ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
OF THE
TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2015.
The 2015 Annual Town Report is Dedicated in Memory of

Leah Benson
School Nurse

Dorothy “Dotty” English
School Department
In Memoriam

Forrest Barber
Boston Post Cane recipient, August 2014

Thomas Chisholm
Highway Foreman

Richard Colvin
Health Inspector

George Kyller
Council on Aging

Joanne MacNeill
Council on Aging, Old Colony Elder Services

Kevan Sullivan
Treasurer/Collector's Office, Board of Health

Virginia "Ginny" Michaels
School Nurse, Old Colony Elder Services,
Council on Aging, Friends of the Library
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 194th Annual Town Report.

In 2015, Jerry D. Lawrence was re-elected for his 4th term on the Board of Selectmen. Under reorganization, Nancy J. Maloney was voted Chairman and Eldon F. Moreira, Clerk.

The Town began the year recovering from a very snowy winter. However, due to increased local aid funds and FEMA reimbursement funds in response to the record snowfall, the Town was able to repave those roadways most affected by the weather and cover costs related to snow removal. Through these efforts as well as Governor Charlie Baker’s fulfilled campaign promises of increasing local aid to municipalities, West Bridgewater bolstered its financial stability. Selectmen also worked with state officials to share concerns about local governance, the result of which was Governor Baker’s Municipal Modernization Act. This legislation specifically aims to increase efficiency in local government and revises laws so that they are more aligned with the use of modern technology in the public sector.

The Town also modernized itself at a local level. In August, Board of Selectmen meetings went paperless, saving multiple reams of paper in just the first few months of implementation. Selectmen retrieve their packets, which have been posted on the website, on iPads during the meeting. The only paper documents prepared for the Selectmen are those that they have to sign. Additionally, a new website was designed in the Fall and is set to debut in February 2016. The new website address is www.westbridgewaterma.org. The site is intended to provide information in an organized manner while also allowing for increased resident participation in local government. The website features more information available for residents as well as prospective businesses.

In 2015, the Town underwent significant changes, beginning with construction in the Center of Town that plagued traffic in the area for months. The roadwork began in 2014 and was delayed in the spring due to the lasting snowfall that came well into March. By July, state crews were able to complete the reconfiguration, installing dedicated turning lanes, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and a bike lane. The new traffic light system includes SmartLoop technology that changes the lights based on real-time traffic so as to provide the most effective traffic flow. Minimal work will continue into 2016, but will not impact traffic.

The Town also saw the completion of the new Middle/Senior High School, a state of the art facility that brings 21st century learning to our students. The demolition of the old school was greeted with great fanfare by the community. Graduated classes held reunions and the School Committee hosted a gala and celebration in the old gym, allowing graduates and alumni a last look at their old stomping grounds. Selectmen continued their efforts to control operating costs in spite of this needed project by using free cash to pay for all capital budget items, rather than borrowing, for the second year in a row. Additionally, Selectmen raised revenues at 1.5% rather than the allowed 2.5% to lessen the tax burden on our residents.

Selectman Nancy Maloney instilled new vigor into Strategic Planning, naming five new Selectmen-approved goals to advance the Town. These goals include revising and updating the Master Plan, developing a brand for the Town, reviewing the need for sidewalks, trails and pedestrian crossings town-wide, developing an intermunicipal sewer agreement with the City of Brockton, and updating the Open
Space and Recreation Plans. Strategic Planning encourages resident participation in local government and the Board was pleased with the amount of volunteers for this next session.

Selectman Jerry Lawrence and Town Administrator David Gagne began negotiations with the Brockton Casino Developers in September upon being designated as a surrounding community. The Town was unable to reach an agreement before the end of the year and will continue into arbitration in 2016. Selectman Lawrence also led an initiative to rename the large meeting room in Town Hall the MacDonald-Brown Meeting Room after two women who served the Town. Ms. Marjorie MacDonald was the first female Selectman, serving from 1959-1974 and Ms. Anna Brown was the first female Town Clerk, serving from 1949-1988. An official dedication ceremony will be held in the Spring of 2016.

Selectman Eldon Moreira was honored in November with a street naming ceremony for the newly christened Eldon Moreira Way, which connects the Highway Department to North Main Street. Employees, residents, and friends and family of Selectman Moreira joined together for a small ceremony as the street sign was installed. Selectman Moreira was recognized for more than 34 years of service as a Selectman. A video documenting this ceremony can be found on the Town’s website under "Selectmen in the News".

The Town celebrated the retirements of many long-term employees: Paul Golder, Nancy Morrison, Charlie Bunker, Beth Roll Smith, and Linda Dubin. The Selectmen wish them all a happy, healthy retirement with sincere thanks for their service to the Town. Various employees joined the ranks in the Town of West Bridgewater as well. The Town welcomes Brandon Fillipini to the Highway Department, Ellen Snoyenbos as Library Director, Gregory Paul as Assistant Wiring Inspector, Patricia Ingargiola and Andrew Rosenfield to the Water Department, Gerard Julian-Suarez to the Police Department, Sharon Ledin to the Town Clerk's Office, and Connor Duffy and Justin Raulino to the Fire Department. The Selectmen also voted on various promotions throughout the year. Shawn Anderson was promoted to Foreman of the Highway Department and Michael Winkler was promoted to Sergeant in the Police Department. The Selectmen thank them all for their willingness to serve the Town and look forward to working with them!

