chief Procurement Officer Jennifer L. Wolowicz for stepping in as Interim as of June 1, 2009.

Our long time Administrative Assistant Lisa Napiorkowski left Town Hall to become the Assistant Director at the Council on Aging. We thank her and the Council for sharing her until Laura Krutzler could be trained. We wish her well and know she will succeed at the Council.

The ambulance continued to be discussed throughout the year although with not quite as much animation as the previous year. With the Town's limited oversight (our ambulance was only in District 2) we transitioned from a full time director to co-directors representing each of the Districts with hopes that the two Districts could find a way to combine their expertise and serve the community. In March, when we realized this would not happen, the Board voted 3 – 2 to exit the ambulance direct oversight a year earlier than planned by relinquishing control as of July 1, 2009. Our ambulances were sold to District 1. We continue to hope merger of the two services will be accomplished in the future and offer our assistance to the Districts if needed to achieve this goal.

Ledges Golf Course was continuously on our agenda as we interviewed and hired Ryan Richard as our General Manager in September and then accepted his resignation in March. The Board then appointed Michael Fontaine as Interim General Manager and Marissa Kulig as Golf Pro. The water looping project at the course was finished a year early. We were granted a waiver from the Architectural Access Board (AAB) for the slope at the front door of the clubhouse and presented satisfactory alternate plans to the AAB in order to be in compliance with State regulations.

Justin LeTellier was hired as Cable Studio Manager in September. He has made good use of the contracted funds from Comcast to upgrade the studio and meeting coverage. Justin worked with the Cable Advisory Committee as they began their preparation for negotiating a new contract with Comcast.

In September, we voted to extend the landfill daily tonnage limit. In June, we signed a new contract with South Hadley Landfill Inc. to extend and expand our landfill. If the expansion is approved by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) we will have a place for our trash to be disposed for many more years. Our thanks

go to DPW Superintendent James Reidy for negotiating this for the Town.

Throughout the year the Charter question was debated and reviewed by the Charter Commission and South Hadley residents. The proposed change to a Mayoral form of government was ultimately defeated at the Annual Election in April, but the conversation about ways to improve local government continued. At the Annual Town Meeting May 9, 2009, Town Meeting members approved an article creating a committee to review the operations of Town Meeting and report back to the assembly with recommendations for change. The search for a new Town Administrator was scheduled for September with the hopes of having a permanent candidate in place by January 2010.

The FY 2010 budget went onto our agenda in November and remained there throughout June. Although South Hadley remained fiscally sound, the nation and the state were not as fortunate. With no solid "cherry sheet" information, we continued our Annual Town Meeting into June and still had to complete Town Meeting without firm figures necessitating a fall 2009 Town Meeting to balance the FY 2010 budget. We thank the many departments who fine tooth combed their budgets to find the cuts necessary to achieve this.

The Special Town Meeting in October appropriated \$330,000 to purchase the Toth Property on Newton Street for possible future school expansion. The Selectboard agreed with the Housing Authority to not dispose of property on East and School Streets but to retain them as possible sites for affordable housing.

The Beachgrounds Park renovations were completed on time and under budget. It is a wonderful addition to the Falls area of South Hadley.



Town Common Gazebo – Photo by Janice Stone
The Town Common was rededicated on September 14, 2008. In early spring a group wanting to start a Farmers Market on the Common approached the Selectboard. These are now held on Thursdays in conjunction with the

concerts sponsored by the Village Commons and Recreation Department.



Farmer's Market on Town Common - Janice Stone
Another group requested permission to start a Community Garden on a portion of the Town Farm property. GRO-South Hadley was started with the assistance of the DPW and volunteers.

We continue to work with Holyoke Gas and Electric and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the development of the Lower Riverfront Park and Texon Building.

In March we were notified that South Hadley had been awarded a "2009 E-Government Award" from Common Cause of Massachusetts. This recognized communities that have made government more accessible to the public via the internet. We thank the Website Committee for making this possible.

South Hadley was also recognized as a HEART Safe Community because all town buildings have AED devices and staff trained to use them. Our thanks go to Phyllis Lacoste for coordinating the fundraising effort with District 1 Fire Chief William Judd.

Throughout the year the Selectboard continued to award bids, one day beer and wine licenses, hold hearings, appoint committees and review policies.

None of this would have been possible without the many talented and dedicated staff and volunteers of South Hadley. A special thanks to Barry L. Del Castilho for coming out of retirement for the third time. We look forward to his guidance and that of Jennifer L. Wolowicz as we begin the process of searching for and hiring a permanent Town Administrator.

Respectfully Submitted
Carlene Hamlin
Greg Sheehan
Selectboard Chairs for FY 09

Ambulance Service

We submit herewith the report of the Ambulance Department(s) from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Our ambulance services (Town of South Hadley, Fire District No.1, and Fire District No.2) answered a combined total of 1,958 calls:

<u>2008</u>		<u>2009</u>	
July	134	January	130
August	156	February	135
September	172	March	187
October	193	April	167
November	160	May	187
December	184	June	153

TOTAL EMS / AMBULANCE CALLS: **1,958**

As the statistics show, FY 2008 was no different than many previous years for the Emergency Medical Services System in the Town of South Hadley and the two Fire Districts. The number of calls went up in fiscal 2008 vs. 2007 with a percentage increase similar to prior years. However this year was certainly a significant year for South Hadley EMS in that it marked the end of one ambulance service and the beginning of two new ambulance services handling emergency calls in Fire District No.1 and Fire District No.2.

The Town of South Hadley like so many other area communities began its ambulance service back in the 1940s. Over those many years emergency medicine changed drastically in the United States. The Town of South Hadley Ambulance Service changed with the times and provided life saving services with a team approach utilizing Police Officer/EMTs along with Firefighter/EMTs, and more recently Firefighter/Paramedics. Advancements during these years have allowed for rapid response, quick assessment, and advanced care in the pre hospital setting. Many lessons learned in Viet Nam regarding appropriate care by first responders followed by rapid response to area hospital emergency departments and trauma centers are now being deployed in our country. The first EMTs were certified in the early 70s in Massachusetts with the promulgation of new legislation that dictated how emergency medicine was to be delivered across the Commonwealth. Firefighters, Police Officers, and other emergency personnel were now staffing ambulances for the first time as certified Emergency Medical Technicians, more commonly known as EMTs.

One of those first EMTs was Firefighter Kenneth McKenna of South Hadley Fire District No.1. Ken along with other dedicated Firefighter and Police Officer EMTs staffed the ambulance and responded to calls during those transitional years. Not long after becoming a newly certified EMT, Ken was asked to be South Hadley's Ambulance Director and head up this essential public safety department. Ken served as the Town of South Hadley Ambulance Director for approximately 30 years working both on the ambulance saving lives, as well as

handling the daunting administrative task of running a municipal medical department. Later Ken would serve as the administrator of the ambulance service although he was retired from his duties as a firefighter with District No.1. Many small Western Massachusetts communities were lucky enough during this same period of time to have very dedicated persons such as Ken to devote a lifetime to public service working behind the scenes to ensure essential ambulance services. Ken began his career working for the Town of South Hadley, and then moved over to be a Firefighter/EMT with District No.1 and the rest is history from that point forward. So the Ambulance Department annual report this year is not only the final report for the town's ambulance but also marks the end of an exceptional career in public service and public safety. Thank you to Ken McKenna for so many years of dedicated service to the citizens of South Hadley. May those of us that are now charged with running the emergency medical services system in South Hadley Fire Districts No. 1 & 2 continue the tradition exemplified by your dedication to public service and public safety for so many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Ambulance Directors
 Fire Chief David Keefe
 Firefighter EMT-I Kurt Schenker

Animal Control Department

My report to the Selectboard from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 is as follows:

Calls Received	1,110
Dogs Found Unrestrained	69
Dogs Claimed	64
Dogs Adopted	4
Dogs hit by cars	1
Cat complaints	85
Other Small Animal Complaints	228

Animal Control is available 24/7 for animal problems. I wish to thank the following for their help and assistance:

Town Clerk's Office Staff
 Members of the Police Department
 VCA South Hadley Animal Hospital Staff
 Memorial Drive Animal Clinic/Dr. Cutting
 The Homeless Cat Project/Linda Gaunt
 Anne Jagodowski and Karen Utley
 Granby Dog Officer Gordon Landry

Respectfully submitted

Robert Dufault
 Animal Control Officer

Robert Whelihan
 Asst. Animal Control
 Officer

Board of Assessors

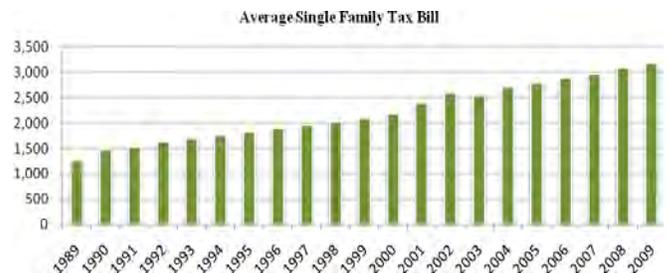
The Board of Assessors works to deliver fair and equitable assessments on all real and personal property within the Town of South Hadley. For fiscal 2009 the Board of Assessors successfully completed an interim adjustment year for all values as mandated by Massachusetts General Laws and in compliance with the standards set forth by Department of Revenue. The fiscal 2009 valuations were based on an analysis of the calendar year 2007 sales. Even though these sales were still somewhat elevated in comparison to the assessments, the Assessors took into consideration the actual market as well as knowing fiscal 2010 is a revaluation year and decided to leave the valuations at the same assessment level as the previous year.

That being said the valuations within the Town of South Hadley have risen dramatically in the past twenty years. Fiscal 1989 had a total valuation of \$693,306,319 as compared to the total valuation of \$1,583,416,154 in fiscal 2009. This equates to a 128.4% increase over the twenty year time frame. The following is a chart showing the total town valuation from fiscal 1989 through fiscal 2009:



The Assessors office committed 7,255 real estate and personal property tax bills to the Collector. These bills raised a total of \$19,887,707 in tax dollars for the Town, \$1,951,950 in taxes for Fire District #1 along with \$933,130 for Fire District #2.

The average single family tax bill (TOWN tax portion only) continues to rise along with the total valuation. Below is a chart showing the average single family tax bill for the same time frame as the illustration above. Fiscal 1989's average single family town tax was \$1,265 and in 2009 it was \$3,182.



Along with real estate and personal property tax bills the Assessors office also issued 16,388 excise tax bills totaling \$1,578,330.77 in taxes.

The Assessors also approved 276 real estate tax exemptions for people that are legally blind, service connected disabled veterans, over seventy years of age or widowed.

The Board of Assessors tries to promote public understanding of the Assessors office as well as their work efforts to the general public. Our office hopes that the public would contact the office with any questions they have. The Board would like to remind the general public that most of the information in our office is public and it is the Board's hope that people would feel free to come in and look up information regarding real estate within the Town as well as accessing answers to numerous questions available on the Town's website at www.southhadley.org.

The work involved in the Assessor's office is of a complex nature and could not be accomplished without the staff within the department. To them we say thank you. In addition, the cooperation and assistance of all the department heads, supervisors and their staff are sincerely appreciated.

In closing, the Board of Assessors is once again pleased to represent the Town of South Hadley as an elected board and self-governing body, and we will do our best to treat all taxpayers fairly and equitably during our tenure.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis M. Conti, Chair
Hazel R. Snopek, Clerk
David E. Hutchinson, Member

OFFICE STAFF:

Melissa L. Couture, Associate Assessor
Irene Greenia, Assistant to the Associate Assessor
Maureen Cronin, Senior Clerk

Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals welcomed two new associate members, Barbara Erwin and Christine Archambault.

The Board met on September 8, 2008 to adjudicate an administrative appeal and voted unanimously against the petition, per the written legal opinion of Attorney Joel Bard, previously hired by the town.

The Board of Appeals received no other petitions during this time period.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha R. Terry, Chair/Clerk

Board of Health

The primary responsibility of the local Board of Health is to respond and act on any situation that may affect the health and safety of the general public. Most of our duties are contained within many statutes, including mandatory licensing and inspection programs.

The Board of Health continues to respond to and educate the public on health issues such as H1N1, Hepatitis A, Rabies, Lyme disease, West Nile Virus and Salmonella through local press releases, the media and our cable TV Channel 15.

The Board of Health has spent time this past year on the Town's Solid Waste Advisory Committee and updating and enforcing Tobacco Control by-laws. **In addition, the Public Health Director served as chair of the following regional committees:**

- Mount Tom Tobacco Coalition - includes the towns/cities of Easthampton, Granby, Hatfield, Holyoke, Northampton, Southampton, and South Hadley. The coalition promotes policy initiatives and enforces laws to reduce Youth Access to tobacco.
- Municipal Wellness Grant Program
- Hampshire Emergency Preparedness Coalition

In other activities, the office worked with an intern from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to compile a business directory for the purposes of recycling and emergency preparedness. The department also started a Medical Reserve Corp to serve as a pool of volunteers in the event of a public health emergency. The department responded in writing to over 200 complaints.

During the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 the department issued the following permits:

	<u>FEES</u>
Food Service Permits (Retail/Mobile/Catering/Bakery/Milk)	\$19,584.00
Camp/Pool Permits	1,575.00
Health Establishment Permits (B & B's/hotels/shelters/dormitories massage/tanning, etc.)	2,675.00
Burial Permits/ Funeral Directors	1,370.00
Septic Hauler/Installer/Percolation	5,425.00
Ecology Cans	420.00
Tobacco Permits	<u>1,225.00</u>
PERMIT TOTAL	32,274.00

Once again, more residents of all ages received immunizations at our two (2) influenza clinics. This past year the Board of Health conducted its immunization clinics at all of the polling places, which was a great success. Numerous blood pressure and glucose screening clinics were conducted throughout the year. Many visits

were also made to home-bounds, uninsured and neglected in need for assessments, screenings and referrals.

Our staff is successful in their efforts because of our strong and supportive three member Board of Health, who prioritize protecting public health above everything.

We acknowledge and appreciate the assistance and cooperation of all Town Boards, Departments and Commissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman J. Picard, DC, Chair
 Michael A. Rosner, MD, Vice Chair
 Ann M. Canata, RN, BS, Clerk
 Sharon D. Hart, Director
 Margaret E. Bernard, RN, Community Health Nurse
 Ola L. Herbert, Clerk

Building Commissioner

During the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, the Building Department issued 436 building permits and 113 Certificates of Inspection. A total of \$68,252.73 was turned over to the Treasurers Office for building permit fees with an estimated value of \$12,981,127.00 for improvements. We also issued 371 tag sale permits (\$3710.00) and 183 burning permits (\$1830.00).

	<u>PERMITS</u>	<u>FEES</u>
Above Ground Pools	5	125.00
Additions	15	6140.60
Alterations	11	755.00
Barn	1	1440.00
Boat House	1	1880.00
Carport	2	197.00
Cell Tower	4	700.00
Chimney	1	45.00
Decks	24	850.00
Demolition	8	320.00
Doors	10	320.00
Fence	19	475.00
Foundations	1	45.00
Garage	8	2178.00
Gazebo	1	25.00
In-ground Pools	6	300.00
Insulation	5	125.00
New Condos	6	3612.00
New Homes	10	11,257.00
Other	1	45.00
Porch	3	115.00
Ramp	2	156.00
Remodel	7	315.00
Renovations	44	13,588.25
Restoration	1	486.00
Repairs	15	745.00
Replacements	2	50.00

Roof	83	3836.88
Shed	26	978.00
Siding	14	350.00
Signs	5	643.00
Solar Panels	4	160.00
Stoves	36	895.00
Sunrooms	3	317.00
Temporary Building	3	245.00
Windows	48	1635.00
Certificates of Inspections	113	12,903.00
Total	549	\$68,252.73

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Reno
 Building Commissioner

Cable Television and Information Technology Advisory Committee

The present cable television contract with Comcast will expire at the end of the year. A five-member cable television negotiating committee engaged in a community ascertainment process in preparation for discussing the renewal of a non-exclusive service contract with Comcast. Conclusion of the negotiation is pending.

In August 2008, Justin LeTellier was hired as studio manager; with the responsibility of overseeing the operation of the Town's two public access channels. A life-long resident of South Hadley, Justin graduated from Champlain College(Vermont) in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in broadcasting and worked as a production assistant at WWLP-TV 22 just prior to his appointment as manager.

His report is as follows:

This past year saw a large amount of exciting changes at the community television station. An appropriation of funds at the special town meeting in October allowed a significant upgrade in much of the equipment available for use by town residents including three new cameras and tripods. The funds also allowed the purchase of a mobile recording unit and a new video server which has drastically increased the quality of the broadcast over both Channel 15 and Channel 12. The two cameras that were replaced were donated to the high school and middle school for student use.

To increase our presence on the internet, our website was redesigned and now hosts more features in a more user friendly layout. Anyone can now watch many of our programs "On-Demand" directly on the website as well as see all of the available message board postings, sign up for email updates or follow us on the social networking site Twitter. The address of the website was also changed so it

could be more easily remembered and recognized to
www.SHCTV15.com

GREATER SOUTH HADLEY COMMUNITY

As well as continuing many of the programs previously played on Channel 15, many new programs from inside and outside South Hadley have been added to the line up, including: Democracy Now, An Orthodox Approach, Kids A Cookin', Expedition: New England, Thursday Night Classics, and From the Archives.

The following is a short list of programs produced by several of the key "independent producers" in town (Bob Johnson, Linda Young, Andrew Beaudry, and Dale Johnston): MHC - Hot Jazz On A Cold Night, Dining Out In South Hadley, Taking Care of Business - Carey's Flowers, and The Common Re-Dedication Ceremony.

Channel 15 continues to bring residents Selectboard, School Committee, and town meetings; as well as Charter Commission, and Comprehensive Plan Meetings with help from some local volunteers.

Channel 12 has seen a change with the addition of our new video server. It has changed from a 24 hours feed of a single program (Classic Arts Showcase) to an eclectic mix of programs under the title "SH Classics". We now offer a great collection of old television programs, cartoons, music, movies, and educational programs all of which were received at no cost, but at the request of the community we have retained Classic Arts Showcase as our central focus.

There is a continued effort to increase outreach to "independent producers" from within the community to take advantage of the training and equipment that is available through the studio in order to produce their own programming.

SCHOOL

Justin LeTellier and Dan Pease assisted in teaching "Visual Media" students basic video production and editing skills. Approximately 15 programs were produced. They also worked with the music and theater departments to produce several music and theater performances highlighting the many talented children of South Hadley. Also, with the help of a variety of students, a number of sporting events were broadcast both taped and live, all of which included student commentators and multiple camera people.

Justin has also assisted students with the production of their video projects and acted as the Advisor to the extra-curricular club "Tiger Times" - the South Hadley High School student-run TV news program. He also served as a mentor in the High School's "Connections" programs by supervising student, Addison Boroff, a production assistant in his internship program.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Zahm, Chair

Sean Hannon

Constance Clancy
William Collins
Gregory Gauthier

Dale Johnston
Robert Nolin
Robert Pueschel

Canal Park Committee

The Committee this year has focused on the overlook at Canal Street and the adjacent Bicentennial Canal Park, its trails and non-motorized boat launch. Power washing and staining of the overlook is scheduled for October. This will not only enhance the appearance of the overlook but will help to preserve and extend its life. As we go forward we will need to address maintenance of the overlook that may likely exceed past budget expenditures.

The status and final plans for the Gatehouse Park and the Riverside Park are at present not resolved. The question of the demolition of the Texon building has not been definitely determined but restoration does appear to be unlikely.

The Canal Park Committee continues to rely on the wonderful energy of many volunteers to plant flowers and shrubs, eliminate invasive species, clean litter, clear vistas and paths, and generally make the park shine. The increasing amount of people taking advantage of the non-motorized boat launch, enjoying the beautiful vistas, fishing, or enjoying a quiet moment are a testament to our great volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Constant, Chair

Conservation Commission

Between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 the Commission met 21 times to hold Public Hearings, Meetings and Executive Sessions on proposed projects. We received seven new Notices of Intent and 20 new Requests for Determination, and continued review on many more. We issued four Amendments and six Extensions to Orders of Conditions, 12 Certificates of Compliance, and approved 18 new Building Permits. The Commission also issued five Emergency Certification Orders, most dealing with flooding problems, five Enforcement Orders and one Violation Notice. All of the wetland applications required plan review, site visits, legal notices, public meetings or hearings, issuance of Orders or Determinations, and monitoring.

Projects under review included general maintenance permits for Mount Holyoke College, the Loomis Community and the Orchards golf course; renovation of the Beachgrounds Park; maintenance and expansion of the SHELD utility corridor; water, sewer, gas and electrical maintenance and repair projects; vegetation control for dam maintenance, and beaver problems at the Ledges golf course. Project oversight continued on the Shadowbrook retention pond. There were also many smaller projects for

single family home construction and additions, drainage work, docks, vista pruning and tree removal.

The Conservation Administrator continues to monitor active projects around town for adherence to their Order of Conditions, attend meetings on town issues, advise the public and the Commission on administrative procedures, and offer conservation department input on various projects such as the landfill expansion proposals, Texon building demolition, Falls revitalization and Planning Board permit reviews. The Administrator participated in meetings on the Connecticut River Scenic Farm Byway, which group received a grant through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for \$1.2 million dollars for Connecticut River Scenic Farm Byway Land Protection in Hadley and South Hadley on Route 47. The Administrator and members of the Commission attended meetings and provided input for the Heritage Landscape Inventory program and Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC).

The Conservation Commission continues to work on trails and management of the conservation properties. With the help of the DPW, we installed four new signs at the Bachelor/Stony Brook, Carver/Jones, Gormally and Bynan conservation areas. We thank Girl Scout Troop 98 for planning and repainting the blazes on the two main trails on the Black Stevens Conservation area. Our enthusiastic and indefatigable volunteer Lin Pickle continues to help maintain the trails, including remarking a new trail on the north side of Bachelor Brook off Route 47. The Commission filed with DEP for trail maintenance on the Black Stevens conservation area and Bagg-Pierce Wildlife Sanctuary. A Mount Holyoke College student identified common invasive plants on the Bachelor/Stony Brook property and prepared a report outlining control methods. A Mount Holyoke College professor is conducting plant research with students on some of the Bachelor/Stony Brook fields. Farmer Steve McCray continues to lease six fields at Bachelor/Stony Brook for corn and hay crops. The Commission installed a new gate at the Town Farm to prevent unpermitted vehicle traffic from entering the farm fields at that entrance to the Bachelor/Stony Brook conservation area. With the help of 20 volunteers, including members of the high school environmental club and Home Improvement Associates, we had a very successful Earthday cleanup April 19 at the Black Stevens Conservation Area. In a few hours we collected a full dump truck of debris, half a dumpster of trash, and 8 large bags of recyclable containers. Many thanks to DPW for picking up, and Interstate Waste Services for accepting the materials.



Earth Day Volunteer Kristin Stueber



New gate at the edge of Town Farm parking lot.
(Conservation Photos Courtesy of Janice Stone)

In addition to the above, the Conservation Commission worked on farmland protection through promotion of a Right to Farm bylaw and establishment of an Agricultural Commission. Both of these bylaws are meant to support our local farmers, and were passed unanimously at spring town meeting. In addition the Commission has begun work on promoting and facilitating state approval and financing of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) on McCray's farm off Alvord Street. An APR would reimburse the farmer for the development value of his land, in exchange for permanently protecting it as working farmland.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fleming, Chair
Dennis Swartwout, Vice-chair
James Canning, Secretary
W. Bradford Allen, Commissioner
Arthur Jackson, Commissioner
Jacob Masenior, Associate Commissioner
Janice Stone, Conservation Administrator
Linda Scott, Clerk

Council on Aging

In July of 2008 no transitions occurred on the Board, a most unusual circumstance. At the end of the year, it was necessary for Kenneth Guilbault and Eileen Tonelli to step down as members because they had reached their six-year term limit. The members of the Board extended sincere appreciation to these two individuals for their commitment and especially to Mr. Guilbault for serving as the Chair for three years. The members of the Board voted to name Kenneth Guilbault as an Honorary Member. Theresa Roy who had filled in for a vacancy decided not to continue and the members also thanked her for her service.

During Fiscal Year 2009 a minimum of 75,000 units of service were provided to over 3,000 individuals. Two hundred and seventeen new names of those born in 1949 were added to the newsletter mailing list. Almost 11,000 phone calls were recorded. This does not include the number of drop-in clients who need assistance daily.

The Nutrition Program continues to be one of the core services of the Senior Center. During the past year 11,903 congregate meals were served to 613 individuals and 17,964 home delivered meals were provided to 152 individuals. WestMass ElderCare, Inc. granted South Hadley a 3% increase and raised the total amount available through the grant by the same amount. However, it is the community support through donations that enables the continuation of this program.

- ❖ **110,195 units of service were provided for approximately 3,800 seniors**
- ❖ **1,088 units of service were provided to approximately 275 consumers under 60**
- ❖ Transportation: 3,821 units of service were provided for over 100 individuals, a 5% increase from last year.
- ❖ Health Equipment Loan for all residents: 392 units of service for 157 individuals, an increase of almost 100% reflects the decrease in medical authorizations for equipment, especially with shower chairs/seats and transfer benches.
- ❖ The request for a Notary Public continues to be a convenience and 32 residents used this service.
- ❖ AARP Free Tax Assistance: 213 units of service were provided by the AARP Tax Aides.
- ❖ Exercise program numbers continue to grow, especially in the Osteoporosis Exercise. Courtesy of the Cooley Dickinson VNA & Hospice, a free six-week Falls Prevention Program was held in the spring of 2009 and 20 individuals benefited from the sessions. Due to the interest in the program another session is being planned for next year.
- ❖ Community Education: Senior Net provided 2,584 units of computer education.
- ❖ Health Screening services provided approximately 500 units of service to more than 200 individuals.

OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE:

Fuel Assistance

282 households (247 office visits and 35 home visits, a 10% increase from last year); 3 new furnaces partially subsidized (up to \$2,100 per household); 24 repaired and 20 cleaned, less than last year due to lack of available funds.

Salvation Army Good Neighbor Fuel Assistance

17 applicants received \$3,850

Joe for Oil

47 referrals, a 25% increase from last year. Emergencies, break-downs or out of fuel situations again were serviced by the Greenfield Assistance office (main office) this year as well as those under 60 without mobility or transportation issues.

Electric Company "Lights On" Credits of \$50.00

144 families received assistance - 9 families under 60 and 135 families 60 and over - for a total of \$7,200, all donated from the community.

Prescription Advantage

96 individuals were served, an increase of 25% due to open enrollment throughout the year and the realization by seniors of the possible savings from the "donut hole." Since proof of income is similar to fuel assistance it takes less time to process an application for one receiving fuel assistance. Medicare Part D: 23 applicants and 35 referrals to the SHINE Counselors or other agencies.

The Brown Bag Program under the umbrella of the Western Mass Food Bank provides 1,236 bags (17 new applications this year) to eligible individuals each year. South Hadley is unique because bags are delivered to elder's homes by volunteers or meals on wheels drivers. Elder housing sites also receive approximately 25 bags every month, delivered to the sites by volunteer drivers. The Food Stamp program was busy as 41 residents 60 and over applied and 36 were approved for benefits ranging from \$16.00 to \$168.00 per month. A total of 240 General Referrals were made to other agencies and 47 to other Town Departments.

For another year, over 300 bags of groceries were delivered to 6 "Adopted Seniors" and 1 picks up the bag every week. Again this year almost 100 bags of food inappropriate for the adopted seniors were shared with 4 non-senior households. Gifts of personal care items were shared with 36 households; either delivered by meals on wheels drivers, by Elinor White or picked up at the senior center. South Hadley TRIAD, St. Theresa's Church, the St. Patrick's Ladies Guild and the South Hadley Post Office all contributed to the grocery program.

A faithful volunteer made telephone calls to 2,466 senior residents to wish them a "Happy Birthday".



Bella St. Sauveur receiving Golden Cane Award

The Caregivers, Diabetes and Bereavement Support Groups all continue to draw new participants. Over 1,500 items (a 15% increase from last year) of clothing were received for peek and poke and 1,200 articles were brought home by people using the service. The remaining articles were donated to Good Will. The "Free Table" continues to be busy and as the saying goes: "One person's junk might be another person's treasure" and in the tough economic times the seniors truly appreciate the availability of "free" goods. The library is a great reading source due to the donations of current-release hard-cover books. Approximately 169 people 90 and over were invited to the 90+ birthday celebration. Mary Jane Chartier, a 20-year resident of Wingate, at 102 was the oldest in attendance. Bella St. Sauveur at 100 and always a resident of Town received the Golden Cane. Courtesy of the State Legislature the ladies received personal Resolutions. Service Grants provided 33 units of service for shopping, 78 units of service for snow removal and 100 units of companion/escort transportation.

Christmas Baskets

96 households received a holiday bundle. The First Congregational Church continued to provide major support for this program with their donation from the cookie sale in the amount of \$1,065. On behalf of the COA a special note of thanks to Nancy Towne for her many years of service as the Coordinator and welcome to Karen Anderson for taking on this role.

Twenty knitters made 400 pairs of mittens, hats and scarves to be shared with a local child care agency in the fall. Sixteen knitters made 441 hats, 216 blankets, 12 booties and 1 sweater set for preemies at Bay State Neonatal Center, delivered monthly by a volunteer.

South Hadley TRIAD produced the program, "Keep Safe, Stay Warm" in the fall of 2008. Thanks to Justin Letellier the program was on Channel 15. Thanks to Linda Young and Justin, an informational program concerning TRIAD is also on local cable.

During the year two former staff members passed away: Sandra Darcy-Rodzick, Food Service Coordinator and William Bacis, Custodian. In addition three former members of the Board also passed away: Agnes Loder, Mary Ruth Loughlin and Claire Wallace. Sincere sympathy is extended to their families.

It goes without saying that volunteer assistance allows the provision of the many services offered by our Department. Over 250 active volunteers donated 20,000 volunteer hours or the equivalent of 11 full-time employees. Twenty-six new volunteers were added to the program. It is an honor for the staff to host the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event where 124 of the volunteers were present. It is also noteworthy to share that the Friends of the South Hadley Elderly with their independent volunteer program provided \$4,700 to subsidize all of the special events and gifts throughout the year. Their support is greatly appreciated. At the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Annual Volunteer Appreciation event, Dorothy Dupuis and Eunice Mittler were awarded the President's Lifetime Service Award.

This year was certainly one of many transitions. We had to say farewell to Ann Guenette as the Assistant Director as she pursued her career path to become the Director in Granby as well as Sister Judy Rosenthal, morning Senior Clerk. There surely was a void in the staff. In addition, Dan Gladu, John Friel and Milt Kidder all left their positions as substitute minibuses drivers. We wish all of them the best of luck. But doors close and others open and so we welcomed Lisa Napiorkowski as the Assistant Director; Anne O'Connor as the Activity/Volunteer Coordinator and Kathryn Gallivan as the Senior Clerk. Sal Canata and Albert Guyott joined the staff as sub meals on wheels drivers and Richard Kirby and Al Guyott as sub minibuses drivers.

Accomplishments include: reorganization of the staff area relocating the Town nurse to the lower area and moving the Meals on Wheels Coordinator to the upper area; the purchase of a new COA statistical recording software program, installation of new windows in the oldest part of the building, completion of an energy audit as well as sustaining the period of reduced staffing without giving up any programs, activities or services.

Financial support was provided by the Town of South Hadley, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, WestMass ElderCare and the generous support of local businesses and the community.

COA STAFF:

Director: Joanne K. Trybus
 Assistant Director: Ann M. Guenette (through September 2008); Lisa Napiorkowski
 Social Service Coordinator: Elinor S. White
 Activity/Volunteer Coordinator: Anne O'Connor
 Senior Clerk: Sister Judith Rosenthal (through January 2009); Kathryn Gallivan

Food Service Coordinator: Billy Poe
Assistant Cook: Wayne Walton
Hot Meals on Wheels Coordinator: Liz Methot
Hot Meals on Wheels Drivers: George Perreault
Nancy Blodgett
Francis Cyr

Custodian: Bob Methot
Minibus Driver: Richard Carrigan
Sub Drivers: Fran Wagner, Bob Blodgett, Richard Kirby,
Al Guyott, Sal Canata, Kathy Lamontagne, Roger Duval

Springfield Partners for Community Action sponsored
Senior Aide: Muriel Hunter

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Guilbault, Chairperson	Susan Myers
Melide Normand, Vice Chairperson	Dr. Francis Nelen
Shirley Martin, Secretary	Theresa Roy
Sara Bach	Judith Strzempko
Irene Bernstein	Eileen Tonelli
M. Connie Laplante	

Cultural Council

The South Hadley Cultural Council submits the following report for FY 2009.

Twenty-four applications were received requesting over \$16,000. Unfortunately, this year's allocation was \$7,900. Because of previous grants not implemented as well as bypassing using any funds for the local council, \$9,572 was awarded as follows:

- Black Cat Theatre - \$2,000 for a production
- Elton Braithwaite - \$1,000 for woodcarving workshop
- Mosier Elementary School - \$648 for the Soweto Gospel Choir
- Mosier Elementary School - \$1,374 for the Thomas Kubinek program
- Mosier Elementary School - \$400 for a Berkshire Music Academy program
- Mosier Elementary School - \$500 for a Springfield Symphony Orchestra concert
- Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival - \$400
- South Hadley Children's Chorus - \$750
- South Hadley Chorale - \$600
- South Hadley High School - \$1,500 for International Day
- South Hadley Public Library - \$200 for an Indian wars program
- South Hadley Public Library - \$200 for a dance class program.

It continues to be a challenge to spread our limited resources in order to offer as much as fiscally possible to our community in these years of very limited resources.

We wish to thank Ruth Kosiorek for her assistance during her time on the council. We welcomed Carol Constant as her replacement.

Likewise, many thanks are extended to outgoing members Kay Holt, Carla Michel and Vickie Wildman. You have been wonderful assets to this council.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Clancy, Chair	Carol Constant
Carla Michel, Vice Chair	Michael Davis
Kathleen Holt, Secretary	Victoria Wildman
Sue Rusiecki, Treasurer	

Emergency Management

The Emergency Management Department continued to improve our town's ability to prepare for and respond to any type of natural or man-made disaster during the past year. We fortunately escaped any involvement in the December 2008 Ice Storm that hit much of the state. But we closely monitored both the response and the after-action reports in order to review our own procedures for similar weather events.

In January we received a \$750 grant for developing and publishing a town Continuity of Operation Plan (CCOP). This plan established procedures to be used in the event of any disruption in the ability of town offices and agencies to conduct their daily business.

The town also received some equipment to be used in the Emergency Operations Center in the Police Station. This equipment was provided by the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council in response to a survey of communities in our area. The equipment consisted of a digital camera to record events, an emergency AM/FM radio for power outages, an easel and pads for presentations, and some large-scale maps for plotting emergency responses.

The Selectboard approved a Local Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan in June. This plan outlines actions we have taken in the past and plan to accomplish in the future in order to minimize damage from natural and man-made emergencies. Adoption of this plan also makes our town eligible for future federal hazard mitigation grants.

At the June 23rd Selectboard Meeting, the board, at the suggestion of Police Chief David LaBrie, named Forrest D. Price Jr. as the town's Emergency Management Director. Chief LaBrie will continue to serve the town as the Assistant Emergency Management Director. This change will allow Mr. Price to work directly with regional,

state, and federal agencies to represent our town in emergency management issues and will retain Chief LaBrie in the Emergency Management Department as an alternate.

Frederick Marion,
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Respectfully Submitted,

David LaBrie
Chief of Police

Gaylord Memorial Library

www.GaylordLibrary.org

Gaylord Memorial Library offers something for everyone in these challenging economic times. It is clear that the Library is more valuable and relevant to the children, adults, and families of South Hadley than ever before. It is a credit to our Board, volunteers and staff that in spite of decreasing revenue, the Library has continued to expand its services.

This year, South Hadley residents applied for 359 new library cards and borrowed nearly 20,000 items – including over 900 items delivered from other libraries. When people think of libraries they think of books, and books continue to be our most popular item. But today’s library offers much more than books: our collection consists of 13,509 audiobooks, movies, magazines, large print books, and learning kits for children, young adults and adults.

In recent years, technology has become an important part of libraries and our society in general. Patrons visit the library daily to use our electronic library catalog, our public access computers, search online databases, or to connect their laptop computers with our new wireless internet service. This new service has been important to patrons and staff alike – we are now able to enhance our programs with media clips, or connect with an author in real time via Skype in our Adult Book Group. Our redesigned website provides more information and makes it easy for patrons to search the catalog from the comfort of their homes.

In addition to ongoing programs such as our ever-popular Adult Book Group, Knitting Group, and Tea-Time Conversation Group, the Library offered a variety of programs to educate and entertain, such as bestselling author Dennis Lehane who packed over 50 guests into our rotunda, local author Dan Czitrom’s fascinating slide show called Rediscovering Jacob Riis, Flower Arranging with Pearl Edwards, Lisa Lanno’s paranormal “Other Side” and more.

Our active Youth Services Librarian, Mary Senecal, drew 20% more visitors this year to her popular story time programs. One parent recently commented that Gaylord’s Story Time Programs are “the best in the valley”, a compliment we were delighted to receive. Our Youth Services program serves area day care centers, family centers, preschools, and scouting groups and offers a vitally important summer reading program which keeps South Hadley’s youngest reading during the summer.

Forestry Committee

The Committee held two meetings in fiscal 2009. Judd Forest Reservation is in good condition. The area is kept clear of broken glass and invasive exotic plants, and all bounds are in good condition. The DPW delivered the additional signs requested and we shall install them this fall. The gate on Old Amherst Road is kept locked, by and large eliminating drinking parties with their broken glass. The Skinner State Park Ranger has also helped.

The Reservation is used by Boy Scouts for camping, hiking, and nature study. The University of Massachusetts Salamander Study is ongoing. There is only one study pond within the Reservation. The map should be further improved this year via GPS. We are still awaiting a response on the draft Town Policy on invasive exotic plants.

Former Chair David Rundle resigned as of July 1, 2009 to pursue other interests. Lyndon Bagg and Steve Roberts were elected co-chairs.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rundle, Ex-chair
Michael Lamontagne, member
Steve Roberts, Co-chair
Lyndon Bagg, Co-chair

Gas and Plumbing Inspector

During the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, the following permits were issued

<u>PERMITS</u>	<u>FEES</u>
246 plumbing	13,850.00
263 gas	<u>10,025.00</u>
509 TOTAL PERMITS	\$23,875.00

Over the past year I have successfully completed State required Continuing Education. I have attended several seminars and meetings pertaining to installation and safety as they related to the plumbing and gas industry. I have attended workshops and received certification in the newest allowable materials.