The Board wishes to thank our office staff, Mallory Aronstein and Jacqueline Flaherty, for their continued hard work and dedication to the Town. The Board also extends its thanks to Town Administrator David Gagne for his many contributions toward the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Maloney, Chairman, nmaloney@wbridgewater.com
Eldon F. Moreira, Clerk
Jerry D. Lawrence, jlawr99851@aol.com

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# TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
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PLANNING BOARD
Howard Anderson................................................................. 2015 2020
Hugh Hurley........................................................................... 2011 2016
Gerald Stetson....................................................................... 2012 2017
James R. Noyes.................................................................... 2013 2018
Anthony Kinahan.................................................................. 2014 2019

HOUSING AUTHORITY
7 Esther Dr.
Marion L. Leonard.................................................................. 2011 2016
Nancy L. Morrison.................................................................. 2013 2018
Diane Perry............................................................................. 2013 2018
Raymund S. Rogers............................................................... 2014 2019
John F. Cruz........................................................................... 2015 2020

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN
TERMS EXPIRE EACH YEAR UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
David L. Gagne

ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
Diane Perry ........................................................................... 2015 2018
Mary Petrie............................................................................ 2015 2018
Maria Baker.......................................................................... 2013 2016
Denise Lewis.......................................................................... 2013 2016
Marilyn Raleigh..................................................................... 2014 2017
Alternate Members:
Beth Anderson...................................................................... 2015 2016
Vacancy.................................................................................. 2015 2016

ADA COORDINATOR
Eldon Moreira

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE
David L. Gagne, Town Administrator
Dr. Patricia Oakley, School Superintendent

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
William Gibson III................................................................. 2013 2015
Ron Metcalf (Resigned).......................................................... 2015 2018
June Metcalf (Resigned)......................................................... 2013 2016
Victoria Benca......................................................................... 2013 2016
Marcy Tannenbaum............................................................... 2014 2017
Dan Howard.......................................................................... 2014 2017

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS
Jeni Mather
George Mather
BOARD OF APPEALS
James Henderson................................................................. 2015 2020
William Lucini................................................................. 2010 2015
Tom P. Snell................................................................. 2013 2018
Keith Porges................................................................. 2013 2018
Walter Thayer ................................................................. 2014 2019
Alternate Members:
Bruce Holmquist 1st Alternate........................................ 2013 2018
Gayle Cipitelli 2nd Alternate........................................ 2014 2019

BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE
Conservation Commission Historical Commission

BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE
Diane Perry................................................................. 2013 2016

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Vacancy

BUILDING INSPECTOR
Steven Solari

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR
Edward Gardner

BYLAW STUDY COMMITTEE
Thomas P. Snell................................................................. 2013 2016
Richard Krugger................................................................. 2014 2017
David Lacy................................................................. 2014 2017
William Lucini................................................................. 2014 2017
Wade Estabrooks ................................................................. 2014 2017
Gayle Cipitelli ................................................................. Secretary

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Vacancy ........................................................................... 2014 2017
Stephen Currier................................................................. 2014 2016
Paul Watson................................................................. 2015 2018
Jason Daniels................................................................. 2013 2016
Robert Bevis ................................................................. 2015 2017
Jerry Lawrence ................................................................. Ex Officio
Scott Cray ................................................................. Ex Officio

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
David L. Gagne

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE
Christopher Iannitelli................................................................. 2014 2017
Joan McAndrew................................................................. 2014 2017
John J. Connolly Jr................................................................. 2014 2017
Cheryl Cambria ................................................................. 2012 2015
John Cruz ................................................................. 2012 2015
James Henderson ................................................................. 2015 2018
Stephen McCarthey ................................................................. 2015 2018
Warren Turner ................................................................. 2015 2018
Gerald Stetson ................................................................. 2012 2015
COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Victoria Benea
Jack Hughes
Wayne Parks
John Cruz
Arthur Cabral
James Holden
Timothy Hay

COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
John Duggan
Paul Golder
Victor Flaherty, Jr.
Wayne Parks
Ann MacNaughton
Mary Harrington Graf
Ed Sarro
Patricia Oakley
David Gagne
John Collins
Beth-Roll Smith

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Mallory Aronstein

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Jacqueline Flaherty

CONSERVATION AGENT
John DeLano

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
John J. Connolly, Jr. ................................................................. 2015 2018
Steven Winters ................................................................. 2014 2015
Maurice McCarthy ............................................................. 2013 2016
Timothy Hay ................................................................. 2014 2017
Lee Anderson ................................................................. 2014 2017
Alternate Members:
Paula Bethoney, 1st Alternate ............................................. 2015 2016
Vacancy 2nd Alternate ....................................................... 2014 2016

COUNCIL ON AGING
Monica Armstrong ............................................................. 2015 2018
David V. Fazio ................................................................. 2013 2016
Frances Deibel (Resigned) ................................................ 2013 2016
Linda Gibson ................................................................. 2013 2016
Josh Freitas (Resigned) ..................................................... 2013 2016
Joan McAndrew ............................................................. 2014 2017
Marguerite Morse .......................................................... 2014 2017
Bruce Holmquist ............................................................ 2014 2017

CULTURAL COUNCIL
Marion Loughman ............................................................. 2012 2017
Jill L. Janovsky ............................................................... 2012 2017
Frances Deibel ............................................................... 2013 2017
Josh Freitas(Resigned) ..................................................... 2014 2017
Sandra Irving ................................................................. 2014 2017
Joan McAndrew ............................................................. 2014 2017
Jason Ross ................................................................. 2014 2017
Scott Fortier ................................................................. 2014 2017

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Nicholas Chuckran................................................................. 2010 2016
Leonard Hunt........................................................................... 2013 2018
Richard Rogers........................................................................ 2013 2018
Stephen Lang........................................................................... 2013 2018
Kathleen Murphy....................................................................... 2014 2019

ELDER SERVICES DIRECTOR
Mary Harrington Graf

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER
Leonard T. Hunt

ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER
Ronald P. Snell

FENCE VIEWERS
Vacancy.................................................................................. 2014 2017
Joseph Souza, Sr................................................................. 2015 2018
Hugh Hurley........................................................................... 2013 2016

FIELD DRIVERS
Howard A. Anderson.......................................................... 2013 2016
Vacancy.................................................................................. 2014 2017
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FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON
David L. Gagne

FIRE CHIEF
Leonard T. Hunt

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Leonard T. Hunt

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR
Leonard T. Hunt

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Christopher Lynds  David Gagne  Maureen Adams
Michael Hutchinson  John Duggan  Mary Borsari
Judith Kinney  Todd Cantalupo