Respectfully submitted,



PeoplesBank made it possible for South Hadley’s libraries, Odyssey Bookshop and South Hadley Council on Aging to offer additional adult and children’s programming, book discussions, and multiple copies of our 2009 selection: *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. Programs supported by this grant included speakers, movies, craft programs, kids’ entertainment and author visits which drew 370 visitors; many more participated by reading the book.

In addition to this valuable grant, Gaylord Library received \$4,549 from the Mass. Board of Library Commissioner’s Public Libraries grant, which reflected the fundraising done by staff and Board members. Thanks to an active Friends group, the annual Columbus Day Book Sale brought in \$1,800, our Wine, Cheese and Chocolate evening under the dome raised \$2,300 after expenses, and more than \$14,000 was raised through the generous response to our Annual Campaign.



Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Fundraiser

The Library needs more than just income to ensure that it will continue to serve the next generation of library patrons. In response to the increasing necessity of disaster preparedness in today’s world, Gaylord Library, with Simmons College’s Ashley Blais, prepared an online Disaster Plan through the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners. This plan assesses the dangers which

might befall the library and addresses the response plan for specific issues.

The Library continues to reach out to the Community through Home Delivery, school outreach, our local museum pass program, cooperation with other town departments and organizations such as South Hadley Public Library, South Hadley Council on Aging, Odyssey Bookshop and South Hadley Chamber of Commerce. We would like to thank these organizations as well as Dan Evans and Jaime Doolittle from IT, Mount Holyoke College, Western Mass. Regional Library System, our delightful library patrons, our many dedicated volunteers and generous donors, and the Town of South Hadley for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Quigley, Director
Mary Senecal, Youth Services Librarian

Board of Trustees:

- Charles Viens, President
- Norman Aubrey
- Jeffrey Barna
- Barbara Erwin
- Marilyn Gass
- Sara Lawrence
- Joseph Marois
- Matthew McDonough
- Joyce Roberts
- Priscilla Ryan
- Bernice Strong

Golf Commission

Once again, the Ledges Golf Club continued to improve its financial position over the previous fiscal year.

Despite the economic downturn, the golf course increased revenue to over \$900,000. Rates were increased slightly, based on market conditions, and the course increased its revenue for the fourth fiscal year in a row. The goal for the next two fiscal years is to cover operating expenses, at which time the course can start to break into the debt service. This is still within the timeframe established by the feasibility study of 2006. Additionally, the golf course saw an approximate 3% increase in rounds played. Plans are already in place to improve on these numbers to meet its goal of covering operating expenses.

There was personnel change again this year, but that did not diminish the optimism for continued improvement. With the teaching pro Marissa Kulig supervising the course operations, the Ledges has been able to introduce lessons as an additional revenue stream. She has been instrumental in marketing new outings, leagues, and tournaments to increase the number of rounds and new customers at the course. She will continue to work with

recreation and other town services to increase the number of women's and kids clinics held at the course.

The course is still in great condition. Golf course superintendent Mike Fontaine and his crew at International Golf Maintenance continue to keep the course in fantastic shape. The conditions of the course, which the National Golf Foundation recently surveyed as the number one reason golfers play a course, are constantly praised by golfers. Mike also resumed his interim General Manager title through the 2009 season

During this past year, the golf commission has focused on strategic planning for the course's future. One area of planning that will be emphasized this coming year will be marketing. The course has all the amenities for a public golf course, yet has the conditions that rival any private course. The commission continues to be excited about the future, and will continue to make the Ledges a positive asset for the Town of South Hadley.

Kevin McAllister
Chair Pro Tem

Mike Fontaine
Interim General Manager

Historical Commission

During the past year the commission has continued to discuss a Demolition Delay By-Law, similar to those of surrounding towns. This By-Law would prevent the immediate demolition of historically significant structures for a period of review. An inventory of such properties has been under way by Bonnie Parsons of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and is available for viewing on the web. Town Planner Richard Harris helped us out by getting information related to the Historical Commission on the town website.

Commission members Dave Daly and Ken Williamson participated on the South Hadley Historical District Study Committee, offering their valuable knowledge of our town's history. Mark Larrow and Bob Szklarz also attended various meetings including CPAC. We also met with builder Dan Luis who showed us his plans for improving an historical house at 36 Bridge Street.

The commission continued to correspond with Holyoke Gas & Electric regarding the dredging of the historic South Hadley Canal, which runs through the former Texon property, and the formation of a Riverside Park & Gatehouse Park.

New officers were elected, and there is currently one opening.

The commission will work on the recommendations of the Heritage Landscape Inventory report, which was recently completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Larrow, Chair
Robert Sklarz, Vice Chair
Susan Canedy

Ken Williamson
Jo Wojnarowski
David Daly

Housing Authority

On behalf of the South Hadley Housing Authority, it is my pleasure to present the agency's FY09 Annual Report. This annual report reflects the housing authority's management, maintenance, fiscal programs and services as well as capital improvement, modernization plans and activities.

The present state of the economy on the national, state and local level has increased the need and requests for affordable housing. These factors have increased the challenge and the demand for the housing authority to meet its mission to provide safe and affordable housing in the Town of South Hadley

In FY09 the number of families and seniors seeking affordable housing increased. Applicants applying for subsidized housing included former home owners, the homeless and renters evicted or required to move by landlords due to mortgage foreclosures. Still other applicants are applying for affordable housing due to loss, decreased incomes or other reasons beyond their control.

Currently the South Hadley Housing Authority has on file 65 applications for senior housing developments, 86 applications for two-bedroom apartments, 41 for three-bedrooms and seven for four-bedrooms.

The staff and commissioners will continue to work with town residents and officials in FY10 to identify potential sites and resources for affordable housing. The need for affordable housing is evident by the number of income eligible seniors, disabled individuals and families on file for housing.

The staff and commissioners thank town officials, the Selectboard, the Town Planner, staff of various town departments, town voters, local agencies and community residents for their support in FY09. We look forward to working together and continuing our effort to address the affordable housing needs of the community.

Maintaining our existing affordable housing units is important. Like most state agencies the housing authority must do more with less. In FY09 we prioritized our capital and modernization needs and worked with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to find a way to get the repairs and upgrades done.

In FY09 we selected a contractor for the Abbey Lane Roofing and Siding Replacement Project. DHCD approved \$350,000 for this project. The contractor will replace the roofs and siding on seven duplex buildings located at 21 -31 Abbey Street and 1 - 25 Abbey Lane.

The housing authority's goal is to complete this project in FY10.

The Housing Authority is currently accepting bids for the Lathrop Village Roof Replacement Project. DHCD approved \$187,875 to replace the roofs on six building at the Lathrop Village 667-3 development. We will replace the roofs on buildings 14 –19. Our goal is to replace the roofs during the fall of 2009.

The South Hadley Housing Authority and DHCD awarded a \$33,375 contract to Accurate Mechanical Corp. to complete a bathroom renovation project at 11 Abbey Lane. The apartment is home for the physically and mentally challenged. The Department of Mental Retardation is a partner in this renovation project and will share construction cost. Upon completion, the bathroom will be fully handicapped-accessible with a chair lift. This project is targeted for completion in 2009.

Hubert Place Apartments, the 44 unit supportive housing development, is fully occupied. The residents are a very active group, planning and conducting year round resident activities. The residents use the community rooms and gazebo area for social meetings and holiday events. Hubert Place Apartments are available on a wait list basis for persons 62 years of age or older with very low or extremely low incomes. Currently, there are 41 applicants on the waiting list for Hubert Place. Elder Care Initiatives, Inc. is the property owner and South Hadley Housing Authority is the Management Agent. West Mass Elder Care, Inc. provides an onsite Resident Service Coordinator and meals. The Resident Service Coordinator is responsible for assessing the supportive service needs of Hubert Place residents. Once the needs are determined, the Resident Service Coordinator works with various agencies to provide delivery of services.

The South Hadley Housing Authority is responsible for the administration of 136 units of mixed population housing (for senior and qualified disabled): 96 units at Lathrop Village and 40 units at Newton Manor. The Housing Authority also administers 12 units of family housing apartments on Abbey Street/Abbey Lane and two four-bedroom, special needs apartments on Abbey Lane.

The South Hadley Housing Authority, under contractual agreement between the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Riverboat Village apartments, has administrative responsibilities for seven project-based apartments. The seven families residing at Riverboat Village receive rent subsidies as participants in the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP).

DHCD is the funding and regulatory agency for the housing authority's state-aided family and senior housing developments. The approved DHCD's FY09 operating budgets for the state-aided developments are:

- Lathrop Village/Newton Manor, Abbey Street/Abbey Lane Apartments **\$606,136.00**

- Mass Rental Voucher Program **\$ 31,253.00**
- 689-1 Special needs apartments **\$ 33,731.00**

The Hubert Place Section 202 Supportive Housing Development is federally funded by the Department of Housing & Urban Development. Hubert Place's annual operating budget is **\$343,000.**

Five full-time and one part-time permanent staff members are responsible for the daily operations of the South Hadley Housing Authority. The Housing Commissioners are Donna Asselin, Chair, Donna Robideau, Vice-Chair, Meg Clancy, Treasurer, Mary Dufault, Assistant Treasurer, and Connie Clancy, Member.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie J. Thomas, Executive Director
Heidi M. Heisler, Executive Assistant
Craig Osborne, Maintenance Supervisor
David Ludwig, Maintenance Mechanic
Margaret Miller, Resident Manager
Dennis Stebbins, Maintenance Person



Employee Appreciation Luncheon

Human Resources Department

The Human Resources department is an essential part of the town and provides support and guidance to department heads/appointing authorities and employees. The Department deals with a wide variety of issues relative to the quality of life in the workplace and seeks to improve the effectiveness of town services by recruiting the best employees.

The Department handled nineteen personnel transactions relating to a myriad of positions. This includes retirements, resignations, promotions, reclassifications, transfers, vacancy postings and advertisements, interviewing, selection, and orientation of new employees. The Town had ten new hires in FY09.



Selectboard Chair Greg Sheehan and Jennifer Wolowicz
The Personnel Officer acts as the professional advisor to
the Personnel Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Wolowicz
Personnel Officer/Chief Procurement Officer

Information Technology (IT) Department

The Information Technology department continues to fulfill its crucial role of supporting the Town's current information technology and planning ahead to meet its future technology needs. As noted in last year's report, in FY 2008, the Selectboard formed a Technology Committee to review and assess present technology and advise the Selectboard on the design and purchase of new technology. The committee was broken down into subcommittees in the areas of Customer Service, Infrastructure and Security, MUNIS, GIS, Staff Training, Interdepartmental Communications, and Website Development. The twelve-member committee met twice and, among other things, researched the cost and benefits of various options for providing internet connectivity in the years ahead. Some of the options discussed include a fiber optic network to be provided by SHELD, a VPN network, and retaining the current internet access provided by Comcast. Obtaining wireless internet access for Town Hall was identified as a high priority.

The town's website (www.southhadley.org) continues to serve as a resource to residents and a clearing house for information on local news and events. On March 19, 2009, Common Cause of Massachusetts recognized South Hadley's commitment to providing access via the internet by awarding the town an e-Government award. To qualify, a town or city must post their governing body's agenda and minutes, budget information, general by-laws, and town meeting warrants and results. South Hadley was one of 119 municipalities throughout the Commonwealth to meet these criteria. As this Town Report went to press,

Town Meeting members had voted to create a Town Meeting Electronic Communication Advisory Committee to make recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of electronic communications to Town Meeting members. The IT Department looks forward to working with this group to implement their recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Evans
Information Technology Director

Intervenor Status Committee

The Intervenor Status Committee (ISC) was formed by the Board of Selectmen in 1995 to advise the Town on the relicensing of the hydroelectric facilities at the Holyoke Dam. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a new license to the Holyoke Water Power Company (HWP) for the Project in August 1999. Subsequent to issuance of the license, the dam and the license were transferred in 2001 from HWP to Holyoke Gas & Electric (HG&E). As a result of the efforts by the ISC and other Town officials, the license included certain conditions binding on the license holder which affect the Town regarding Channel Marking, the Texon Building redevelopment, creation of a riverfront park, Cove Island, and erosion control.

Development of the Comprehensive Recreation & Land Management Plan (CRLMP) in consultation with numerous parties including the Town of South Hadley was a key condition imposed on the license holder by FERC. Intended to address the dam's impacts on the impoundment area, this plan interconnects many of the other conditions and issues involved with relicensing of the Holyoke Dam.

The past year saw the ISC continue efforts toward implementation of the license, CRLMP, and related project plans. ISC members work towards facilitating cooperation among the participating agencies to expedite projects. In this vein, the ISC functions more in the capacity as a mechanism for coordinating the various departments and agencies of the Town that have jurisdiction over specific aspects of the licensee's activities.

During the fourteenth year of its functioning, the ISC concentrated on efforts to work with Holyoke Gas & Electric to implement projects required by the CRLMP and the license. Three principal aspects of the CRLMP and license conditions occupied the ISC this year: monitoring efforts by a Holyoke developer to redevelop the Texon building and property, development of a system of parks stretching from the Gatehouse above the dam to the 116 Bridge, and management of the impoundment area in the vicinity of the Bachelor Brook/Stony Brook Resource Conservation Area.

- Development of the Lower Riverside Park project continued to be delayed pending a decision by the MassDEP on the HG&E appeal of the Conservation Commission's Order of Conditions. As the year ended, it appeared that this delay would end soon with a decision by the MassDEP expected in a matter of weeks. HG&E was preparing to rebid the project (along with the Upper Gatehouse Park project) for construction during the Fall 2009.
- Efforts to revitalize the Texon building seemed to fade as the Holyoke developer who had expressed strong interest in a multi-use redevelopment had not executed any of the agreements for the properties. Thus, it looked at year's end as though the next step for the Texon building is likely to be demolition by HG&E.
- Within the Holyoke Dam Impoundment Area, Holyoke Gas & Electric has established a Permitting Program. Development of a Mount Holyoke College boathouse and dock north of Brunelle's Marina and adjoining the Bachelor Brook/Stony Brook Resource Conservation Area required approval under this program. As part of the proposed boathouse and dock project, Mount Holyoke College announced its intentions to utilize the facility not only for its own athletic programs but also for several community rowing programs. Therefore, the ISC and Selectboard worked with Mount Holyoke College and Holyoke Gas & Electric to obtain the approvals necessary for this project to go forward. During the middle of the year, the necessary approvals were granted and during the Spring, Mount Holyoke College began preliminary work to develop the facilities.

The Members of ISC, Selectboard members, and the Town Administrator continue to participate in meetings regarding the license requirements including development of plans for the riverfront park. Efforts have been undertaken to expedite the various approvals required for the riverfront park to be developed.

Respectfully submitted,

John Scibak
 Ted Belsky
 Marilyn Ishler
 Janice Stone

Richard Harris
 James Reidy
 Jennifer Wolowicz

Old Firehouse Museum

The Trustees of the Old Firehouse Museum submit their 33rd annual report for Fiscal Year 2009.

The Old Firehouse Museum, located at 4 North Main Street, South Hadley, is open from May through September on Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays during July and August.

In addition to the regular visiting hours, the Museum had excellent attendance during the Canal Village Potpourri in April.

Last year's theme was 'Collected Treasures' which is a potpourri of collections owned by the members of the Historical Society. On display is African Art, Brewery items from the past, old dolls, banks and much more.

This year's theme is 'Life in Canal Village' with artifacts depicting how people lived during that time period. It is interesting to see the old school benches, the small coal stove and the furniture that was used during that era.

This spring, with some of the monies left over from the Massachusetts Travel and Tourism Grant, the former Children's Museum room was completely refurbished with new ceiling tiles and grid, freshly painted walls and brand new carpeting. When that task was completed, the entire room was transformed into the Canal and River Room. The working model of the inclined plane was given a prominent place and artifacts pertaining to the canal or the river are now prominently displayed on the walls or in the room.

The Trustees appreciate the support from the Town of South Hadley in keeping the Old Firehouse Museum a valuable Town asset. We also extend our thanks to the South Hadley Historical Society, the South Hadley Historical Commission, the Canal Park Committee and the many volunteers and friends who make it possible to keep the museum open and free to the public.

The Trustees would also like to extend a hearty welcome to Diane Laroche, who was recently appointed trustee of the museum. She is certainly well acquainted with the Firehouse Museum, having lived her entire life in the shadows of the Firehouse and being the daughter of Stanley Bacus, longtime "custodian" of the Museum. The flagpole near the museum was erected in his honor some time ago. The trustees are also very grateful to Donald Gagne, a South Hadley native, who installed the suspended ceiling in the new Canal Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Lacasse, Chair
 Robert Blaney
 Todd Calkins
 Brian Duncan
 Wayne Gass

Brenda Griffin
 Diane Laroche
 Bonnie Randall
 Josephine Wojnarowski

Personnel Board

In Fiscal Year 2009, the Personnel Board continued to work with the Selectboard, Town Administrator, (subsequently, Interim Town Administrator again) and Personnel/Chief Procurement Officer on various issues involving non-union town employees.

Department Heads are doing a great job with evaluations. For the second year in a row, there were no evaluations brought to the Board for review from the Personnel Officer and there were no appeals brought to the Board from employees who were not satisfied with their review.

The Personnel Board appeared before the Selectboard regarding a pay issue with an employee working out of their classification. The Personnel Board felt the matter was resolved satisfactorily by the Selectboard using the Personnel Board's recommendation.

The Board continued to encourage members of the Employee Advisory Committee to attend meetings by including them on the agenda each month. There were no concerns or criticisms from the EAC for Fiscal Year 2009.

The Personnel Board has completed the process of updating the Personnel Policy Manual to be presented at the Fall Town Meeting.

The Board also appeared before the Selectboard to defend its allocation recommendations for pay per performance. With the backing of a large number of Town employees present at that meeting and a lot of discussion, the Selectboard agreed to the recommendations of the Personnel Board.

The Personnel Board was sorry to hear of the passing of the former Chair of the Personnel Board, David Gendron. Dave was a valuable member of the Personnel Board for many years and he will be missed.

During Fiscal Year 2009, the Personnel Board remained a full board. The Board has been able to accomplish matters smoothly and in a timely fashion due to the dedication of the Board members in attending meetings and dedicating their time outside our regular meetings to attend other meetings and review materials for future meetings.

The Board members continue to work well together.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Auclair Chair	Kris Gagne
Alison O'Donald, Vice-Chair	Michael Kennedy
Jenna Rahilly, Associate Member	Ann Eaton

Planning Board

The Planning Board is pleased to submit its 72nd Annual Report to the citizens of South Hadley.

The Planning Board consists of five unpaid, elected members who serve staggered five (5) year terms and one unpaid, appointed Associate Member who serves a three (3) year term. The Board's Mission is to assist the community in efforts to achieve balanced growth, quality

development, and preservation of community assets through effective development regulation, assistance in obtaining funding resources for community projects, and long-term planning. Direct staff support in carrying out this mission is provided by Town Planner Richard Harris and Senior Clerk Doris Leclair with additional assistance and advice provided by DPW Superintendent Jim Reidy, Town Engineer Yem Lip, Building Commissioner Steve Reno, other Town Departments, Boards and Commissions, and the Fire Districts and their Water Departments.

Maintaining and administering the Town's Zoning By-Laws and Subdivision Regulations is a major responsibility of the Board. The Board makes recommendations to Town Meeting on proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map.

Public hearings are conducted by the Board on applications for Special Permits, Site Plan Reviews, subdivision proposals and Zoning By-Law and Subdivision Regulation amendments. In carrying out its responsibilities the Board coordinates and works closely with other Town boards and departments in review of applications for land use and development. This process ensures that a proposed development is consistent with Town regulations and that each developer's performance fulfills the terms agreed upon.

During the past year, the Planning Board focused on three primary tasks: development of the comprehensive plan (through the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee), expanding dissemination of information through the new Town website, and development management.

Comprehensive Plan. In late 2007, the Planning Board appointed the 16-member Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) and hired VHB, Inc. as the project consultant. Throughout the past year, CPAC members met on a monthly and often time, bi-monthly basis to work with VHB, Inc. and solicit input from the community and other public officials to develop the plan. Several "Community Gathering" events were held during the year to provide residents and businesses opportunities to express their opinions as to issues, needs, and possible recommendations for consideration in the plan. To date, drafts of the first four chapters (Economic Development, Housing, Municipal Facilities, and Transportation) have been completed and posted on the project website: <http://www.vhb.com/southhadley/default.asp> which is hosted by the consultant. Drafts of the remaining chapters are nearing completion with the goal of having those drafts posted on the website in July 2009 with the final plan being completed and submitted to the Planning Board for consideration in October 2009. Subsequently, the Planning Board will review the plan and make a recommendation for Town Meeting endorsement in late 2009 or in 2010.

Website. During the past year, the Town developed a new website which afforded an opportunity to better inform the community as to town activities. The Planning Board,

through the Town Planner, has used its webpage http://www.southhadley.org/Pages/SouthHadleyMA_Planning/board to provide ready access to minutes of meetings, agendas and background materials for the meetings, and many other routine items. But, this webpage is also being used to provide the community access to site plans under consideration by the Board, copies of the Development Status Reports, and maps which can inform the community and our visitors. Many persons who used to have to purchase copies of the Planning Board's regulations (Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Bylaw, etc.) or come by to pick up application forms have learned they can download these materials from the webpage – a cheaper, more convenient, and more timely method.

Development Management. With the work on the Comprehensive Plan underway, the Planning Board has discouraged efforts to make substantial amendments to either the Zoning Bylaw or Zoning Map until the Comprehensive Plan is complete. However, the Board did submit two amendments to the Zoning Bylaw for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting. The first of these, an amendment to the Flood Plain Regulations, brought the Town's regulations into line with the State and Federal regulations and guidelines. A second amendment established clearer guidelines and standards for the Planning Board's decisions regarding illumination of signs. Both amendments were approved by Town Meeting although the sign amendment initially failed and was amended prior to its eventual passage at the continued session of the Annual Town Meeting. The Board anticipates that major Zoning Bylaw and Map amendments will derive from the Comprehensive Planning process.

Even though the economy has slowed and development is less active, development management activities continued to play a dominant role in the Board's functions. The Town Planner continued to play an active role in the Development Review Team established by the Town Administrator. This Team, which consists of various Town departments and representatives of SHELDT, the Fire Chiefs, and the Water Superintendents, meets bi-monthly (sometimes monthly) to review proposed developments and issues associated with ongoing developments.

The Planning Board approved seven (7) Special Permits with conditions for a variety of projects including, three (3) new cellular antennae locations on existing structures (2 water tanks and the Mount Holyoke College library), two (2) home occupations, one (1) professional business, and one (1) flag lot. Two (2) Special Permit applications were withdrawn. Three (3) Site Plans (including a proposed addition to the existing Knight's Machine facility, an addition/renovation of the Stony Brook Child Care facility, and an addition to the Joshua Generation Church) were considered and approved with conditions. Site Plan Review and Special Permit waivers were considered and granted for several properties which did not involve any new construction and permitted conversion of vacant commercial space into more productive uses.

Seven (7) Approval Not Required Plans (to create 20 new building lots and adjust lot lines on other properties) were endorsed. Plans for two Special Permits (a home occupation and a landfill leachate tank) were pending Planning Board review at the end of the fiscal year.

During the past year, fees totaling \$10,333.84 were collected by the Planning Department for applications, inspections, reviews, and copies. Overall, reflecting a slower economy and the distribution of materials through the new town website this was a modest (7.5%) decrease from the previous year. Reflecting the impact of 2 ANR plans along Riverlodge Road, the ANR revenues accounted for approximately one-fourth of the fees paid – an exceptionally high proportion; while Special Permit fees accounted for another quarter of the revenues and the Abutter Notification fees accounted for 17%. The unusually high proportion of the fees attributable to Special Permit submittals (and corresponding Notification of Abutters fees) was due to the number of home occupation permit applications and the recent submittal for the Granby Landfill. An installment payment for an ongoing Major Earth Removal project accounted for 20% of the fees with Site Plan Review submittals contributing less than 10% of the total revenues. A breakdown of the fees for FY 2009 is provided below:

	July 2008 - June 2009
Approval Not Required (ANR) Plans	\$ 2,875.00
Preliminary/Definitive/Form H Subdivisions	0.00
Special Permits/Waivers	2,757.00
Site/Exempt/Sign Plan Reviews/Waivers	904.95
Earth Removal	2,000.00
Notification of Abutters	1,785.38
Inspection Fees	0.00
Miscellaneous Fees	<u>163.20</u>
TOTAL	\$10,485.53

Working with other boards is also a major function of the Planning Board. The Board and Town Planner worked with other Boards and departments to expand the Geographical Information System's utility to the community. In this regard, the Town Planner chaired the GIS/Permitting subcommittee of the Technology Study Committee created by the Selectboard. One of the recommendations of the subcommittee was development of a new digital base map. Town Meeting appropriated the funding for this effort in May 2008. With the fiscal problems created by the slowing economy, proceeding on this project was delayed. As the year ended, the Planning Board had received a contract proposal which would allow

the work to be undertaken at approximately 40% less than the amount budgeted. The Planning Board is optimistic that a new base map will be developed during the new fiscal year.

In closing, the Planning Board would like to express its gratitude to the other Boards and Committees in Town for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Joan Rosner, Chairman
 Thomas Callahan, Vice-Chair
 Ann Griffin, Financial Secretary
 Mark Cavanaugh, Clerk
 Ralph Blank, Member
 Helen Fantini, Associate Member
 Richard Harris, Town Planner
 Doris Leclair, Senior Clerk

Police Department

A long overdue upgrade of the Town’s 911 Emergency Dispatch Center was completed this year. The upgrade included the complete replacement of the single position dispatch counsel which had been salvaged from the old police station in 1994. The modern, ergonomically designed two position counsel with multiple LCD monitors provides dispatchers with multiple sources for information storage and retrieval. The new phone system with its automated attendant and menu selection system has resulted in a 28% reduction in the number of calls handled by dispatchers.

An extended cold spell in January caused two fire suppression sprinkler heads located in the police station’s upstairs storage area to rupture, resulting in the flooding of the radio and computer room. The Department’s main computer system server and entire radio infrastructure were damaged and are currently being replaced.

Best of luck to Officers Tony Hoskins (13 years) and Steven Benway (19 years) both retiring due to injuries sustained during their service to the residents of South Hadley. Due to fiscal constraints their positions will not be filled.

Federal and State grants totaling \$86,496.00 provided supplemental funding for a variety of community safety oriented programs, technological equipment, and enhanced training for officers and dispatchers.

This year marks the end of the Police Department’s participation in staffing the Town ambulance. South Hadley had been one of three Massachusetts communities where police officers certified as Emergency Medical Technicians transported and cared for patients as a partner in an ambulance service. As of July 1, 2009 each Fire District established their own ambulance service staffed

with District personnel. Police Officers will still respond to medical emergencies and provide initial patient care.

On behalf of the department I extend thanks to the volunteer Special Police led by Robert Whelihan Sr. Not only did they provide welcome assistance at the July Fireworks and Memorial Day Parade, their weekly cruiser patrols insure Town property is secure and protected. Sincere thanks to the residents, town officials, and town employees who have given their support and assistance to me and officers of the Department throughout the year

Activity Report

	2006	2007	2008
Calls Received	25,478	24,661	17,652
Arrests (Total)	332	285	234
Arrests (OUI)	46	49	30
Motor Veh. Crashes	305	301	311
M. Veh. Violations	1,552	1,464	1,190
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	11	15
Incident Reports	1,003	940	987
Disturbance Reports	344	447	421
Domestic Violence	43	80	70
Fraud	57	50	41
Larcenies	240	194	171
B & E Dwelling & Storage Units	92	116	110
Malicious Damage	247	276	229

Respectfully Submitted,

David LaBrie
 Chief of Police

DPW– Administration and Engineering

The South Hadley Department of Public Works is responsible for the following infrastructure:

- Approximately 95 Miles of Road (Plowing, Sanding, Sweeping, Line Painting, Patching, Signage)
- About 20 Miles of Drainage Pipe (Cleaning Catch Basins, Clearing Blockages, Repairing Structures)
- About 80 Miles of Sewer Main (Responding to Back-Ups, Root Control, Flushing, Main Repairs)
- A 4.2 Million Gallon per Day Wastewater Treatment Plant and 5 Pump Stations
- A 26 Acre Landfill (Contractor Operated), Compost Area, and Recycling Center
- Eleven Parks and Various Other Town-Owned Property (Mowing, Snow Removal, etc.)
- Thirty DPW Vehicles, Seven Trailers, and Various Equipment (Repairs, Maintenance)
- Town Tree Maintenance Under the Direction of the South Hadley Tree Warden

Here is an update of some of our major projects and issues.

Road Paving Program. This past year, the following streets were resurfaced:

Silver Street (from the Silver Street Bypass to the Chapel Hill Drive); Vivianni Street; Lyman Street (from Newton Street to Brainerd Street); Lake Avenue; Woodbridge Street (from Chileab Street to Pearl Street); Lakeview Avenue.

Sidewalks were rebuilt at Silver Street and Lyman Street. This year, we plan to resurface the following streets:

Brainerd Street (from Newton Street to Lyman Street); Morgan Street; Hadley Street (from Ferry Street to the Hadley Town Line); Alvord Street; Abbey Street (from Old Lyman Road to Plainville Circle); Linden Street.

We are hoping to obtain Stimulus funds to pay for the resurfacing of Hadley Street and Morgan Street. If we do not receive any of these funds, we will have to delay the work on one or more of the abovementioned projects.

New Landfill Agreement. A new Landfill Operations Agreement was approved at Town Meeting this past June. The new agreement allows Interstate Waste Services to pursue two landfill expansion scenarios – a vertical expansion and a lateral expansion. The expansion(s) may result in an additional one to sixteen years of landfill life.

Infiltration and Inflow (I & I) Mitigation Project. This year, we will be disconnecting catch basins that are currently tied into the sewage collection system at Brainerd Street, Berwyn Street, High Street, Stanton Avenue, and possibly Leahey Avenue.

Buttery Brook Park Playground. Over the past year or so, a fenced-in area has been created for a new playground at BATTERY BROOK PARK. A playscape for 5 to 12 year old children has been erected, the area has been mulched, and sod has been installed around the perimeter of the playground. This year, we plan to install a playscape for 2 to 5 year old children, a sandbox, and several spring riders.

MassHighway Bridge Projects. The Route 47 Bridge Project was completed in December of 2008. MassHighway is currently working on two bridges on Route 202. One of the bridges spans Bardwell Street and the other spans Lamb Street. The work on these bridges is scheduled for completion in late 2010.

I would like to thank the Selectboard, Town Administrators, and residents of South Hadley for your continued support. I also want to thank all of the Town and District Departments for their cooperation and help. Finally, I want to thank the DPW employees for their continued efforts and dedication to their jobs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Reidy

Yem Lip, P.E.

DPW Superintendent

Town Engineer

Highway Division

The Highway Division oversees, maintains, and repairs the Town's road and bridge network in the interest of providing safe travel conditions for residents. In addition, any infrastructure excavation, site grading, earth moving, hauling, tree work, snow and ice maintenance and removal, sign and road markings maintenance, and vehicle maintenance is assumed under this division.

The Highway Division staff includes 12 employees: (1) Superintendent, (1) Chief Mechanic, (2) Sewer/Drainage Maintenance employees, (2) Sweeper/Sign Department employees, (4) Construction/Infrastructure Repair employees, (1) Recycling/Compost Equipment Operator, and (1) Specialized Equipment Operator. This past year, one long time employee, Bob Tiffany, retired after 23 years of service to the Town. Bob's dedication, work skills and sense of humor will be missed, as we wish him well in his retirement.

In addition to the contracted projects that were performed this past year, the Highway Division staff completed numerous in-house projects and tasks. These projects include: installation of Ledges water loop with Water District #1, drainage work and improvements on Route 47 near the new bridge, drainage improvements on Lyman Terrace, Old Lyman Road, Tampa Street, and Lincoln Street, Ledges Golf Course Clubhouse finish site work—including sod installation, telephone conduit, and signage installs, as well as water line installs and associated paving, Ledges sewer pump chamber repairs/upgrades, WWTP upgrades and work at various pump stations, main plant and siphons, sewer manhole installs on the Mueller Bridge Rotary, sewer repairs on Charon Terrace and Wildwood Lane, Beachgrounds Park demolition work, sidewalk removals and grading on Lyman Street and Silver Street, handicapped parking lot install and field lighting improvements with SHELD at South Hadley High School, catch basin and manhole structure repairs/rebuilds at various locations, Beachgrounds Park project assistance with pool demolition, basketball court demolition, parking lot lighting (with SHELD), fence stability improvements; tree maintenance and emergency response. The Sign Department continued the systematic Town-wide replacement of all street signs and upgrades/maintenance to all traffic and directional signs. The traffic marking crew has continued line painting of all school parking lot markings, playgrounds, crosswalks, stop lines, and handicapped/parking spaces, as well as main road parking markings. This year they began using thermo-markings in high traffic areas for longer duration visibility. The DPW completed the annual town-wide sweeping program of all Town roads and parking lots during late June. Roadside mowing and brush cutting is scheduled and performed throughout the year. Localized sidewalk and curbing improvements, including sectional patches and driveway

aprons were undertaken by DPW crews, using nearly 200 tons of asphalt.

All DPW vehicle maintenance and repairs are performed at the Highway Division garage. This task involves many pieces of different equipment, from lawn mowers to heavy duty bucket loaders and plow trucks. As the fleet becomes older, repairs and maintenance become more involved, especially on the vehicles used during the winter season. The crew takes pride in repairs and upgrades to the vehicles throughout the year.

The Highway division is also involved with the following projects: firework set-up and clean-up, voting booth set-up/take down, special event assistance with traffic control, gravel road maintenance, building repairs, and furniture/equipment moving.

The recent winter season was near normal compared with last winter, as the department responded to 21 snow/ice events. As always, each storm is different, therefore the way each storm is dealt with differs, ultimately ending up with the same results: clear, safe roadways, in a reasonable amount of time, with cost considerations in mind.

The Highway Division would like to thank the South Hadley Electric Light Department, Water Districts #1 & #2, Fire Districts #1 & #2, The South Hadley Housing Authority and the South Hadley Police Department for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

John Broderick
DPW Highway Superintendent

Parks/Playground Division

The Parks Division, based primarily in the big white barn next to the High School fields at 28 Lincoln Street, provides mowing, landscaping, grounds keeping, athletic field marking, and management of a variety of the Town's properties. The Parks Division also manages Buttery Brook Park. Buttery Brook Park provides two picnic pavilions, picnic tables, a zoo, bandstand, basketball courts, skatepark, and playground facilities.

Properties under Parks jurisdiction include a variety of parkland, woodland, athletic fields, playgrounds, school grounds, public works facilities, and Town owned public buildings. These properties include: Town Hall, the Police Station, Beachgrounds Park, the Town Commons, the Old Fire House Museum (Fred Smith Park), Canal Park, the Plains School, the High School, the Mosier School, the Smith Middle School, Ferry Field, Buttery Brook Park, Emerson Park, Marion Street Park, North Street Park, Lecca Park, the South Hadley Library, and the Senior Center.

Buttery Brook Park continued to have great activities and events this past year. The Friday night cruise nights are very popular. Celebrity Chefs have helped at most cruise nights. Big Rig Day once again was a wonderful day for all the children and adults attending. Many children and adults again enjoyed Santa's Land. Donations by patrons helped fund this very popular annual event. The Friends of Buttery Brook Park have done an outstanding job working with all groups organizing their efforts. The Friends provided funding for new playground equipment. The DPW made landscape improvements to the playground area as well. The Friends of Buttery Brook Park are tirelessly working to help keep the park self sufficient and separate from the town budget. Their volunteer time has proven to be the backbone for continued existence of the park for the Town residents.

The DPW Parks Division continues aggressive turf management operations and maintenance of Town fields. The five step fertilizer program along with more frequent and timely aerating, overseeding, and watering of the fields have proven to be very productive in providing better playing areas for the Town's sports programs. The Parks Division utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan to comply with legislation affecting the application of pesticides on school athletic facilities and grounds. We have worked with Town officials and school administrators on the IPM plan. The purpose of the IPM plan, which is mandated by the Commonwealth, is to minimize environmental impacts and risk to adults and children at play on the fields and in schools.

The Division continued to incorporate high quality infield mix into more fields during the fall and spring at both the High School and Beachgrounds. This provided better playing surfaces on the dirt portions of the fields. A new softball field was constructed at the Mosier School including new benches and safety fencing. New sod was installed on the worn areas on the Middle school Lacrosse field.

The Beachgrounds project was the highlight of the year for the department. The new facilities incorporate many great features for Town residents. The improvements made to this important Town park were great for the staff and general town pride.

We wish to thank the staff, the many athletic groups, Town officials and residents for their efforts and support over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

William J Simard
Parks Supervisor

Solid Waste Division

The Solid Waste Division oversees curbside collection of trash and recyclables, the Town-owned landfill (managed by Interstate Waste Services), and management of the Compost Area and Recycling Center. Allied Waste Services is contracted by the Town to provide curbside pickup; DPW staff manage the Compost Area and Recycling Center.

Allied Waste Services collected 3,697.55 tons of trash from residents in FY 09.

The Recycling Center, located between the landfill and the DPW offices at 10 Industrial Drive, has made a number of operational improvements over the past year:

- Stickers, which are required for entry and available at no cost, are now numbered and correspond to the resident's vehicle.
- The Swap Shop continues to expand. There is now a trailer which houses furniture, as well as a new outdoor book drop for book donations. Five dedicated volunteers continue to work hard to keep the Swap Shop and Book shelves organized, clean and running smoothly.
- Goodwill, which collects donated clothing left at the Recycling Center, replaced their donation box.
- The Girl Scouts repainted and repaired the shed for deposit bottles and cans donations, proceeds of which go to the Tiger Band.

The Recycling Center continues to collect and either recycle or properly dispose of products containing mercury, mattresses and recliners, tires, propane tanks, white goods, used motor oil and antifreeze, and of course paper and mixed containers. In FY 09 the Center recycled the following amounts:

- Antifreeze – 150 gallons
- Batteries – 1,985 lbs.
- CFC Recovery/appliances:
 - Refrigerators – 165
 - Dehumidifiers – 33
 - Air Conditioners - 1100
- Electronics – 6 tons of mixed electronics; 28 tons of CRT e-waste. Total 34 tons of electronics recycled
- Mattresses – 467
- Mercury Products:
 - Fluorescent lamps – 15,262 linear feet
 - Compact Fluorescents – 70
 - Circular Fluorescents - 19
 - U-Tube lamps – 129
 - HID lamps – 9
 - Neon lamps - 7
 - Ballasts – 141 lbs.
 - Motor Oil – 2,000 gallons
 - Propane Tanks – 180
 - Recliners/Sleep Sofas – 10.65 tons
 - Tires – 454

Special events held this year at the Center include:

Earth Day – composting demonstrations were held, as well as free giveaways of environmentally friendly products.