HERRING WARDEN
Donald MacDonald  James Souza

HIGHWAY & VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT
Leonard W. Graf, III

ASSISTANT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT
Thomas Souza
### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### LIQUOR LICENSE AGENT

Sgt. Christopher Werner

### LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Kelli Hutchings  James Benson

### LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

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### LOCKUP KEEPER

Officer Daniel Sullivan

### MASS. BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD

Vacant

### MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

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O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Marguerite Morse, Delegate
Mary Harrington Graf, Alternate Delegate

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC
Vacant

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Len W. Graf, III, Highway & Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent, Delegate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL
Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate...................................................... 2014 2017

O.C.P.C. MULTIPLE HAZARD COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM
Leonard T. Hunt, Delegate

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION
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Matthew Penella................................................................. 2014 2017
Christopher Iannitelli........................................................... 2014 2017

PARKING CLERK
Nancy J. Maloney

PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT
Christopher Iannitelli...................................................... 2014 2017

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
John F. Cruz

ASSISTANT PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
Vacant

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD
Nancy J. Maloney, Member
Eldon Moreira, Alternate Member

POLICE CHIEF
Donald Clark

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE
Eldon F. Moreira

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Mallory Aronstein Vacancy Julie Amaral
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
Francis J. Boyd ................................................................. 2015 2018
John Cruz .............................................................................. 2013 2016
Linda J. Simpson ................................................................. 2014 2017
Anne G. Iannitelli ............................................................... 2015 2018

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
Sarah Amaral-Smith Nancy Maloney David Gagne
Henry (Chip) Bradford Molly Smith Anne Iannitelli
Susan Sullivan Dr. Patricia W. Oakley Julie Hamblin
Marco Barrile Mark Bodwell Mary Graziano
Meredith Anderson Gary Keith James Holden
Jim Kjolgaard Ed Perrault Donald Clark
Leonard Hunt Terry Daley Susan Kenneally
Marilyn Raleigh Enrique Arce Bruce Holmquist

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS
David Moore

SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE
Vacancy .................................................................................. 2013 2016
Vacancy .................................................................................. 2016 2016
William Kovatis .................................................................... 2015 2018
David Leighton .................................................................... 2014 2017
Dean Hardy ........................................................................... 2014 2017

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS
Paul Meehan Robert Smith
William L. Ferretti Robert Kominsky
William Stoddard John T. Pettingill
Dean Hardy Bruce Holmquist

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REVIEW BOARD (TIF)
Leonard Hunt ........................................................................ 2014 2017
Steve McCarthy ..................................................................... 2015 2018
Robert Smith ........................................................................ 2012 2015
Eldon Moreira ....................................................................... 2013 2016
John Duggan .......................................................................... 2013 2016
David Gagne .......................................................................... Liaison

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Ann MacNaughton

TOWN COUNSEL
David Gay, Esq.

TOWN RIVER FISHERIES COMMITTEE
James Sniger ........................................................................... 2014 2017
Donald MacDonald ................................................................. Herring Warden
James Souza .......................................................................... Herring Warden
John Cruz ................................................................................ Herring Warden
TOWN WEIGHER
Vacancy

TREASURER/COLLECTOR
John G. Duggan

VETERANS AGENT
Walter Thayer

VICTOR R. FLAHERTY, SR. CIVIC AWARD COMMITTEE
Victor R. Flaherty, Jr
William Kovatis
Kenneth May
Nancy Morrison
Nancy Maloney

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL
Wayne Parks

WEST BRIDGEWATER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Leonard T. Hunt, Director
Donald Clark, Deputy
Bruce Holmquist, Deputy
Robert Casper, Deputy
Paul Golder, Deputy

WIRING INSPECTOR
David Bentley

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR
Gregory Paul

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE
Stephen Hobbs
Christopher Boujoukos
Marion Loughman
Robert Smith
Joseph Kameese

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE
Russell Regan
Bruce Holmquist
Stephen Hobbs

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Stephen M. Currier (resigned) ................................................................. 2012 2015
Jeri Scrceni ................................................................................................. 2012 2015
Meredith Anderson ................................................................................. 2012 2015
Peter J. Fredericksen ............................................................................ 2013 2016
Cheryl Adams ........................................................................................... 2013 2016
John Waller ............................................................................................... 2014 2016
Jennifer Clark-Croes .............................................................................. 2014 2017
Maurice McCarthy .................................................................................. 2014 2017
Anthony J. Kinahan ................................................................................ 2014 2017
David Gagne ........................................................................................... Liaison

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
Lee Anderson
Howard A. Anderson
EMERGENCY DOG INSPECTOR  
George Mather        Jeni Mather

BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN  
Dr. Brian Blanchette

BURIAL AGENTS  
Anne Iannitelli        Sharon L. Ledin

APPOINTMENTS BY THE  
CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF  
Kenneth J. May

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul T. Golder        Adam J. Silva        Timothy J. Sheehan
William A Choate     C. Douglas Hill, Jr.   Paul E. McCafferty
Lincoln Thibeault    David L. Niklason     Christopher B. Lynds
John A. Bartorelli   Shane D. Carr         Patrick S. Picher
Patrick C. Harrington  Corey P. Silva      Adam W. Travers
LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

The following monies were received in the Town Clerk’s office and paid to the Treasurer:

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF WEST BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS, THE NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES ARE NO LONGER INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

The total number of birth recorded in 2015 was 78
The total number of marriages recorded in 2015 was 30
The total number of deaths recorded in 2015 was 125

Certified copies of vital records are available upon request at the usual fee.
Please call the Town Clerk's office (508)-894-1200 for further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne G, Iannitelli, Town Clerk
TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
2015 STATISTICS

REGISTERED VOTERS

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Prohibition                   | 0            |              |
Republican                    | 425          | 337          |
Timesizing Not Downsizing     | 1            | 0            |
Unenrolled                    | 1403         | 1411         |
TOTAL                         | 2352         | 2231         |

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TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS – 4583

TOTAL POPULATION
6942

RESIDENCE STATISTICS
2712 Housing Units
62 Vacant Residences

2017 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 8, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Spring Street School

2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 13, 2016
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – 10th PLYMOUTH DIST.
Michelle DuBois

SENATORS IN CONGRESS
Elizabeth A. Warren
Edward J. Markey

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
Stephen F. Lynch

COUNCILLOR – 2nd DISTRICT
Robert L. Jubinville

STATE SENATOR
Brian A. Joyce
TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 11, 2015

The Annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Constable Bruce L. Holmquist, in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws and the By-laws of the Town of West Bridgewater, posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen on March 12, 2015.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 900 ballots were given to each Warden, Warren Turner and Marilyn Raleigh.

Boy Scouts from Troop 23 of West Bridgewater greeted the voters as they came in to cast their ballots.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. the voting machines showed a total of 306 votes had been cast.

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct 1: Marilyn Raleigh, Warden; Marion Loughman, Clerk; June Carveth, Mary Petrie, Roberta Turner, Diane Perry, Checkers; Pam Humphreys, Tally

Precinct 2: Warren Turner, Warden, Beverly Reynolds, Clerk; Roberta Waite, Sandra Irving, Janet Cole, Joan McAndrew, Checkers; Amanda Kelley, Tally.

Cameron Hay and Duncan Hay assisted with the setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The election proceeded as follows:

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<td>Deborah A. Lancaster, 73 Ash St.</td>
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A true copy, Attest: 

Nancy L. Morrison, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT ARTICLES  
Monday, June 8, 2015 – 7:00 PM  
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium

A meeting in which the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Walter L. Thayer on May 21, 2015.

The Opening Ceremonies began at 6:51 p.m. with Pastor John McGrath of the Voice of Truth Church giving the invocation. The Boys Scouts from 25 presented the colors and the West Bridgewater Girls Scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Shannon O'Toole, Maia Hay and Jess Vinskus sang the Star Spangled Banner.

A moment of silence was held for deceased members of committees, employees and former officials.

The fifth annual Victor R. Flaherty, Sr. Civic Award was presented in his memory by Victor R. Flaherty, Jr. to Joanne Hall.

Moderator James E. Benson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and adjourned to the Special Town Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The counters for the evening were Peter Turner, Joan McAndrew, Jack Hughes and Marilyn Raleigh.

The Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 7:27 p.m. with 113 qualified voters and 43 guests, the meeting proceeded at follows:

Article 1: To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

Consent Motion: Articles 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are consent articles. Articles and Motions listed here in the event Consent article is not voted as a whole.

MOVE: That the Town consider Articles 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, as printed on the Warrant, as a single "consent" article with:
The upper limit on Article 5 established at $40,000;
The upper limit on Article 6 established at $28,000;
The upper limit on Article 7 established at $4,000;
The upper limit on Article 8 established at $12,000; and,
The upper limit on Article 9 established at $90,000.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.
Consent -

MOVE: That the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015:

Moderator
Board of Selectmen
Town Clerk
Board of Health

Tree Warden
Board of Assessors
Water Commissioners

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees
Planning Board
School Committee

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015:

Moderator $338
Board of Selectmen $10,375
Town Clerk $63,654
Board of Water Commissioners $7,295

Tree Warden $0
Board of Assessors $10,539
Board of Health $2,577

A MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD KRUGGER TO AMEND "the Board of Water Commissioners salary to $4295.00".

THIS AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

THE AMENDED MOTION NOW READS:

MOVE: That the Town vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015:

Moderator $338
Board of Selectmen $10,375
Town Clerk $63,654
Board of Water Commissioners $4,295

Tree Warden $0
Board of Assessors $10,539
Board of Health $2,577
UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIOMOUSLY

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $29,221,923 for the maintenance and support of the several departments of the Town and other usual or necessary Town charges as herein specified and requested by the Finance Committee for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015 for the purposes herein described and further that the sum of $26,970,821 be raised and appropriated and the sum of 2,251,102 be transferred as follows:

From Estimated Water Revenues to: Water Department (4500) 1,526,102
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts to: Fire Department (2200) 375,000
From Free Cash to Offset the Debt Exclusion Borrowing Costs for new Middle/High School: 350,000
Budget#7510.5902 TOTAL 2,251,102

A MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN CRUZ TO AMEND "Board of Health 5110, to add to line item 5312, $4995. The total appropriation to be $136,322."

THIS AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY MAJORITY.

A MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION WAS MADE BY WARREN TURNER TO AMEND "The line "books and periodicals" from $49,830 to $51,240 bringing the library budget to a new total of $411,227 (an increase of $1,410)"

THIS AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERT L. SMITH TO AMEND "line 5510 (Books and Periodicals) of budget 6100, Library, from $49,830 to $69,830 and to amend the total budget amount to $429,817."

THIS AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED AND FAILED.

A MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MODERATOR, JAMES BENSON TO AMEND " 4500, the Board of Water Commissioners salaries from $7295.00 to $4295.00, line 5110."

THIS AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE AMENDED MOTION NOW READS:

MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $29,225,328 for the maintenance and support of the several departments of the Town and other usual or necessary Town charges as herein specified and requested by the Finance Committee for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015 for the
purposes herein described and further that the sum of $26,977,226 be raised and appropriated and the sum of $2,248,102 be transferred as follows:

From Estimated Water Revenues to: Water Department (4500) $1,523,102
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts to: Fire Department (2200) $375,000
From Free Cash to Offset the Debt Exclusion Borrowing Costs for new Middle/High School: $350,000

Budget#7510.5902 TOTAL $2,248,102

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used by the Council for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $40,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-MOVE: That the Town vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of $40,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging’s Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $28,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-MOVE: That the Town vote to approve and authorize, as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging’s Nutrition Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of $28,000 unless the
expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging’s Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $4,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-MOVE: That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging’s Transportation Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of $4,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for general library expenses for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit in FY 16 of $12,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-MOVE: That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purpose of general library expenses for said library and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit in FY 2016 an amount of $12,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools’ Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for
expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $90,000, or take any action relative thereto.