Rain Barrels – residents pre-ordered rain barrels through New England Rain Barrel Co. Pickup was held at the DPW.

Paper Shredding – South Hadley hosted two regional paper shredding events, which took in almost four tons of paper.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections, including unwanted medications collection.

Income to the landfill enterprise fund includes monies received for materials from the curbside collection and Recycling Center Drop-off; in FY 09 the Town recycled 936.08 tons of paper and 387.48 tons of bottles and cans, which brought in an income of \$36,903.94. The scrap metal pile at the Center recycled 130.83 tons and brought in an income of \$17,284.55.

The DPW also received a mini-grant from the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility in the amount of \$1,770 for an additional 10 outdoor recycling containers identical to the ones received through a grant in FY 08. These new containers are set up for use at the newly renovated Beachgrounds Park.

Also in FY09, the DPW applied for and received from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection technical assistance for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for research on a waste reduction program.

Finally, the yard waste compost site continues to serve the Town by composting the materials brought in by residents, and making the finished compost available for use in gardens and lawns in South Hadley, and is also being used at the Town Farm in the newly created Community Gardens. In addition, 27 home composters were sold to residents this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronique Blanchard
Solid Waste Coordinator

Water Pollution Control Division

The Water Pollution Control Facility, located on James Street in Chicopee, is an activated sludge secondary wastewater treatment plant designed to treat 4.2 million gallons of wastewater per day. The original plant, built in 1959/1960, was a primary treatment facility only. The plant was upgraded to secondary treatment in 1979/1980, with sludge dewatering improvements made in 1991. The treatment works also consists of 5 pumping stations strategically located around Town, which assist in transferring the sewage to the treatment plant. The plant also serves small portions of the City of Chicopee and the Town of Granby.

Facility personnel rehabilitated all of the wet well valves at the Main Street Pump Station at a fraction of the estimated cost of \$14,000 proposed by a repair company and continued with efforts to improve plant efficiencies, maintenance, and weather proofing of buildings to decrease oil consumption. The plant treated an average of 4.1 million gallons of wastewater per day, processed 2,829.2 wet tons of sludge, and disposed of 741.5 dry tons of sludge at the South Hadley Landfill. The WPC Facility operated effectively during the past fiscal year.

Other areas of responsibility which fall under this department include Stormwater, Inflow/Infiltration, Industrial Pretreatment and the Fats, Oil & Grease (FOG) Programs. Components of the federal Stormwater Phase II program continued to be implemented, and a Notice of Intent and Stormwater Management Plan were completed for the WPC Facility under the Federal Industrial Stormwater Program. In conjunction with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the Town received a grant from EPA to assist residents with disconnecting downspouts and sump pumps from the sanitary sewer system. This program is currently ongoing. The Industrial Pretreatment Program continues to oversee commercial and industrial discharges to the Town's sewer system. The Fats, Oil and Grease Program continues to be implemented, and was expanded to include external grease tanks, although this has not been fully implemented yet. There are five industrial locations included in the Program. Wastewater Discharge Permits for both the South Hadley and Granby Landfills were renewed. There were no significant issues or violations associated with these locations during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Labonte, WWTP
Compliance Manager

Mike Cijka, WWTP
Operations Manager

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission gratefully acknowledges the hundreds of volunteers who assisted us in implementing all of our programs and activities. These people include coaches, officials, board members and those who assisted in various fundraisers. Their time and effort allows the Recreation Department to provide a wide array of activities to meet the community's recreation needs.

The Joseph W. Taylor Volunteer of the Year award was presented to two individuals. They were Steven Scagliarini and the late Don Baker. Both have coached youth football for over 15 years, most of those years without any children in the program. They have also volunteered with other sports and on various committees benefiting the youth of South Hadley. Their service to South Hadley has touched many lives in a positive way.

Highlights:

The Recreation Department continued its work with the Beachgrounds Renovation project. During the past year, the final design was completed with the firm Stantec. Gardner Construction and Industrial Services was hired in October 2008 and began work later that month. Many improvements were made to the park including a new spray park, playground area complete with rubber mulch, river view picnic area, renovated storage/restroom building, new concrete walking paths and ADA access ramp, new perimeter fence, relocated basketball court, parking lot lights, and upgrades to the ball fields. Activity at this park has been at an all time high and is enjoyed by many.

The Recreation Department launched its new website in the fall. This website is part of the new Town website and allows the Department to effectively communicate with the community. There is information about our various programs and activities, parks and other related items. Using our online registration system, customers are able to register for selected activities online. The Department looks forward to expanded use of this site in future years.

Working with the South Hadley Youth Cheerleading Association (SHYCA), the Recreation Department held the annual youth cheerleading exhibition at South Hadley High School. Over 30 teams attended the event held in October and it was a huge success. Special thanks to Danielle Kotfila and Michelle Denault for their efforts on this day.

There were a few new programs offered during the past year. Co-ed K-2 flag football was a big hit! The kids participated in various drills to develop their skills and the season concluded with a season ending game. A Little Chefs program was added that provided children with the necessary skills to prepare a healthy meal. The children brought the meals home and cooked them for their families later that evening. Based on the success of this activity, the Recreation Department will continue to offer this at various times during the year. A few of our adult programs were redesigned based on feedback from our participants.

Programs and activities: *Youth sports offerings* included: baseball, basketball, softball, tee-ball, field hockey, football, soccer, cheerleading, swimming, team tennis, lacrosse and wrestling. *Summer sports camps* included: baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, golf clinics/camp, tennis lessons and summer creations. *Adult offerings* included: Aquacise, yoga, body sculpt, ballroom dancing, volleyball, basketball, and softball. *Bus trips* took us to Fenway Park, Yankee Stadium, New York City for two holiday shopping trips, the Rogers Centre in Toronto and Nationals Park in Washington DC for Red Sox road trips, Foxboro for the New England Revolution and Tanglewood for James Taylor.

Special Events: The Annual Independence Day Fireworks Celebration was held on July 26, 2008 at the Michael E. Smith Middle School after the previous two dates were rained out. The Major Corporate Sponsor of the event was PeoplesBank once again and they are committed to be the sole Major Corporate Sponsor for years to come. Generous donations were also received from the following Major Sponsors: South Hadley Lions Club, Metras Insurance, and Easthampton Savings Bank. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Hat Parade was held at Buttery Brook and was attended by over 150 kids; it was quite an event. We would like to say thank you to Kim Du Bois for her special role at the event.

In closing, the Recreation Commission extends its fondest appreciation to all the Town departments who had a hand in our successes: Department of Public Works and Parks Departments, School Department and the Selectboard.
Respectfully submitted,

John Broderick, Chair

Amy Foley

Patrick Dawson

Marc Du Bois

Jane Gawron

Ron Michalski

Allan Tracy

Recreation Staff:

Andrew Rogers, Director

Elizabeth Steig, Assistant

Gert Sugrue, Senior Clerk

Report of the Public Schools

Personnel

In April Lorraine Liantonio was elected to a three year term on the School Committee, replacing Rochelle Calhoun who served on the committee for two years. Dr. Gus Sayer is completing his sixth year as superintendent.

Allison Rebello, Assistant Principal at the Michael E. Smith Middle School for the past three years, has been appointed Principal of the White Brook Middle School in Easthampton. Vince Napoli, formerly an English Teacher at Braintree Middle School, will replace her in August 2009. Lisa Bailly, 4th Grade Team Leader at Mosier School, has accepted a position as Assistant Principal at Wildwood School in Amherst.

Due to extraordinary fiscal conditions facing the state and the town in 2009, the FY10 school budget was level-funded. To address this financial constraint, it was necessary to reduce the number of positions in the budget by 5.9 teachers and 3.7 paraprofessionals. Some of these reductions were avoided by filling new positions funded by federal "Stimulus" grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Other reductions were accomplished by not filling vacant positions, but it was still necessary to partially reduce the assignments of three teachers and to lay off three paraprofessionals.

Facilities

South Hadley's proposal to the Massachusetts School Building Authority to replace the aging Plains School is moving through the State's process of review at a snail's pace. The Executive Director of MSBA visited the Plains School site in the winter and a team of engineers toured all four of our schools in May. The Elementary Schools Building Committee is waiting for a report from MSBA on its visit. That report will give us a sense of the priority that renovations or replacement of Plains School has for receiving State financial support, as well as the next steps that the Committee should take in the MSBA process.

In November the School Committee received a report from a landscape architect on the feasibility of creating a drop-off zone for students arriving by car at the middle school. The report presented several options, the most feasible of which was the construction of a second faculty parking lot on the west side of the school. This plan would then permit the conversion into a drop-off lane of 17 current parking spaces adjacent to the east end of the school. Town meeting approved funds to carry out this plan and the project should be completed by the opening of school in September 2009.

Using funds approved at the 2008 town meeting, the schools carried out several maintenance projects during the past year: replacement of the oldest section of roof at Mosier School; replacement of the siding on the Mosier School modular classrooms; painting the gym ceiling and replacing the gym lights at Mosier School; installation of a concrete sidewalk and stairs to the upper field at the high school; and replacement of rooftop air-conditioning units at the middle school.

Other actions

The School Committee approved a trip to Italy during April vacation week by members of the Cultural Exchange Club at the high school. Following a report on the success of this 10-day trip, the committee approved plans for the club to visit England, Wales and Ireland in April 2011. The committee also approved a Music Department trip to Civil War sites and music sites near Nashville, Tennessee in April 2010.

The School Committee conducted recognition ceremonies for the Golf Team, which won the Division 1 State Golf Championship in 2008, the Cooperative Hockey Team, which won the State Championship in its division in 2009, and the Percussion Section of the High School Band, which won a first place prize at the Northern State Finals Competition held in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The committee approved a new high school course, Graphics III, which will capture the growing interest of students in use of contemporary graphics technology. A second laboratory of Macintosh computers will be installed this summer to facilitate use of graphics software by classes. To make it possible for all students to arrive at school in time for the start of the school day, the

committee approved a change to five minutes later in the starting and ending times of Plains School. Finally, the committee approved slots for 18 new School Choice students in 2009-2010, half of these to replace students who left the school system and the rest to increase the number of approved slots to 249.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ed Boisselle, Chair
 JoAnn Jordan, Vice-Chair
 William (Roddy) Adams
 Lorraine Liantonio
 Kathy Mazur
 Leah Spring, Student Representative

Superintendent of Schools

Student Achievement

We have almost reached our target of 80% or higher of children reading at or above DRA Level 16 by the end of Grade 1. This year 79% scored at Level 16 or above. However, there are still 11% who scored significantly below grade level. Many of these children will receive more intensive reading instruction in second grade from the three new Orton-Gillingham tutoring positions in the FY10 budget.

We took many steps to support the goal of improvement in reading scores, including increasing the SPED staffing at Plains by .5 teacher, asking SPED teachers to work with the neediest children on a daily basis, appointing a new Literacy Coordinator, who is working with teachers on implementation of a new reading program at Mosier School and on supplementary programs to support acquisition of beginning reading skills at Plains School, and completing training of Special Education staff in the Orton-Gillingham reading instruction method.

We have concentrated professional development and support for teachers at the Mosier School and Middle School on improvement of skills in mathematics and reading. Scores have improved, but we still have not reached our goal of scoring 10% above Massachusetts averages and decreasing failure rates to less than 5%. Below are the latest scores we received from the 2008 MCAS testing program.

Percentages of South Hadley students scoring Proficient or Advanced (2008)

High School	SH	State
ELA	74 %	74 %
Math	71 % 74 %	5 % 4 %
Middle School		
ELA	69 %	68 %
Math	50 %	55 %

Mosier School		
ELA	54 %	53 %
Math	61 %	55 %

Percentages of South Hadley students scoring Failing or Warning (2008)

High School	SH	State
ELA	4%	4%
Math	5%	4%
Middle School		
ELA	6%	8%
Math	18%	17%
Mosier School		
ELA	9%	12%
Math	8%	14%

Some of the gains made in 2008 paralleled gains in the State averages. There were reductions in the percentage of failures and a pleasing gain in Mosier School mathematics performance. Several of our ARRA Stimulus grant proposals – participation in the Literacy Collaborative at the middle school, mathematics workshops, K-8, and new materials and training in Language Arts for elementary teachers – will further advance initiatives to increase student achievement in English and Mathematics.

Several years ago we set as a goal sending a higher percentage of graduates to 4-year colleges and to broaden the range of schools to which students applied. The current economy has certainly played a role in families' choices for post-secondary education. Our 4 year college acceptance rate remains about 50%, but this year we saw some of the fruits of encouraging seniors to think about a wider range of colleges. Applications to highly selective colleges increased notably (about 25% of the graduates applied to at least one of the 80 most selective colleges in the country) and, although there was disappointment in not always being accepted to these colleges (44% of the applications were accepted and another 20% were wait-listed), our students learned they can compete with the brightest students in the country.

Inclusion

The district continues to work on the goal of inclusion of special education students to the greatest extent possible. For students with learning disabilities who previously would have been pulled out of their classes for special instruction, inclusion means providing support for them in their regular education classes. For students with more severe needs who might have gone to out-of-district placements in the past, inclusion means providing programs in our schools that meet their needs. Over the past three years the number of out-of-district placements has been reduced from 80 to 18!

To successfully meet the needs of some of our students, we must create alternative programs that enable them to be successful. Last year the *Twilight* alternative education program began operation at the high school. Intended to prevent at-risk students from dropping out of school, the program only served 1-2 students. We learned from this experience that the program needs to be open to students as early as 9th grade and that it should operate during the normal school hours. Using ARRA Stimulus funds we are redesigning this program, so that it will serve 6-10 students next fall.

In 2008-09 the high school increased support for students who are not strong readers by offering 8 sections of a new Reading course. The expanded number of sections should enable more students to have successful high school academic careers. Summer School programs at the Middle and High School have grown in their second year and we continue to support a summer school reading program at Mosier School.

Foster a positive school culture that respects differences and values achievement

All four schools have discussed bullying and cyber-bullying and updated their bullying policies. To continue this work we have invited national expert, Barbara Coloroso, to give an all-day workshop for teachers and an evening workshop for parents in September.

We conducted a summer workshop for a dozen teachers on the topic of Anti-Racist Education. The workshop group proposed that this program be expanded to include all teachers. We will continue to look for ways to support this important initiative in the coming years.

The middle school will offer an elective course in Chinese to sixth grade students in the fall and we also hope to offer an after-school Chinese program at Mosier School.

Construction

Spring town meeting approved plans to construct a second parking lot at the Middle School. This will allow the schools to create a safe drop-off lane in the current parking lot for parents who drive their children to school. The new parking lot will be ready for the start of school in September.

Officials from the Massachusetts School Building Administration made two visits to our schools in response to our proposal to replace Plains School with a new school building. However, they still have not prioritized the South Hadley district for the State support that would be necessary to carry out the project. We remain hopeful that MSBA will either decide to support a new school project or to assist in helping our district carry out the extensive renovations of the school that would be necessary, if we were to remain in the building for a prolonged period of time.

Communication

South Hadley will have a new website in operation by September. The new website will enable us to provide a great deal of updated information to parents, staff and the community. Technology has also allowed us to establish phone links with the families of all our students. Using the automated message system, all families can be sent messages by phone in just 20 minutes!

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Gus A. Sayer
Superintendent of Schools

Sealer of Weights and Measures

The Sealer of Weights and Measures inspected, tested and sealed 67 scales of various capacities and 104 gasoline and diesel fuel dispensing devices. In addition, I tested all School Department scales as well as Board of Health Scales and responded to 13 inquiries of various natures.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Kelleher
Sealer of Weights and Measures

South Hadley Public Library

<http://www.shadleylib.org>

Imagine if we had to invent a local place that offered our community the opportunity for self-improvement at different ages and stages of their lives. There would be programs and services that developed toddlers' early literacy skills for lifelong learning and also summer programs that continued and encouraged recreational reading during vacation. Computer access and wireless Internet would be freely available. Young professionals could find tools to advance their career while the unemployed could apply online for jobs. Families would find a full schedule of quality events throughout the year that entertained and educated. Teens would have a safe and structured environment to gather with their friends. Seniors on fixed incomes could take advantage of no-cost large print books, books on CD, movies, and more. Many resources would be available online for convenient 24/7 access from home or work.

Thank goodness we don't need to reinvent the South Hadley Public Library, because all of those services – and more – are currently available to our community. Our schedule is year-round six days per week, open three nights until 8:00 p.m. and a half-day on Saturday. Many online databases, the library catalog, events calendar, and other resources can be found at <www.shadleylib.org>. There is no cost to obtain a library card, but the benefits are enormous and can be enjoyed from toddler to senior years.

The library's resources were heavily used this past year, as demand for popular materials and attendance at public programs soared. Our Fiscal Year 2009 statistics include:

- ❖ **17,704 items delivered to our library by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System.** Inter-library loan is among the oldest examples of regional cooperation and municipal resource sharing. This vital service, powered by our C/WMARS library network, expands library resources beyond South Hadley to include the combined collection of over 150 libraries. In FY2005, this figure was 7,516 – a five-year increase of 136%!
- ❖ **12,275 hours of public computer time,** where the community was able to use our high-speed broadband connection for job searching, research, homework, Email, and online recreation. This averages almost 43 hours of public computer use for each day the library was open! On average, there were 324 individual computer sessions each week – an increase of 29% over FY2008.
- ❖ **3,707 people attended a library program or performance in the past year, an increase of 33% over the previous year.** All programs were offered at no charge to the public, thanks to generous support from the Friends of the Library.
- ❖ **179,803 items were checked out at our Circulation Desk, up 6% from last year.** If residents had to purchase those items, assuming an average discounted price of \$10 per item, the library saved the community almost \$1.8 million dollars versus purchasing those same materials for their personal use!

Technology improvements were introduced through the library's membership in the C/WMARS network. Online credit card payment of fines and lost book fees was launched in February, allowing convenient payment of fines above \$5. This service also allows for online donations to support library programs and services. A new KidsOnline catalog was introduced that allows graphical searching of the library catalog through a guided picture search – greatly expanding the ability of young children and early readers to fully search the online catalog.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarded the library a 2-year Opportunity Online Hardware Grant to upgrade access to public computers and the Internet. In this first year of the grant, four new Windows Vista computers replaced the oldest machines on our network. At least three additional computers will be added in FY2010.

Focusing on local history, the library's archival collection of Know Your Town historical materials received preservation treatment and organization. KYT was organized in 1947 by Margaret Saunders and continues as

a voice of civic involvement. The library's historical collection includes KYT meeting minutes from 1947 - 1965 and the KYT scrapbook of newspaper clippings from 1949 - 1954. Digital copies of some materials will soon be available on the library's website.

The youth Summer Reading Program once again set an attendance record. The 2008 summer theme was "Wild Reads At Your Library". Children and teens enjoyed programs such as "Out of Africa" that featured native African animals, a monarch butterfly release, the Boston Museum of Science's traveling "Reptiles" program, and shows from the Williston Summer Youth Theater. Other youth programs included an after-school Chess Club, April vacation magic show, wintertime beach party and Mardi Gras celebrations, a visit from author Michelle Kwasny, and weekly storytime for preschoolers (Thursday mornings at 10:30). Special thanks go out to the staff at WGBY, public television for Western Massachusetts, for collaborating with the library on a very successful "Sid the Science Kid" series of programs that introduced basic science concepts to preschoolers.