Consent-MOVE:

That the Town approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ , the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program to be used by the Preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Superintendent of Schools will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of $90,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which will grant a percentage increase to real estate tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions, or take any action relative thereto.

EXPLANATION: Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 authorizes towns certified by the Commissioner of Revenue to be assessing all property at its full and fair cash value, and which accept the provisions of that Act to grant additional real estate tax exemptions. Such additional exemptions may be granted to persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37A and 41C.

To statutory exemption recipients, this means:

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This increased amount will stay in place so long as it is voted each year at Town Meeting.

MOVE:

That the Town accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which will grant a percentage increase to Real Estate Tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions and further to increase the Real Estate Tax Exemption to persons so qualified by 25% for FY 2016.
UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the Town’s share of the cost of work for State Aid Construction and Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town borrow $320,596, to be repaid in not more than one year, in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the Town’s share of the cost of work for state aid construction and maintenance as authorized as the Town’s apportionment of Chapter 90 Local Transportation and funding for Fiscal Year 2016 in accordance with the figures released by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in accordance with Chapter 86 of the Acts of 2008.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by using the monies repaid to the Town by current outstanding loans that are in excess of amounts due to be repaid to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the monies previously repaid through the loan program by the property owners be transferred and appropriated for the purpose of financing additional Water Pollution Abatement Facility projects concerning the repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to reissue those funds for additional Water Pollution Abatement Facility projects that are in excess of amounts due to be repaid to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners in accordance with the agreements authorized under those statutes and at 2% interest per annum, of which the proceeds from such interest, as well as any amounts received from the homeowner for the repayment of such loans, shall be credited to the “reserve for appropriation – W.P.A.T. Loan Repayment Account”, and shall, with approval of Town Meeting, be used to fund the repayment of any loans granted by the Water Pollution Abatement Trust under this authorization.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community debt services; community preservation projects, Open Space, Historic Resources, and Community Housing reserves, and other expenses in fiscal year 2016 with each item to be a separate appropriation or reserve:

**Appropriations:**
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses .................. $ 10,400

**Reserves:**
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve:
.......................... $ 0
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve:
.......................... $20,800
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve...
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve
(remainder of income) ............ $10,200
or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:** That the Town appropriate from the FY 2016 Community Preservation annual revenues the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2016 with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

**Appropriations:**
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses .................. $ 10,400

**Reserves:**
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve:
.......................... $ 0
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve:
.......................... $20,800
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve...
From FY 2016 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve
(remainder of income) ............ $10,200

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Historic Resources Reserve portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum, not to exceed $5,000, to be used by the Town Clerk for the preservation of historic vital records, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer and appropriate from the Historic Resources Reserve portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum of $5,000 to be expended by the Town Clerk for the preservation of historic vital records.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Historic Resources Reserve portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum, not to exceed $4,150, to be used by the West Bridgewater Public Library for the preservation of historic vital records, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer and appropriate from the Historic Resources Reserve portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum of $4,150 to be expended by the West Bridgewater Public Library for the preservation of historic vital records.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Historic Resources Reserve portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum, not to exceed $9,450, and from the FY2016 Historic Resources Estimated Revenue portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum, not to exceed $20,800, and from the Fund Balance Reserve Portion of the Community Preservation Fund, a sum not to exceed $9,750, for a total sum not to exceed $40,000, to be used by the Forestry and Parks Superintendent for restoration of the Old Graveyard/South Street Cemetery, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer and appropriate from the Historic Resources Reserve portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum of $9,450, to transfer and appropriate from the FY2016 Historic Resources Estimated Revenue portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum of $20,800, and to transfer and appropriate from the Fund Balance Reserve Portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum of $9,750, for a total sum of $40,000, to be expended by the Forestry and Parks Superintendent for restoration of the Old Graveyard/South Street Cemetery.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the estimated FY2016 Budget Reserve portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum, not
to exceed $125,000, to be used by the Forestry and Parks Superintendent for stone masonry work at War Memorial Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer and appropriate from the estimated FY2016 Budget Reserve portion of the Community Preservation Fund a sum of $125,000 to be expended by the Forestry and Parks Superintendent for stone masonry work at War Memorial Park.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of MGL Ch.32B Section 20 for the purpose of establishing an Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of holding funds for the long term unfunded liability of retiree health insurance costs, and further to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $100,000 for the purpose of initiating the development of a Reserve to meet this fiscal liability, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town accept the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20 for the purpose of establishing an Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund for the purpose of holding funds for the long term unfunded liability of retiree health insurance costs and that the Town raise and appropriate $100,000 for the purpose of initiating the development of a Reserve to meet the long-term unfunded liability of retiree health insurance costs.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money as the Town’s match for the WEB Task Force Grant in FY 2016, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 as the Town’s match for the WEB Task Force Grant for FY 2016.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Fire Department Fire Alarm Maintenance Program to be used to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Fire Chief will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $18,500, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to approve and authorize as provided in MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Fire Department Fire Alarm Maintenance Program to be used
to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Fire Chief will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $18,500.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to make improvements to the Town Hall, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $5,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to make improvements to the Town Hall.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Forestry Department to purchase a new Ford F450, four-wheel drive dump truck with plow and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the Ford 1994 F350 dump truck in the best interest of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash the sum of $79,794 to be expended by the Forestry Department to purchase a new Ford F450, four-wheel drive dump truck with plow and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the Ford 1994 F350 dump truck in the best interest of the Town.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Forestry Department to purchase a new Scag Giant Vac tow-behind truck loader leaf vac, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $5,760 to be expended by the Forestry Department to purchase a new Scag Giant Vac tow-behind truck loader leaf vac.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to purchase and equip a new ambulance for the Fire Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the present ambulance in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash the sum of $250,000 to be expended by the Fire Chief to purchase and equip a new ambulance for the Fire
Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the present ambulance in the best interest of the Town.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Police Department to purchase and equip one new Ford Interceptor Utility V6 all wheel drive vehicle and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the vehicles being taken out of service in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash the sum of $35,912 to be expended by the Police Department to purchase and equip one new Ford Interceptor Utility V6 all-wheel drive vehicle and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the vehicles being taken out of service in the best interest of the Town.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Highway and Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent to purchase a new Ford F550 Four Wheel Drive Dump Truck with plow and sander, and to authorize the Highway and Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent to dispose of the 1997 Ford F350 Dump Truck in the best interest of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash the sum of $93,632 to be expended by the Highway and Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent to purchase a new Ford F550 Four Wheel Drive Dump Truck with plow and sander, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 1997 Ford F350 Dump Truck in the best interest of the Town.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Highway and Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent to purchase a new S450 Bobcat with attachments, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $37,390 to be expended by the Highway and Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent to purchase a new S450 Bobcat with attachments.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to
demolish the building at 40 Clinton Road, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash the sum of $8,475 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to demolish the building at 40 Clinton Road.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Highway and Vehicle Maintenance Department to pave 35,890 square feet at the Howard School and to pave 24,520 square feet at the Town Hall, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash the sum of $145,526 to be expended by the Highway and Vehicle Maintenance Department to pave 35,890 square feet at the Howard School and to pave 24,520 square feet at the Town Hall.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum to be placed in the Town Stabilization Fund, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from available funds a sum not to exceed $693,919 to be placed in the Town Stabilization Fund.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, MET 2/3 REQUIREMENT.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a Light Tower and related equipment, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer the sum of $10,000 from Water Surplus to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to purchase a Light Tower and related equipment.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a F250 Truck and Plow and related equipment, or take any other action relative thereto.
MOVE: That the Town transfer the sum of $52,000 from Water Surplus to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to purchase a F250 Truck and Plow and related equipment.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a John Deere 410 Backhoe/Loader and related equipment, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer the sum of $125,000 from Water Surplus to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to purchase a John Deere 410 Backhoe/Loader and related equipment.

A MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION WAS MADE BY RICHARD KRUGGER TO AMEND. To change: "transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a John Deere 410 Backhoe/Loader and related equipment" to "transfer from water surplus, a sum of $111,500 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a John Deere 410 Backhoe/Loader and related equipment".

THIS AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED AND FAILED.

UPON VOTE, THE ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the previous authorization to decommission and take down the 500,000 gallon water tank on Sunset Avenue as authorized in Article 32 of the Annual Town Meeting on June 9, 2014.

MOVE: That the Town rescind the previous authorization to decommission and take down the 500,000 gallon water tank on Sunset Avenue as authorized by Article 32 of the Annual Town Meeting on June 9, 2014.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, MET 2/3 REQUIREMENT.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to paint the 500,000 gallon water tank on Sunset Avenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer the sum of $85,000 from Water Surplus and borrow the sum of $515,000 to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to paint the 500,000 gallon water tank on Sunset Avenue.
UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to grant a perpetual utility easement to Massachusetts Electric Company, for the purpose of the transmission of intelligence and for furnishing electric utility service, including the right to install, repair, replace, add to, maintain and operate transmission lines, poles, cables, wires, related equipment and appurtenances thereto, in, through, under, over, across and upon the parcel of land owned by the Town known and numbered at 155 West Center Street, said grant of easement to be substantially in the following form:

Grant of Easement

The TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having a usual place of business at 65 North Main Street, West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379 (hereinafter referred to as the Grantor), for consideration of One ($1.00) Dollar, grants to MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY, a Massachusetts corporation with its usual place of business at 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451 (hereinafter referred to as the Grantee) with quittance covenants a perpetual right and easement to install, construct, reconstruct, repair, replace, add to, maintain and operate for the transmission of high and low voltage electric current and for the transmission of intelligence, lines to consist of, but not limited to, five (5) poles, (which may be erected at different times) with wires and cables strung upon and from the same and all necessary anchors, guy wires, and appurtenances (hereinafter referred to as the "OVERHEAD SYSTEM") and "UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM" (hereinafter referred to as the "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM") located in West Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, consisting of lines of buried wires and cables and lines of wires and cables installed in underground conduits, together with all equipment and appurtenances thereto for the transmission of intelligence and for the furnishing of electric service to the herein described premises and others, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, but specifically including the following equipment, namely: manholes, manhole openings, bollards, handholes, junction boxes, transformers, transformer vaults, padmounts, padmount transformers and all housings, connectors, switches, conduits, cables and wires all located within the Basement area of the hereinafter described property.

Said "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" and "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM" are to be located in, through, under, over, across and upon a parcel of land situated on the northerly side of West Center Street, and the easterly side of Spring Street, being more particularly described in a deed to this Grantor, recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 2061, page 176, and shown as Lot 99, on the Town of West Bridgewater's Assessor's Map 38, as presently constituted.

Said "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" is to consist of Pole #1, which is located on the westerly side of Spring Street, then proceed in a westerly direction from said Pole crossing over, upon and across land of the Grantor to a line of poles #1-30, #1-31, #1-32, #1-33, #1-34.
And further, said "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" and "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM" (locations of the electrical equipment and other facilities on the hereinbefore referred to premises of the Grantor) are approximately shown on a sketch entitled "Electric Distribution Construction Easement, National Grid, WER#17036674, Date: 05/23/2014 Drawn By: TJ Houghton, 155 West Center St. West Bridgewater, MA Sketch to Accompany Easement for: The installation of (1) Padmount transformer, (1) Heavy Duty Hand hole, (1) 45° CL 2 riser pole, 450' of OH 110 primary & secondary wire, & 840' of UG Primary wire in concrete encased conduit", a reduced copy of said sketch is attached hereto as "Exhibit A," copies of which are in the possession of the Grantor and Grantee herein, but the final definitive locations of said "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" and "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM" shall become established by and upon the installation and erection thereof by the Grantee.