'Out of Africa' Program

Programs for adults included an international summer film series, monthly personal finance workshops with Dollar Scholar Sue Nimchick, monthly book discussions by the SHPL Book Club (new members always welcome!), a concert of Greek bouzouki music by Savas Hadzisavidis, a lecture on the geology of the Connecticut River Valley, several author visits including Kris Holloway, an evening exploring "Spirits, Hauntings & Messages from the Other Side" with Lisa Marie Lanno, a slideshow/lecture on the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir, and an 8-week "Inspiring Careers" series for job seekers by Angela Lussier. Weekly programs include Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon knitting groups.

Most programs were funded by the Friends of the South Hadley Public Library, a private nonprofit that contributes essential funding and volunteers. Special thanks go out to President Cathy Allen and Vice-President Nancy Reale for their time and efforts.



Lisa Lanno’s Paranormal “Other Side” Presentation

The South Hadley Cultural Council supported a “Bytes to Books” program that linked computer gaming and literacy. Using popular computer programs aimed at ages 10-16, gaming strategies were linked to the Massachusetts Competencies in English Language Arts Standards. Participants were awarded prizes for their play – and also discovered that history can be fun and relevant!

The library is governed by a publicly-elected nine-member Board of Trustees. In FY09 the Trustees welcomed Shane Robitaille to the Board and bid farewell to Doris Newman. The Trustees spent much time planning for the future. In September the Board approved a new five-year Strategic Plan that outlines a vision of services through FY 2015. This vision of services fueled the development of a Library Building Program, approved by the Trustees on June 1, 2009. This Building Program outlines the services the library hopes to provide in the next twenty years and the spaces needed to provide those services. The Trustees will appoint a Library Design Study Committee to work with an architect in moving the Building Program from a series of spreadsheets to the schematic design of the next generation South Hadley Public Library. This project is funded by a Planning & Design Grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with matching support from the Friends of the Library and the citizens of South Hadley.

Finally, all this activity took place under the professional guidance of our dedicated library staff: Meg Clancy, Jennifer Comeau, Lorraine Ensor, Liz Frosch-Dratfield, Jeanne Hebert, Jeff Lachowetz, Linda Manijak, Desiree Smelcer, Rena Stromgren, and Bob Williford. The many accomplishments and progress of the past year would not have happened without their continued efforts and commitment to the Town of South Hadley.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Rodio, Library Director

Tax Collector

Statement of outstanding balances for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009:

Description	Outstanding Balances
Real Estate Taxes	
2009	381,612
2008	42,662
2007	3,067
Prior Years 1999-2006	4,500
Personal Property	
2009	7,389
2008	3,562
2007	1,372
2006	1,368
Prior Years	4,500
Motor Vehicle Excise	
2009	96,773
2008	28,880
2007	16,290
2006	11,261
Prior Years 1998 – 2005	17,763
Boat Excise	
All Years	31,030
Rollback Taxes	
	22,507
Sewer Use Charges	
	141,865
Curbside Rubbish	
	29,824

The Collector’s Office issues over 53,000 real estate, personal property, curbside pick-up, sewer use fee, motor vehicle and boat excise bills each year. As part of the collector’s function, this office pursues the timely collection of all bills and maintains a collection rate of over 98 percent for all real estate and personal property tax bills. The Collector’s Office is continually working to collect past due taxes and fees and over the past fiscal year has been very successful in collecting a large portion of previous year real estate taxes. One parcel, which for legal reasons could not be taken into tax title, had past due real estate taxes dating back to FY2003. All of the taxes on this parcel, totaling approximately \$30,000, have been collected and have remained current. The prior year balance on real estate bills which covers the FY99 through FY06 is entirely made up of balances on parcels where the owner is unknown. One of the goals for the coming year is to determine the best method of clearing these balances. I take this opportunity to thank my staff, Joan Germain and Claudia Frappier, for all of their hard work and dedication over the past year. Without them this office would not run nearly as efficiently as it does.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Baldini, Collector

Town Clerk

The position of Town Clerk has an ancient & honorable history. In biblical times town clerks were scribes or scholars, learned men who were among the few people who could read or write. Their writings became the historical record of the times.

The position has since evolved to include over 450 different functions to perform that are referred to in Massachusetts General Laws. So what does the Town Clerk Office do?

We are the Chief Election Official

- The Town Clerk oversees polling places, election officers and their training, and the general conduct and organization of all local, state & federal elections.
- Directs preparation of ballots, helps locate polling places, purchases election equipment, prepares voting lists, administers campaign finance laws, certifies nomination papers, initiative and local petitions; and is on the Board of Registrars.
- Supervises voter registration, its continual updating and purging, absentee balloting, prepares and reports official election results to all as required by law, including the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
- Conducts the annual town census, prepares street list of residents, school lists, jury lists and other such lists as required through public records requests.

We are the Recording Officer

- Records and certifies all official actions of Annual and Special Town Meetings votes on appropriations and ordinances, planning and zoning by laws, signs all notes for borrowing, and is the keeper of the town seal.
- Records state tax liens, child support liens and various other required filings.

We are the Public Records Officer

- Administers the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local boards, committees and commissions, and ensures that all elected and appointed officials are informed about the State's Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest laws. The

Clerks office posts all meetings of all government bodies.

- Provides access to public records in compliance with the Public Records Law.
- Provides certified copies of vital records and performs genealogical research for the public; is responsible for maintenance, disposition and preservation of municipal archival records and materials.
- The Town Clerks office maintains records of adopted municipal ordinances, resignations and appointments, petitions, publications, budgets, minutes and other statements and reports.

We are Licensing Officer

- Issues state licenses and permits including: marriage licenses, hunting, fishing and trapping, local dog licenses and other such certificates and permits as mandated by law.
- Public Information Officer.
- Respond to inquiries from the general public where we provide knowledge and assistance in a fair and impartial manner to all.

As the Town Clerk I tend to consider my office as the first stop in local government because the Town Clerk's Office serves as the central information point for residents and citizens at large. Please note that we now have been approved by the State Department to issue passports too!

For further information contact:

Carlene C. Hamlin
Town Clerk
Phone: 413-536-7306
Email: clerktreasurer@southhadley.org

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Town Treasurer July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Balance in Treasury	\$21,163,435.00
July 1, 2008	
Receipts	
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009	
General Fund	\$73,699,222.79

*Variance \$610.47

Expenditures \$77,160,762.61
 July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

John Hancock 29,868.26
698,304.55

Balance in Treasury \$17,701,284.71
 June 30, 2009

Total **17,701,284.71**

Tree Warden

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash June 30, 2009

Interest Bearing Checking Accounts

Bank of Western MassPayroll	99,493.70
Bank of Western MassVendor	103,014.48
Peoples Bank Electric Light	414,718.09
Peoples Bank School Lunch	92,582.67
Peoples Bank Town Clerk	305,302.80
Peoples Bank General Deposit	2,687.52
Peoples Bank School Night Deposit	306,246.48
TD BankNorth Consumer Deposit	112,220.42
Berkshire Bank Recreation Revolving	89,228.73
	<u>1,525,494.89</u>

Liquid Investments

Bank of America Performance Bond	5,441.72
Bank of America Savings-Gen Deposit	130,200.79
Bank of America Golf Enterprise	94,214.69
Bank of America Police Grant	4,440.71
Berkshire Bank Savings	1,183,816.44
Bank of Western MassSavings	178,245.03
Citizens Bank Savings	93,902.20
Merrill Lynch Savings	857,961.50
MMDT Savings	125,177.44
Peoples Bank Security Deposit	969.74
Peoples Bank Savings	743,759.00
Sovereign Bank Arts Lottery	36,264.65
Sovereign Bank Savings	881,476.26
Century Bank Savings	102,631.92
TD BankNorth Savings	414,907.42
TD BankNorth School Activities	208,287.42
Peoples Library Savings	40,362.24
Peoples Recreation Revolving	9,494.71
Peoples Committed General Funds	730,327.90
LPL Financial Services WWTP Fund	493,711.27
LPL Financial Services Landfill	1,308,887.99
LPL Financial Services Self-Insured	1,845,826.05
LPL Financial Services Stabilization	1,814,984.15
LPL Financial Services General Deposit	780,650.54
Unibank Savings	2,276,576.33
Berkshire Money Market	654.37
Peoples Consolidated Funds	1,027,366.70
Unibank Revolving Account	3,906.65
	<u>15,394,114.42</u>

Trust Funds

LPL Financial Services	548,661.59
MMDT	15,449.85
Peoples Bank	104,324.85

This year has proven a challenge with aging trees. Norway, sugar, and red maples are the major tree species that are declining and producing hazardous conditions that needed immediate attention to reduce the possibility of property damage. In cooperation with the Selectboard, DPW, and Northern Tree, we were able to remove many of the hazards.

I have tried to answer and handle 490 e-mails from residents, DPW, Selectboard, Conservation Commission, MassDPW, Mass DCR, SHELD, Planning Board, developers, and the USFWS. Most e-mails from residents involved requests to remedy dying/ dead branches, declining or dead trees, and questions on ownership of individual trees. All residents are required to contact the tree warden regarding pruning or removal of trees in front yards that may be town trees. If the tree is a public shade tree and isn't a hazard, state law requires a public hearing before removal.

I put in many hours working with the Planning Board and David Hawkins (the arborist for Scott Neilsen, the developer of Mountainbrook) on identifying significant trees that must be protected according to Planning Bylaws. We also met with the landscape contractor on street tree selection and placement to insure that future street tree problems are minimized.

This spring was extremely wet and stormy and led to tree loss on conservation land. I responded and removed an oak tree that fell on a Lyman Street resident's shed. I also pruned back boxelders and removed fallen cherry trees from conservation land on Queens Circle. In projects on private property, I put in many hours with Richard Harris and residents of Lawrence Avenue discussing issues involving the Jacob's Edge Condominiums and the vegetated buffer zone between the project and Lawrence Avenue residences.

An Arbor Day program at Michael E. Smith Middle School was held May 1, 2009. The Science Class planted an oak tree in honor of the South Hadley Conservation Society, the predecessor of the Conservation Commission. I provided instruction on proper planting techniques as well as presented a few techniques that involve smell and sight to help identify common trees.

South Hadley's online Street Tree Inventory, under a grant from Massachusetts DCR, is an ongoing project. Once all streets are inventoried, the Tree Warden will be able to track trees by species, size, hazards, requests, overhead utilities, and other features. An inventory will also make it easier to define tree problems from requests before site

visits. Jon Szymonik, an Urban Forestry student attending Stockbridge School of Agriculture at UMass, Amherst, inventoried a portion of Morgan Street as a requirement of his studies at Stockbridge. I would like to thank him for his input.

I would like to thank the DPW, SHELD, and the Select-board Office for the assistance I have received during the year.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Lamontagne MCA
South Hadley Tree Warden

Veteran Services Department

The Veterans Services Department provided financial and medical assistance to 25 South Hadley residents during the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The department expended a total of \$97,028.00 in the areas of budget & fuel assistance, medical insurance and burial benefits. This was a significant increase from the previous year.

Reimbursement of veteran's benefits from the Commonwealth amounting to \$72,771.00 is anticipated. The Department assisted twenty South Hadley residents in receiving annuity benefits from the Commonwealth amounting to \$40,000.00.

Fourteen South Hadley residents were assisted with Department of Veterans Affairs claims during the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. As a result of these claims, \$70,000.00 was received in annual benefits, and \$13,700.00 was received in retro-active benefits for a total of \$83,700.00

Eight veterans were assisted in securing a cemetery plot in the Veterans Cemetery in Agawam. The office was also instrumental in coordinating Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Veterans' Day programs.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. O'Connor
Director of Veteran's Services

Wiring Inspector

The time has once again arrived for a report on the work completed by the office of Wiring Inspector for the fiscal year July 2008 to June 2009. There were 280 permit applications issued and a total \$17,300.00 collected in fees.

Alarm Systems	20
New Homes & Condos	19
Additions & Remodeling	66
Above-Ground Pools	0
In-Ground Pools	7

Service Upgrades & Repairs	74
Temporary Services	6
Appliances(A/C, dryers, oil burners, etc.)	50
Commercial Work	36
Yearly Prepaid (Mount Holyoke College)	1
Solar Photovoltaic Systems	1

At this time, I would like to express my appreciation for the assistance and cooperation I have received in the performance of my duties as Wiring Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Rivers, Wiring Inspector
Annual Town Election
April 6, 2009

Precinct	A	B	C	D	E	Total
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MODERATOR FOR ONE YEAR

Blanks	197	286	349	159	280	1271
Edward J. Ryan, Jr.*	602	800	875	483	821	3581
All Others	7	3	8	2	6	26
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

SELECTBOARD FOR THREE YEARS

Blanks	547	745	910	444	748	3394
John R. Hine*	522	757	794	458	638	3269
Marilyn Ishler*	529	662	746	372	713	3022
All Others	14	14	14	14	15	71
TOTAL	1612	2178	2464	1288	2214	9756

CLERK-TREASURER FOR THREE YEARS

Blanks	225	383	388	256	387	1639
Carlene C. Hamlin*	571	693	824	374	703	3165
All Others	10	13	20	14	17	74
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878
Precinct	A	B	C	D	E	Total

COLLECTOR FOR THREE YEARS

Blanks	188	297	309	168	280	1242
Deborah Baldini*	615	790	921	474	822	3622
All Others	3	2	2	2	5	14
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR THREE YEARS

Blanks	190	309	316	190	312	1317
Hazel Snopek*	613	778	913	452	792	3548
All Others	3	2	3	2	3	13
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Blanks	221	356	397	229	340	1543
Lorraine Liantonio*	581	730	830	414	762	3317
All Others	4	3	5	1	5	18
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Blanks	215	329	352	204	320	1420
Herman Picard*	586	759	874	438	784	3441

All Others	5	1	6	2	3	17
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

Blanks	164	221	240	140	231	996
Jeffrey LaBrecque*	432	527	617	330	589	2495
Edward Wykowski	209	341	375	174	286	1385
All Others	1	0	0	0	1	2
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

Precinct	A	B	C	D	E	Total
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TRUSTEES FOR FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

Blanks	1259	1770	2023	1060	1798	7910
Constance Clancy*	588	752	864	404	763	3371
Mitchell Resnick*	538	723	779	453	729	3222
Larry Fuller*	8	1	4	1	5	19
Carol Constant	0	2	1	4	1	8
All Others	25	19	25	10	25	104
TOTAL	2418	3267	3696	1932	3321	14634

TRUSTEES FOR FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR ONE YEAR

Blanks	228	350	387	208	333	1506
Shane Robitaille*	575	738	842	433	771	3359
All Others	3	1	3	3	3	13
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

PLANNING BOARD FOR FIVE YEARS

Blanks	223	364	402	208	347	1544
Ann E. Griffin*	579	725	827	431	757	3319
All Others	4	0	3	5	3	15
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR FIVE YEARS

Blanks	230	358	406	228	359	1581
Mary A Dufault*	573	731	823	416	745	3288
All Others	3	0	3	0	3	9
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

Precinct	A	B	C	D	E	Total
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**TOWN MEETING MEMBER PRECINCT A
FOR THREE YEARS**

Blanks	4319	0	0	0	0	4319
Ann Eaton*	531	0	0	0	0	531
David G. Ewing*	501	0	0	0	0	501
Larry S. Fuller*	508	0	0	0	0	508
Michael LaFreniere*	507	0	0	0	0	507
Leo Deschenes*	10	0	0	0	0	10
William Foley*	6	0	0	0	0	6
Ray Rondeau*	7	0	0	0	0	7
Carolyn Taugher*	5	0	0	0	0	5
All Others	54	0	0	0	0	54
TOTAL	6448	0	0	0	0	6448

**TOWN MEETING MEMBER PRECINCT B
FOR THREE YEARS**

Blanks	0	5219	0	0	0	5219
Lucille J. Blasko*	0	672	0	0	0	672
Robert F. Blasko Sr.*	0	655	0	0	0	655
Kathleen Keane*	0	661	0	0	0	661
Michael Keane*	0	652	0	0	0	652
Pamela Lannon*	0	639	0	0	0	639
Charles Viens*	0	54	0	0	0	54
Anthony Farnham*	0	52	0	0	0	52
Judith Ellenberg*	0	32	0	0	0	32
All Others	0	76	0	0	0	76
TOTAL	0	8712	0	0	0	8712

**TOWN MEETING MEMBER PRECINCT C
FOR THREE YEARS**

Blanks	0	0	8957	0	0	8957
Robert P. Ziomek*	0	0	821	0	0	821
Edward Hollering*	0	0	2	0	0	2
Charles Sabourin*	0	0	6	0	0	6
Jon Camp*	0	0	2	0	0	2
Robert Wood*	0	0	2	0	0	2
Raymond Miner*	0	0	4	0	0	4
Edward Wall*	0	0	3	0	0	3
All Others	0	0	59	0	0	59
TOTAL	0	0	9856	0	0	9856

**TOWN MEETING MEMBER PRECINCT C
FOR ONE YEAR**

Blanks	0	0	1173	0	0	1173
	0	0	1	0	0	1
All Others	0	0	58	0	0	58
TOTAL	0	0	1232	0	0	621

**TOWN MEETING MEMBER PRECINCT D
FOR THREE YEARS**

Blanks	0	0	0	3319	0	3319
Margaret Jodoin*	0	0	0	417	0	417
Patricia Kraske*	0	0	0	405	0	405
Matthew McDonough*	0	0	0	416	0	416
Michael Fisher*	0	0	0	399	0	399
Gertrude Turner*	0	0	0	23	0	23
Christopher Pyle*	0	0	0	24	0	24
Shelia Fitzgerald*	0	0	0	31	0	31
Mark Cavanaugh*	0	0	0	35	0	35
All Others	0	0	0	83	0	83
TOTAL	0	0	0	5152	0	5152
Precinct	A	B	C	D	E	Total

**TOWN MEETING MEMBER PRECINCT E
FOR THREE YEARS**

Blanks	0	0	0	0	5454	5454
Randolph Braun*	0	0	0	0	636	636
Lawrence Dubois*	0	0	0	0	660	660
Irene Greenia*	0	0	0	0	655	655
John H. MacLean*	0	0	0	0	654	654
Robert Robertson*	0	0	0	0	652	652
Judith Fortier*	0	0	0	0	12	12
Melissa Gamache*	0	0	0	0	14	14
Daniel Kelleher*	0	0	0	0	29	29
All Others	0	0	0	0	90	90
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	8856	8856

QUESTION 1 CHARTER

Shall the Town of South Hadley approve the new charter recommended by the South Hadley Charter Commission?

Blanks	10	13	14	6	2	45
Yes	329	439	498	219	410	1895
No*	467	637	720	419	695	2938
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

**QUESTION 2 THIS QUESTION IS NON-BINDING
(DISTRICT MERGER)**

Shall the voters of the Town of South Hadley vote to petition the Prudential Committees of the two Fire/Water Districts to take whatever actions are necessary to complete a merger of Fire/Water District #2 into Fire District #1.