Also with the further perpetual right and easement from time to time without further payment therefore to pass and repass over, across and upon said land of the Grantor as is reasonable and necessary in order to renew, replace, repair, remove, add to, maintain, operate, patrol and otherwise change said "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" and "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM" and each and every part thereof, but not the general location thereof, and to make such other excavation or excavations as may be reasonably necessary in the opinion and judgment of the Grantee, its successors and assigns, and to clear and keep cleared the portions and areas of the premises wherein the. "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" and "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM" is located as shown on the sketch herein referred to, of such trees, shrubs, bushes, structures, objects and surfaces, as may in the opinion and judgment of the Grantee interfere with the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of the "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" and "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM" and other related electrical equipment. However, said Grantee, its successors and assigns, will properly backfill said excavation or excavations and restore the surface of the land to as reasonably good condition as said surface was in immediately prior to the excavation or excavations thereof.

If the herein referred to locations as laid out and shown on the Sketch are unsuitable for the purposes of the Grantee, its successors and assigns, then said locations may be changed to areas mutually satisfactory to both the Grantor and the Grantee herein; and further, said newly agreed to locations shall be indicated and shown on the sketch above referred to by proper amendment or amendments thereto. The Grantor, for itself, its successors and assigns, covenant and agrees with the Grantee, for itself, its successors and assigns, that this Grant of Easement and the location of the Overhead System and Underground System may not be changed or modified without the written consent of the Grantee, its successors and assigns, which consent may be withheld by the Grantee in its sole discretion.

It is the intention of the Grantor to grant to the Grantee, its successors and assigns, all the rights and easements aforesaid and any and all additional and/or incidental rights needed to install, erect, maintain, and operate within the Grantor's land an "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" and "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM" for the transmission of intelligence and for the purpose of supplying electric service for the building, buildings or proposed buildings shown on the last herein referred to sketch or amended sketch and the right to service others from said "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" and "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM."
It is agreed that the "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" and "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM" shall remain the property of the Grantee, its successors and assigns, and that the Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall pay all taxes assessed thereon. Grantor agrees that the rights and easement herein granted are for the purpose of providing service to the Grantor's property and the further right to service others from said "OVERHEAD SYSTEM" and "UNDERGROUND SYSTEM."

For Grantor's title, see deed dated October 3, 1949, recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 2061, Page 176.

MOVE: That the Town grant a perpetual utility easement to Massachusetts Electric Company for the purpose of the transmission of intelligence and for furnishing electric utility service, including the right to install, repair, replace, add to, maintain and operate transmission lines, poles, cables, wires, related equipment and appurtenances thereto, in, through, under, over, across and upon the parcel of land owned by the Town known and numbered as 155 West Center Street, under such conditions as printed on the Warrant.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 16 of the Town's General By-Laws entitled "Personnel" by adding the following language under Section 16. Leave of Absence without Pay:

e. In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 149 Section 52E, relative to Employment Leave for Victims and Family Members of Abusive Behavior (the “Law”) which was enacted as Section 10 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2014 entitled “An Act Relative to Domestic Violence,” the Board of Selectmen promulgates the following:

Consideration of Paid or Unpaid Leave: The employee, after consuming all available vacation time, personal days, sick days and availability of sick days through a Sick Bank, if applicable, may take leave applicable to the Law in a paid status at his or her regular and customary compensation.

Consideration of Documented Evidence: In recognition of the sensitivity of any leave associated with this Law, documentation will be determined to be required on a case by case, as decided by the Town Administrator or take any action relative, thereto.

MOVE: That the Town amend Article 16 of the Town's General By-Laws entitled "Personnel" by adding language under Section 16. Leave of Absence without Pay as printed on the Warrant.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Article 38: To see if the Town will vote, as authorized by Chapter 256 of the Acts of 2010, and incorporated into the Massachusetts General Laws as Chapter 6, Section 172 B 1/2, to amend the Town's General By-Laws by adding a new By-Law entitled "FINGERPRINTING" as follows to enable the Police Department to conduct State and Federal Fingerprint Based Criminal History checks for individuals applying for or in possession of certain licenses including but not limited to those engaged in the business of Hawking and Peddling or other Door-to-Door Salespeople, Pawn Dealers, and Hackney Drivers, to adopt appropriate policies and procedures to effectuate the purposes of this by-law, or take any other action relative thereto:

**Criminal History Check Authorization**

The Police Department may conduct State and Federal Fingerprint Based Criminal History check for individuals applying for or in possession of certain licenses including but not limited to those engaged in the business of Hawking and Peddling or other Door-to-Door Salespeople, Pawn Dealers, and Hackney Drivers.

An applicant, employee or volunteer seeking to engage in the above employment shall submit, if required by the licensing authority, fingerprints taken by the Police Department along with a fee of One Hundred Dollars.

Upon receipt of the fingerprints and the appropriate fee, the Police Department will transmit the fingerprints to the State Police Identification Unit through the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS), formerly the Criminal History System Board (CHSB). The State Police will compare the subject's fingerprints against its criminal file and then submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a comparison with national records. The results of the FBI check will be returned to the State Police, which will then disseminate the state and national results back to the Police Department.

In rendering a fitness determination, the Police Department will decide whether the record subject has been convicted of [or is under pending indictment for] a crime, which bears upon his/her ability or fitness to serve in that capacity, any felony or a misdemeanor, which involved force or treat of force, controlled substances, or was a sex-related offense.

A record subject may request and receive a copy of his/her criminal history record from the Police Department. Should the record subject seek to amend or correct his/her record, he/she must contact DCJIS for a state record or the FBI for records from other jurisdictions maintained in its file.