Blanks	13	39	23	19	12	106
Yes	258	548	422	480	542	2250
No*	535	502	787	145	553	2522
TOTAL	806	1089	1232	644	1107	4878

FY 2009 TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY

This is to certify that at the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON MAY 10, 2008 the following vote was taken for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

ARTICLE	PURPOSE	TOTAL	TAXATION	OTHER	SOURCE
5	HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT - accept/expand	\$ 390,863.00		\$ 390,863.00	MGL CHAPTER 90
6	RESERVE FUND	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00		
8	SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS	\$ 18,743,096.00	\$ 18,743,096.00		
9	WAGE AND MERIT INCREASE NON-UNIT EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING CLERK-TREASURER AND COLLECTOR)	\$ 93,736.00	\$ 79,937.00	\$ 3,705.00	Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts WWTP Enterprise Fund Receipts
11	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,587,060.00	\$ 1,587,060.00	\$ -	Cable Studio Account Golf Club Enterprise Fund Receipts
	MODERATOR				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 1.00			
	APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 450.00			
	SELECTBOARD				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 291,905.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 39,978.00			
	HUMAN RESOURCES				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 41,032.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 3,350.00			
	ACCOUNTANT				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 129,250.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 2,150.00			
	CLERK-TREASURER				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 162,570.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 36,563.00			
	COLLECTOR				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 87,179.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 22,040.00			
	ASSESSORS				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 128,002.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 17,900.00			
	ELECTION & REGISTRATION				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 18,141.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 14,100.00			
	TOWN HALL				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 18,407.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 119,650.00			
	TOWN COUNSEL				

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	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 2,600.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 30,000.00				
	PERSONNEL BOARD					
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 5,320.00				
	OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION (MIS)					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 100,074.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 93,388.00				
	TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE					
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 23,800.00				
	PLANNING BOARD					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 66,094.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 5,750.00				
	BOARD OF APPEALS					
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 675.00				
	CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 38,862.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 2,424.00				
	CONSERVATION LAND FUND	\$ -				
	RECREATION					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 74,995.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 10,410.00				
	TOTAL	\$ 1,587,060.00				
		\$	2,563,017.00	\$	2,507,017.00	\$ 56,000.00
11	PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY					
	POLICE					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 2,098,617.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 349,241.00				
	MATRONS					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 500.00				
	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 5,000.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 1,500.00				
	FOREST WARDEN					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 500.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 200.00				
	BUILDING COMMISSIONER					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 60,025.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 4,200.00				
	WIRING INSPECTOR					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 21,264.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 1,680.00				
	SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 6,215.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 400.00				
	DOG OFFICER					
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 11,615.00				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 1,860.00				

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	PARKING CLERK								
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 200.00							
	TOTAL	\$ 2,563,017.00							
12	GENERAL FUND - transfer	\$	34,601.00					\$ 14,595.00	AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND
								\$ 20,006.00	CABLE STUDIO ACCOUNT
13	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$	3,391,542.00	\$	1,223,920.00			\$ 891,053.00	Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts
	ADMINISTRATION							\$ 65,000.00	LANDFILL ENTERPRISE FUND BALANCE
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 98,663.00						\$ 1,139,747.00	WWTP Enterprise Fund Receipts
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 22,110.00						\$ 71,822.00	WWTP ENTERPRISE FUND BALANCE
	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE								
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 314,447.00							
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 122,000.00							
	LANDFILL								
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 157,725.00							
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 798,328.00							
	PARKS								
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 313,915.00							
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 130,335.00							
	TREE SERVICES								
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 5,000.00							
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 60,100.00							
	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL								
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 545,769.00							
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 665,800.00							
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE								
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 46,350.00							
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 111,000.00							
	TOTAL	\$ 3,391,542.00							
14	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL	\$	100,002.00	\$	100,002.00				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 20,380.00							
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 79,622.00							
15	COUNCIL ON AGING	\$	291,670.00	\$	291,670.00				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 227,105.00							
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 64,565.00							
16	VETERANS & SOLDIERS BENEFIT	\$	100,000.00	\$	100,000.00				
17	SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE OF LIBRARIES	\$	520,113.00	\$	497,921.00			\$ 10,000.00	DOG REVOLVING FUND
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 339,643.00						\$ 12,192.00	STATE AID TO LIBRARIES
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 180,470.00							
18	GAYLORD LIBRARY	\$	13,500.00	\$	13,500.00				

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19	TOWN AUDIT - OPEB COMPLIANCE ACTUARIAL	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00	
20	CABLE STUDIO MANAGER				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 48,860.00	\$ 68,360.00		\$ 68,360.00
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 19,500.00			
21	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS				
	RETIREMENT FUND	\$ 1,605,939.00	\$ 6,167,374.00	\$ 6,167,374.00	
	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$ 50,000.00			
	STREET & TRAFFIC LIGHT	\$ 118,500.00			
	GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 221,400.00			
	EMPLOYEE & RETIREE GROUP HEALTH INS	\$ 3,867,000.00			
	MEMORIAL DAY MARKERS & FLAGS	\$ 2,800.00			
	DAMAGES TO PERSONS & PROPERTY	\$ 10.00			
	TOWN REPORTS	\$ 3,500.00			
	FICA/MEDICARE	\$ 290,000.00			
	OLD FIREHOUSE MUSEUM	\$ 6,225.00			
	SOUTH HADLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION	\$ 2,000.00			
	TOTAL	\$ 6,167,374.00			
22	WORKERS COMP SELF-INSURANCE FUND	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	
23	HEALTH & SANITATION				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 109,250.00	\$ 115,700.00	\$ 115,700.00	
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 6,450.00			
24	MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	\$ 4,011,825.00	\$ 4,011,825.00	\$ 2,881,389.00	\$ 41,280.00
					\$ 700,608.00
					\$ 388,548.00
					Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts
					WWTP Enterprise Fund Receipts
					GOLF COURSE ENTERPRISE
25	CONNECTICUT RIVER CHANNEL MARKING	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00		\$ 5,500.00
26	AMBULANCE				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 159,000.00	\$ 228,850.00		\$ 228,850.00
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 69,850.00			
27	LEDGE'S GOLF CLUB OTHER EXPENSE				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 132,499.00	\$ 876,650.00		\$ 445,775.00
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 744,151.00			\$ 430,875.00
28	CANAL PARK COMMITTEE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
					CANAL PARK DONATION ACCT
29	CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
30	REVALUATION REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
31	CHARTER COMMISSION	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -

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32	PHASE II COMPREHENSIVE PLAN -PLANNING BRD	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
33	LEDGES GOLF CLUB WATER LOOP	\$	\$ 25,000.00	\$	\$ 25,000.00 FREE CASH
35	MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL COVER	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
36	MOSIER ROOF- GYM AREA	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00 FREE CASH
37	LIBRARY ROOFTOP HVAC UNIT	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	
38	SENIOR CENTER ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
39	QUEENSVILLE POND DAM REPAIRS	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	
40	DPW - PARKS PICKUP TRUCK	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	
41	DPW PARKS - FIELD GROOMER	\$ 10,611.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 5,389.00	\$ 10,611.00 FREE CASH
42	S.H.HIGH SCHOOL - WALKWAY/STAIRS	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	
43	MIDDLE SCHOOL LAB AIR CONDITIONING UNIT	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
44	MOSIER SCHOOL - PORTABLE CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENT	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
46	GIS BASE MAP	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	
48	DPW - HIGHWAY PICKUP TRUCK	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
49	SENIOR CENTER REPLACEMENT WINDOWS	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 10,800.00	
50	MOSIER SCHOOL - GYM LIGHTS/PAINT	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	
51	POLICE- UPGRADE DISPATCH CONSOLE	\$ 106,174.00	\$ 106,174.00	\$ 106,174.00	\$ 106,174.00 AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND
TOTAL		\$	\$ 40,327,933.00	\$ 35,015,275.00	\$ 5,312,658.00
	TAXATION		\$ 35,015,275.00		
	FREE CASH		\$ 656,386.00		
	WWTP Enterprise Fund Receipts		\$ 1,847,753.00		
	WWTP ENTERPRISE FUND BALANCE		\$ 71,822.00		
	Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts		\$ 936,038.00		
	LANDFILL ENTERPRISE FUND BALANCE		\$ 65,000.00		
	DOG FUND ENTERPRISE		\$ 10,000.00		
	CANAL PARK DONATION		\$ 1,000.00		
	AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND		\$ 405,619.00		
	GOLF COURSE ENTERPRISE		\$ 820,754.00		

FY2010 TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON MAY 9, 2009 THE FOLLOWING VOTE WAS TAKEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009.

	TOTAL	FREE CASH	OTHER	SOURCE/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
ARTICLE 1				
SELECTBOARD PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	
ARTICLE 3				
CLERK/TREASURER - FICA/MEDICARE	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	
ARTICLE 4				
DPW - SNOW & ICE REMOVAL				
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 42,708.00	\$ 195,000.00	\$ -	
OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 152,292.00			
ARTICLE 5				
LEDGES GOLF COURSE - OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 14,000.00		\$ 14,000.00	
ARTICLE 6				
LIBRARY - OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	For structural engineer to define the modifications to the library roof system
TOTAL	\$ 255,200.00	\$ 241,200.00	\$ 14,000.00	Transfer from the Ledges Golf Course Enterprise Personnel Services Account to Ledges Golf Course Enterprise Other Expense Account.
TOTAL FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING	\$ 255,200.00			
FREE CASH	\$ 241,200.00			
TRANSFER LEDGES PERSONNEL SERVICES TO LEDGES OTHER EXPENSE ACCOUNT	\$ 14,000.00			
TOTAL	\$ 255,200.00			
COPIES TO:				
Town Accountant				
Assessors				
DATE: JUNE 25, 2009				

Carlene C. Hamlin, Town Clerk

William Sutton, Town Accountant

Melissa Couture, Associate Assessor

FY 2010 TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY

This is to certify that at the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** HELD ON MAY 9, 2009 the following vote was taken for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

ARTICLE	PURPOSE	TOTAL	TAXATION	OTHER	SOURCE
6	HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT - accept/ expend	\$ 388,722.00		\$ 388,722.00	MGL CHAPTER 90
7	RESERVE FUND	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 42,500.00		
9	SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS	\$ 18,743,096.00	\$ 18,743,096.00		
10	WAGE AND MERIT INCREASE NON-UNIT EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING CLERK-TREASURER AND COLLECTOR)	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 72,459.00	\$ 7,541.00	Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts WWTP Enterprise Fund Receipts Cable Studio Account
11	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 1,523,059.00		
	MODERATOR				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 1.00			
	APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 450.00			
	SELECT BOARD				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 278,510.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 38,425.00			
	HUMAN RESOURCES				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 42,673.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 3,350.00			
	ACCOUNTANT				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 134,034.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 2,150.00			
	CLERK-TREASURER				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 149,937.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 28,555.00			
	COLLECTOR				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 92,831.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 22,040.00			
	ASSESSORS				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 132,428.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 12,200.00			
	ELECTION & REGISTRATION				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 7,425.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 12,500.00			
	TOWN HALL				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 18,590.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 118,100.00			
	TOWN COUNSEL				
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 2,600.00			
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 30,000.00			
	PERSONNEL BOARD				
	OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 5,320.00			
	OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION (MIS)				

FY 2010 TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY						
ARTICLE PURPOSE	TOTAL	TAXATION	OTHER	SOURCE		
EMPLOYEE & RETIREE GROUP HEALTH INS	\$ 4,078,430.00					
MEMORIAL DAY MARKERS & FLAGS	\$ 2,800.00					
DAMAGES TO PERSONS & PROPERTY	\$ 10.00					
TOWN REPORTS	\$ 3,500.00					
FICA/MEDICARE	\$ 305,300.00					
OLD FIREHOUSE MUSEUM	\$ 6,225.00					
SOUTH HADLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION	\$ 2,000.00					
TOTAL	\$ 6,540,962.00					
ARTICLE PURPOSE	TOTAL	TAXATION	OTHER	SOURCE		
23 HEALTH & SANITATION		\$ 112,202.00				
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 105,752.00					
OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 6,450.00					
TOTAL	\$ 112,202.00					
24 MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	\$ 3,886,018.00	\$ 2,797,672.00				
			\$ 39,810.00	Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts		
			\$ 646,810.00	WWTP Enterprise Fund Receipts		
			\$ 401,726.00	Ledges Golf Club Enterprise Fund Receipts		
25 CONNECTICUT RIVER CHANNEL MARKING	\$ 5,500.00					
			\$ 5,500.00	Boat Excise Fund		
26 AMBULANCE						
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 53,100.00					
OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 2,000.00					
TOTAL	\$ 55,100.00					
27 LEDGES GOLF CLUB OTHER EXPENSE						
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 140,954.00					
OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 781,755.00					
TOTAL	\$ 922,709.00					
			\$ 405,461.00	Free Cash		
			\$ 517,248.00	Ledges Golf Club Enterprise Fund Receipts		
28 CANAL PARK COMMITTEE	\$ 1,000.00					
			\$ 1,000.00	Canal Park Donation Account		
29 CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00				
30 REVALUATION REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00				
31 MUNIS SERVER	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00				
34 MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00				
TOTAL	\$ 39,447,818.00	\$ 34,640,660.00	\$ 4,807,158.00			
TAXATION	\$ 34,640,660.00					
FREE CASH	\$ 405,461.00					
WWTP Enterprise Fund Receipts	\$ 1,802,761.00					
WWTP ENTERPRISE FUND BALANCE	\$ 80,788.00					
Landfill Enterprise Fund Receipts	\$ 1,001,625.00					
LANDFILL ENTERPRISE FUND BALANCE	\$ -					
DOG FUND ENTERPRISE	\$ 10,000.00					
CANAL PARK DONATION	\$ 1,000.00					

		FY 2010 TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY	
AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FUND		\$ 111,100.00	
GOLF COURSE ENTERPRISE		\$ 918,974.00	
STATE AID TO LIBRARY		\$ 11,644.00	
BOAT EXCISE		\$ 5,500.00	
CABLE STUDIO ACCOUNT		\$ 69,583.00	
MGL CHAPTER 90		\$ 388,722.00	
TOTAL		\$ 39,447,818.00	
Carlene C. Hamlin	William Sutton		Melissa Couture
Town Clerk, Treasuer	Town Accountant		Associate Assessor

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY, TOWN ACCOUNTANT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
June 30, 2008

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	COMM. DEV. BLOCK GRNT	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TRUST FUNDS
REVENUES:						
TAXES	\$ 18,892,871.00					\$ 18,892,871.00
STATE RECEIPTS	\$ 11,591,980.00		\$ 237,088.00			\$ 11,829,068.00
EXCISE AND OTHER TAXES	\$ 2,348,505.00					\$ 2,348,505.00
PENALTIES & INTEREST	\$ 116,146.00					\$ 116,146.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	\$ 315,844.00					\$ 315,844.00
INTEREST	\$ 492,706.00	\$ 2,611.00			\$ 142,675.00	\$ 303,068.00
GRANTS AND FEES	\$ 39,665.00	\$ 3,916,093.00			\$ 20,436,106.00	\$ 941,060.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 262,182.00	\$ 1,104,808.00		\$ 1,763.00	\$ 272,257.00	\$ 20,475,771.00
MISC. REVENUE						\$ 1,646,549.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 34,059,899.00	\$ 5,023,512.00	\$ -	\$ 238,851.00	\$ 20,851,038.00	\$ 308,607.00
EXPENDITURES:						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,630,764.00	\$ 6,428.00				\$ 500.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 2,478,518.00	\$ 350,797.00				\$ 92,703.00
EDUCATION	\$ 17,678,551.00	\$ 3,333,019.00				\$ 4,229.00
PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES	\$ 1,197,750.00	\$ 304,844.00			\$ 19,745,227.00	\$ 21,247,821.00
HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 404,647.00	\$ 241,791.00				\$ 646,438.00
CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 1,059,424.00	\$ 312,117.00			\$ 898,464.00	\$ 2,271,315.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 3,923,871.00					\$ 3,923,871.00
STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	\$ 759,514.00					\$ 759,514.00
INSURANCE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 5,565,280.00	\$ 26,674.00				\$ 5,657,029.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS			\$ 4,468,312.00			\$ 4,468,312.00
COMM. DEV. BLOCK GRANT						\$ -
COURT JUDGMENTS						\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 34,698,319.00	\$ 4,575,670.00	\$ -	\$ 4,468,312.00	\$ 20,643,691.00	\$ 163,817.00

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY, TOWN ACCOUNTANT
COMBINED STATEMENT OR REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
June 30, 2008

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE		TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	COMM. DEV. BLOCK GRNT	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TRUST FUNDS			
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (638,420.00)	\$ 447,842.00	\$ -	\$ (4,229,461.00)	\$ 207,347.00	\$ 144,790.00		\$ (4,067,902.00)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):									
PROCEEDS OF BONDS AND LOANS				\$ 3,984,384.00				\$ 3,984,384.00	
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	\$ 1,582,819.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 304,145.00	\$ 607,356.00	\$ 70,000.00		\$ 2,584,320.00	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	\$ (981,501.00)	\$ (178,151.00)			\$ (1,340,968.00)	\$ (73,700.00)		\$ (2,574,320.00)	
OTHER FINANCING USES									
TOTAL FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	\$ 601,318.00	\$ (158,151.00)	\$ -	\$ 4,288,529.00	\$ (733,612.00)	\$ (3,700.00)		\$ 3,994,384.00	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FIN. USES	\$ (37,102.00)	\$ 289,691.00	\$ -	\$ 59,068.00	\$ (526,265.00)	\$ 141,090.00		\$ (73,518.00)	
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 5,671,078.00	\$ 2,534,220.00	\$ 3,237.00	\$ 475,884.00	\$ 6,552,160.00	\$ 4,132,216.00		\$ 19,368,795.00	
ADJUSTMENTS TO UNDESIGNATED FUND BAL	\$ 529.00							\$ 529.00	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 5,634,505.00	\$ 2,823,911.00	\$ 3,237.00	\$ 534,952.00	\$ 6,025,895.00	\$ 4,273,306.00		\$ 19,295,806.00	

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY, TOWN ACCOUNTANT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
 June 30, 2009

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES						TOTALS	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	COMM. DEV. BLOCK GRNT	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TRUST AND AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	
ASSETS								
PETTY CASH	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00						\$ 200.00
CASH - TREASURER	\$ 5,764,784.73	\$ 2,501,643.55	\$ 3,237.50	\$ 110,752.30	\$ 6,460,042.32	\$ 3,974,752.50		\$ 18,815,212.90
CASH - COLLECTOR	\$ 4,623.42							\$ 4,623.42
INVESTMENTS					\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:								
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 465,805.36							\$ 465,805.36
EXCISE TAXES	\$ 314,727.82							\$ 314,727.82
TAX LIENS & POSSESSIONS	\$ 308,109.98				\$ 7,503.18			\$ 315,613.16
LIENS ADDED TO TAXES	\$ 10,926.72							\$ 10,926.72
DEPARTMENTAL	\$ 94,819.21	\$ 262,302.63			\$ 30,080.79			\$ 387,202.63
USER CHARGES					\$ 1,225,098.33			\$ 1,225,098.33
H.S.L.I. REC.								\$ -
PROMISSORY NOTE REC.		\$ 66,842.00						\$ 66,842.00
ACCRUED REVENUES	\$ 4,208.00	\$ 144,721.00		\$ 173,043.24	\$ 1,250.00			\$ 323,222.24
PREPAID VACATIONS								\$ -
DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS								\$ -
DUE FROM STATE GOVERNMENTS		\$ 902,741.54		\$ 36,832.00				\$ 939,573.54
DUE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS								\$ -
AMT TO BE PROV PMT OF NOTES				\$ 761,387.00				\$ 761,387.00
AMT TO BE PROV PMT OF DEBT							\$ 31,042,015.70	\$ 31,042,015.70
AMT TO BE PROV SICK, VAC.,								\$ -
OTHER COMP. ABSENCES								\$ -
FIXED ASSETS, NET, WHERE								\$ -
APPLICABLE OF ACCUM DEPR			\$ 6,133,414.65					\$ 6,133,414.65
								\$ 28,014,910.65
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,968,105.24	\$ 3,878,350.72	\$ 3,237.50	\$ 1,082,014.54	\$ 13,857,389.27	\$ 3,974,852.50	\$ 54,088,825.99	\$ 83,852,775.76
								\$ 90,089,478.50

**TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY, TOWN ACCOUNTANT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
June 30, 2009**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES					ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	COMM. DEV. BLOCK GRT	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	2009
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY LIABILITIES:								
WARRANTS PAYABLE	\$ 182,172.54	\$ 31,216.67			\$ 85,834.21	\$ 12,629.58	\$ 311,853.00	\$ 1,355,595.79
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS	\$ 342,076.74						\$ 342,076.74	\$ 423,454.04
PROV. ABATE/EXEMPTIONS	\$ 497,183.94						\$ 497,183.94	\$ 477,352.77
DEFERRED REVENUE: PROPERTY	\$ (31,378.58)						\$ (31,378.58)	\$ (21,325.47)
: OTHER	\$ 728,583.73	\$ 1,231,886.17	\$ 36,832.00		\$ 1,262,682.30		\$ 3,259,984.20	\$ 4,198,746.46
: QUINN PYMT.	\$ 32,352.24						\$ 32,352.24	\$ 32,352.24
COURT JUDGMENTS							\$ -	\$ -
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	\$ 2,199.72				\$ 2,769.14	\$ 977.85	\$ 2,199.72	\$ 39,252.61
DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	\$ 13,708.16						\$ 17,455.15	\$ 15,185.08
DUE TO TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 723.10						\$ 723.10	\$ 162.50
DOG LICENSE FEE						\$ 13,540.26	\$ 13,540.26	\$ 10,365.58
TAILINGS						\$ 58,326.92	\$ 58,326.92	\$ 44,752.73
GUARANTEE DEPOSITS						\$ 1,188.64	\$ 101,241.24	\$ 98,488.06
BID DEPOSITS - DISPOSAL					\$ 100,052.60		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
PERFORMANCE BONDS					\$ 100.00		\$ 41,175.87	\$ 41,284.76
NOTES PAYABLE							\$ 761,387.00	\$ 861,387.00
BOND INDEBTEDNESS			\$ 761,387.00				\$ 31,042,015.70	\$ 33,736,981.32
ACCRUED VAC, SICK, OTHER							\$ 1,165,314.29	\$ 1,165,314.29
COMP. ABSENCES							\$ 37,615,550.79	\$ 42,479,449.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,767,621.59	\$ 1,263,102.84	\$ 798,219.00	\$ 1,451,438.25	\$ 127,839.12	\$ 32,207,329.99	\$ 37,615,550.79	\$ 42,479,449.76

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY, TOWN ACCOUNTANT
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
June 30, 2009

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				PROPRIETARY	FIDUCIARY	ACCOUNT	TOTALS	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	COMM. DEV. BLOCK GRT	CAPITAL PROJECTS	FUND TYPES	FUND TYPE	GROUP	2009	2008
FUND EQUITY :									
INVESTMENT IN GENERAL									
FIXED ASSETS									
RETAINED EARNINGS - UNREST									
RESERVED FUND BAL FOR :									
a. ENCUMBRANCES	\$ 2,429,508.07	\$ 18,111.98			\$ 6,133,414.65			\$ 28,014,910.65	\$ 28,014,910.65
b. REC RESD/APPROP		\$ 973,588.88			\$ 3,024,001.80			\$ 3,024,001.80	\$ 3,056,263.05
c. TRUST FUNDS					\$ 110,740.79			\$ 2,558,360.84	\$ 2,425,832.30
d. PETTY CASH						\$ 105,934.93		\$ 973,588.88	\$ 737,060.55
e. DEBT EXCLUSION								\$ 105,934.93	\$ 105,934.93
f. P/R WITHHOLDING	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00						\$ 200.00	\$ 125.00
g. REVENUE DEFICIT								\$ -	\$ -
UNRSVD F/B DESIGNATED FOR :								\$ -	\$ -
a. SUBSEQUENT YRS EXP	\$ 405,461.00	\$ 198,827.00			\$ 80,788.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 695,076.00	\$ 1,317,250.00
b. FEDERAL GRANTS		\$ (6,315.87)						\$ (6,315.87)	\$ 40,510.18
c. STATE GRANTS		\$ (532,225.67)						\$ (532,225.67)	\$ (236,777.81)
d. REVOLVING FUNDS		\$ 1,396,031.58						\$ 1,396,031.58	\$ 1,098,778.01
e. OTHER PURPOSES		\$ 536,171.70						\$ 536,171.70	\$ 643,288.54
f. COMM DEV GRANT			\$ 3,237.50					\$ 3,237.50	\$ 3,237.50
g. CAPITAL PROJECTS				\$ 283,795.54				\$ 283,795.54	\$ 534,951.69
h. TRUST FUNDS								\$ 63,524.33	\$ 95,245.27
i. OTHER TRUST FUNDS								\$ 3,373,399.81	\$ 4,072,125.75
j. AGENCY FUNDS								\$ 57,250.91	\$ 11,942.40
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS								\$ 104,635.29	\$ 136,306.71
MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL								\$ 132,268.11	\$ 140,938.72
k. POST CLOSURE FEES								\$ 1,814,411.74	\$ 1,563,893.01
UNRSVD F/B UNDESIGNATED:								\$ 1,242,594.04	\$ 3,853,212.29
a. UNDESIGNATED	\$ 2,365,414.58	\$ 30,958.28						\$ -	\$ -
b. OVER/UNDER ASSES								\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)
c. APPROP DEFICITS								\$ -	\$ -
d. UNPROV ABATE/EXEMPT								\$ -	\$ -
e. SURPLUS WAGE & CLASS								\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 5,200,483.65	\$ 2,615,247.88	\$ 3,237.50	\$ 283,795.54	\$ 12,405,951.02	\$ 3,847,013.38	\$ 21,881,496.00	\$ 46,237,224.97	\$ 47,610,028.74
TOTAL LIAB AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 6,968,105.24	\$ 3,878,350.72	\$ 3,237.50	\$ 1,082,014.54	\$ 13,857,389.27	\$ 3,974,852.50	\$ 54,088,825.99	\$ 83,852,775.76	\$ 90,089,478.50

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT

Hampshire, ss.

TO: Either of the Constables of the Town of South Hadley

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hadley that the SPECIAL TOWN MEETING will be held in the TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM on Tuesday, the 21st day of October, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., and the Town Clerk is required to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members then and there to meet and act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by the issuance of Bonds or Notes, or to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$88,200.00, to be used for general improvements and associated costs at the Beachgrounds Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by the issuance of Bonds or Notes, or to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$85,000.00, in addition to the funds appropriated by the previous article, to be used for field irrigation and parking lot/security lights at the Beachgrounds Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by the issuance of Bonds or Notes, or to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$175,000.00, in addition to the funds appropriated by the previous article, to be used for field lighting for the baseball diamond and soccer field at the Beachgrounds Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by the issuance of Bonds or Notes, or to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$225,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of replacing the rooftop HVAC unit for the swimming pool at the Michael E. Smith Middle School, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$3,000.00, to fund a shortfall in the fund designated for Fiscal Year 2009 Merit Raises to Non-Union employees, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$4,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the emergency replacement of two sewage pumps at the Ledges Golf Course, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$25,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to the Golf Course Other Expenses Account for the Ledges Golf Course to fund the contract of the Interim General Manager, or take any other action relative thereto.

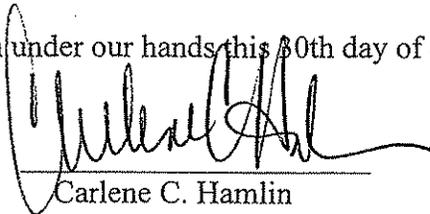
ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$6,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be used to used for the printing and distribution of the proposed Town Charter submitted by the Charter Commission as required by M.G.L. Ch. 43B §11, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$65,000 from the Cable Access Television account for the purpose of purchasing equipment and upgrading cable operations, or take any other action relative thereto.

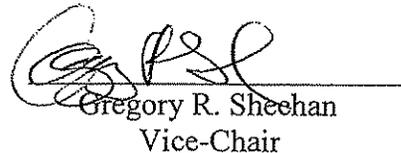
ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$40,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to be used to reduce the tax levy to account for a projected shortfall in local receipts, or take any other action relative thereto.

HEREOF fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 30th day of September 2008:



Carlene C. Hamlin
Chair



Gregory R. Sheehan
Vice-Chair



Robert G. Judge
Clerk

Marilyn G. Ishler
Member



John R. Hine
Member

**SELECTBOARD
TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY**

2008 STM Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT
Hampshire, ss.

TO: Either of the Constables of the Town of South Hadley

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hadley that the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will be held in the TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM on Saturday, the 9th day of May, 2009, at 9:15 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the subject matter of this warrant can then and there be reached, and the Town Clerk is required to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members then and there to meet and act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to enter into compensating balance agreements with bank offices having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during Fiscal Year 2010, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to defend all suits that may be brought against the Town during Fiscal Year 2010 and to prosecute all suits on behalf of the Town, to engage counsel for same, and to settle such suits as they deem advisable, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for and accept such federal or state grants or monies as may be available and to authorize the Selectboard to expend any funds received there from in accordance with the terms of said grants, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve one or more increases in the Massachusetts Rooms and Meals taxes, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money for highway improvements under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 and other applicable law; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to constitute a Reserve Fund, transfers from which may be voted by the Appropriations Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends \$42,500 for this article.]

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Town of South Hadley as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Selectboard Members, Clerk/Treasurer, Assessors, Collector, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends \$51,000 for the Clerk/Treasurer's salary.]

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$18,743,096.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the support and maintenance of its schools, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Landfill Enterprise Fund, Waste Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund, and Cable Studio Account, the sum of \$54,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding wage and merit increases for non-unit employees for Fiscal Year 2010, including the Clerk/Treasurer and Collector pursuant to Article 7 above, and to reflect and implement said wage and merit increases in Personal Services for covered employees and the Stipend Administration Plan, and to further provide in this sum continued funding of the Employee Assistance Program for municipal employees, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,541,929.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Personal Services and Expenses of General Government for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends \$11,250 less for this article for the Clerk/Treasurer salary and \$12,500 less because a second election is not required in FY10.]

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$2,552,497.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Protection of Persons and Property for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$13,244.00, or a greater or lesser sum, from Cable Studio Account to the General Fund for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,415,253.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Department of Public Works for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$100,003.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of providing for the removal of snow and ice from town streets, sidewalks and public ways in FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$296,345.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Council on Aging for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$100,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Veterans and Soldiers Benefits in FY 2010 under Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$528,978.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the South Hadley Library for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$13,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Gaylord Library in FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$28,000.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of auditing the Town's accounts for Fiscal Year 2009 and for engaging a consultant to perform an actuarial study for compliance with the federally mandated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for health insurance for retirees, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Cable Studio Account the sum of \$55,630.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Cable Studio Personal Services and Expenses for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$6,560,962.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for

the purpose of funding FY 2010 Unclassified Accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$112,202.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Health and Sanitation for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,886,018.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding its Maturing Debt and Interest Account for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$5,500.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Connecticut River Channel Marking and Safety Committee for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund, the sum of \$55,100.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of providing for expenses in FY 2010 related to the operation of the Town Ambulance in FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or appropriate from the Golf Enterprise Fund Receipts, the sum of \$913,209.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Ledges Golf Club for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends an additional \$9,500 for this article.]

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Canal Park Committee for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Conservation Land Acquisition Account for FY 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$12,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the revaluation of real property.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

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ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$23,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to replace the current MUNIS server or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$60,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to replace the gravel base and pavement at the Lincoln Street parking lot, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$15,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for design services and budget pricing to upgrade restroom facilities at the main Library to include ADA compliance, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee does not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$100,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to widen the entry to the MESM parking lot, create a drop-off zone at the sidewalk adjacent to the school, and create a new parking lot on the westerly side of the school, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$25,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the of funding the Ledges Water Loop, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends a reduction of \$10,000 for this article.]

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$35,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to remove floor tiles in two or three classrooms, install a vapor barrier on top of the concrete, and replace the floor tiles, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$150,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of purchasing a six-wheel dump truck with plow and sand spreader, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 1/2 , to establish in the Town Treasury a revolving fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from all other monies by the Treasurer, and in which shall be deposited the receipts received that may be spent by the Selectboard or its designee, without further appropriation during FY 2010 for the continued support and maintenance of Buttery Brook Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws by adding the following Right to Farm Bylaw, or take any other action relative thereto:

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to restate the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of South Hadley restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This general By-law supports the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of South Hadley by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and town agencies, when done in compliance with state laws and town bylaws and regulations.

Section 2 Definitions

The word "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land;
- breeding of livestock including horses;
- keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and furbearing animals such as mink.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving and/or oversized farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- use of legally established rights of way over private property;
- control of pests and application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides, as permitted under and in compliance with state law;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm; maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of agricultural products, insofar as not in conflict with town by-laws; and
- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations, insofar as permitted by the Wetlands Protection Act and town regulations.

Section 3 Right to Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of South Hadley. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes

associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices and local zoning and other regulations. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law, or other bylaw or regulation.

Section 4 Disclosure Notification

Within 30 days after his bylaw becomes effective, the Select Board shall prominently post in the town hall the following disclosure:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and support the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the town may be affected by commercial agricultural operations.”

Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and attempt to facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and attempt to facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of South Hadley hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by adding the following Agricultural Commission Bylaw, or take any action relative thereto.

The Agricultural Commission shall represent the South Hadley farming community. Said Commission shall serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in the town both as a business and a resource, the preservation of farmland, the promotion of agricultural-based economic opportunities, and the visibility of farming in South Hadley.

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Selectboard. Two members shall be appointed for a three year term; two members for a term of two years,

and three years thereafter, and one member for a term of one year and three years thereafter. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority based on recommendations of the Commission, for the unexpired term of the vacancy. At least three of the members shall be actively engaged in agriculture.

The duties and responsibilities of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to:

- Advising the Selectboard, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and other local organizations, on projects and activities, including acquisitions and other transactions, involving agricultural lands in town.
- Helping to facilitate the resolution of any farm-related grievance or concern filed with the Town authorities.
- Engaging in projects and activities to promote the business of farming activities and traditions and farmland protection in town, including programs and community events.
- Reporting on its projects and activities on an annual basis within the town report.

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to Flood Plain Regulations by amending:

- Section 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subpart (L) Flood Plain Regulations, paragraph 3 Permitted Uses to remove the requirement that the lowest floor be at least one foot above the elevation of the flood plain limits by deleting the phrase “of at least one (1) foot” from the first sentence of said paragraph 3.

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to Sign Regulations by amending:

- Section 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subpart (F) Signs, paragraph 7 - Illumination of Signs to provide standards for approval/disapproval of illumination of signs by adding the following subparagraph “b” to read as follows:
 - b. Adverse to surrounding neighborhood or community. Signs which illuminate more than what is necessary to convey the message or name being promoted or create glare which may impact motorists are generally considered to have an adverse impact on the community. Such adverse impact arises from excessive light pollution. Therefore, in determining whether to approve the illumination of a sign, the Planning Board shall:
 - 1.) consider and minimize the illumination impact of the signage illumination on the surrounding properties; and,
 - 2.) only approve internally-illuminated signs where only the lettering or logo of the enterprise or message being promoted are illuminated; and,
 - 3.) ensure that the illuminated sign does not illuminate adjoining or nearby residential properties or pose a danger to motorists on

- adjoining or nearby roadways which might arise from glare from the illumination source; and,
- 4.) not approve exposed or illuminated neon signs; and,
 - 5.) require that illumination sources not illuminate the background or field of a sign except to the extent that the background or field (due to the shape of the sign area) is clearly a logo of the company or enterprise being advertised.

or take any other action relative thereto.

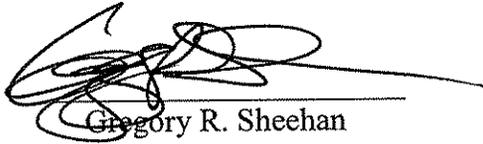
ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire an interest in land either by transfer or long term lease from the Holyoke Gas and Electric, said land currently constitutes a parking lot situated off Main Street across from St. Patrick Church and the Egg and I, and further to accomplish this acquisition, that the Town appropriate a sum of money by transfer from available funds in the Economic Development Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to ratify the Fifth Amendment entered into between the Town and BIOSAFE, Inc. on or about December 4, 2007 for the operation of the South Hadley Landfill, said amendment amended a prior agreement and amendments thereto entered into between the Town and BIOSAFE and its predecessors in interest, or take any other action relative thereto.

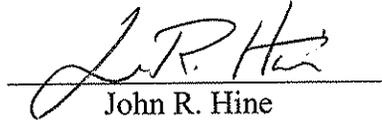
ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to enter into a new agreement with BIOSAFE, Inc. for the purpose of operating the South Hadley Landfill, said agreement to include certain terms and conditions regarding the rights and responsibilities of the parties relative to the operation of the landfill as well as a proposed vertical expansion to the existing site-assigned area and expanding the footprint of the exiting landfill, or take any other action relative thereto.

HEREOF fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

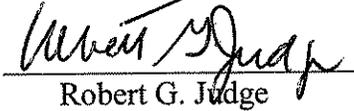
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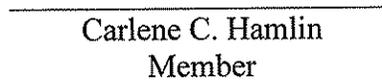
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John R. Hine
Vice-Chair



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Clerk



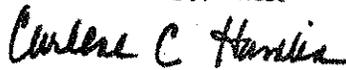
Carlene C. Hamlin
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Marilyn G. Ishler
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**SELECTBOARD
TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY**

2009 ATM Warrant

A True Copy, Attest



Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT
Hampshire, ss.

TO: Either of the Constables of the Town of South Hadley

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hadley that the SPECIAL TOWN MEETING will be held in the TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM on Saturday, the 9th day of May, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the subject matter of this warrant can then and there be reached, and the Town Clerk is required to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members then and there to meet and act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$35,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of paying increased costs in the Selectboard Personnel Services Budget for FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$10,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of paying increased costs in the Town Counsel Budget for FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee does not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$10,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for FICA expenses for FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury \$195,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of paying increased costs of Snow Removal for FY 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ledges Golf Course Enterprise Personnel Services Account to the Ledges Golf Course Enterprise Other Expense Account the sum of \$14,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for technical services by an interim general manager and for irrigation intake clean-out, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,200.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for a structural engineer to define the modifications to the Library roof system to properly support the new roof top HVAC units, or take any other action relative thereto.
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

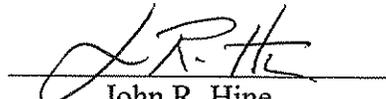
ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will establish a committee, comprised of 3 Town Meeting members, Town Moderator, 1 member each of the Select Board, School Committee, and Appropriations Committee to review the effectiveness and operations of Town Meeting, and to report back to the Town Meeting no later than Fall of 2009, or take any other action.

HEREOF fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

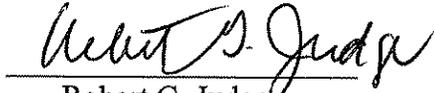
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2009 STM Warrant

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