The Police Department shall establish, by rule or regulation, a civilian fingerprinting system for the purpose of conducting state and national criminal history records checks of persons applying for certain licensures within the Town. Any person applying for a license for the following activities within the Town is required to submit with the application a full set of fingerprints taken by the Police Department within 6 months prior to the date of application:
- Hawking and Peddling or other Door-to-Door Salespeople;

- Pawn Dealers; and,

- Hackney Drivers.

A person applying for a license and who is required to submit a full set of fingerprints to the licensing authority, pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, may request and receive a copy of his criminal history records from the Police Department. Should the license applicant seek to amend or correct his record, he must contact the DCJIS, or its successor, for a state record or the FBI for records from other jurisdictions maintained in its file.

The fee charged to the applicant by the Police Department for the purpose of enforcing this section shall be $100 for each application. A portion of the fee, as specified in Chapter 172B of the Massachusetts General Laws, shall be deposited into the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification Trust Fund, and the remainder of the fee may be retained by the Police Department for costs associated with the administration of the fingerprinting system.

The Town or any of its officers, departments, boards, committees or other licensing authorities is hereby authorized to deny any application for, or to revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers thereof, for any person who is determined unfit for the license, as determined by the licensing authority, due to information obtained pursuant to this by-law. Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:** That the Town, authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 6, Section 172B ½, amend the Town’s General By-Laws by adding a new By-Law entitled “FINGERPRINTING” with language as printed on the Warrant to enable the Police Department to conduct State and Federal Fingerprint Based Criminal History checks for individuals applying for or in possession of certain licenses, including but not limited to those engaged in the business of Hawking and Peddling or other Door-to-Door Salespeople, Pawn Dealers, and Hackney Drivers, to adopt appropriate policies and procedures to effectuate the purposes of this by-law.

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION TO DISSOLVE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DISSOLVE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AT 10:45 P.M.**

A true copy, Attested:

Anne G. LaCavita, Town Clerk

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Monday, June 8, 2015 – 7:10 PM
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Moderator James Benson

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to provide for the snow and ice deficit in the General Fund - Dept 4230 - DPW Snow and Ice, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer the sum of 385,741.06 to provide for the snow and ice deficit in the General Fund – Department 4230-DPW Snow and Ice.
From:
1510 Town Counsel ........................................ 30,000.00
9100 Benefits Budget ........................................ 280,741.06
4330 Solid Waste Disposal................................. 75,000.00

For a total of ... $ 385,741.06

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2015, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Water Department pay a 2013 outstanding bill from FY 2015 Water Department budget in the amount of $435.00

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Insurance Proceeds into the Revolving Fund, Insurances Over $20,000, a sum of $110,664.74 to be expended by the School Department to offset costs associated with the water damage at the Middle-Senior High School that occurred on or near Sunday, May 4, 2014, which led to six feet of water accumulating in the basement of the Middle-Senior High School, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from Insurance Proceeds into the Revolving Fund, Insurances over $20,000 a sum of $110,664.74 to be expended by the School Department to offset costs associated with the water damage at the Middle-Senior High School that occurred on or near Sunday, May 4, 2014, which led to six feet of water accumulating in the basement of the Middle-Senior High School.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the premium paid to the Town of West Bridgewater upon the sale of bonds issued for the Middle/Senior High School, which are the subject of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion, to pay costs of the project being financed by such bonds and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project, but not yet issued by the Town, by the same amount, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate the premium in the amount of $990,349 paid to the Town of West Bridgewater upon the sale of bonds issued for the Middle/Senior High School, which are the subject of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion, to pay costs of the project being financed by such bonds and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project, but not yet issued by the Town, by the same amount.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO DISSOLVE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DISSOLVE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AT 7:27 P.M.

A true copy, Attested:

Anne G. Iannitelli, Town Clerk
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES
Thursday, October 22, 2015 – 7:00 PM
West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School Auditorium

A meeting in which the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Bruce L. Holmquist on October 8, 2015.

Moderator James Benson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Mr. Benson lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Marilyn Raliegh, Diane Perry, Marion Loughman and Sandra Irving were sworn in as tellers by Town Clerk, Anne Iannitelli.

A total of 161 voters and 18 guests were in attendance.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by adding a new By-Law entitled “EAST HISTORIC DISTRICT” as follows to establish a local historic district entitled “East Historic District”, the boundaries of which are shown on the map entitled East Historic District of West Bridgewater herein attached, which accompanies and is hereby declared to be a part of this By-Law, or to take any other action relative thereto:

ARTICLE 54: EAST HISTORIC DISTRICT

I. PURPOSE
The purpose of this bylaw is to aid in the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics and architecture of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town of West Bridgewater, the maintenance and improvement of their settings and the encouragement of new building designs compatible with the existing architecture.

2. DEFINITIONS
The terms defined in this section shall be capitalized throughout this Bylaw. Where a defined term has not been capitalized, it is intended that the meaning of the term be the same as the meaning ascribed to it in this section unless another meaning is clearly intended by its context. As used in this Bylaw the following terms shall have the following meaning:

ALTERATION, TO ALTER
The act or the fact of rebuilding, reconstruction, restoration, replication, removal, demolition, and other similar activities.

BUILDING
A combination of materials forming a shelter for persons, animals or property.

CERTIFICATE
A Certificate of Appropriateness, a Certificate of Non-Applicability, or a Certificate of
Hardship as set forth in this Bylaw.

COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission as established in this Bylaw.

CONSTRUCTION, TO CONSTRUCT

The act or the fact of building, erecting, installing, enlarging, moving and other similar
activities.

DISPLAY AREA

The total surface area of a SIGN, including all lettering, wording, designs, symbols, background
and frame, but not including any support structure or bracing incidental to the SIGN. The
DISPLAY AREA of an individual letter SIGN or irregular shaped SIGN shall be the area of the
smallest rectangle into which the letters or shape will fit. Where SIGN faces are placed back to
back and face in opposite directions, the DISPLAY AREA shall be defined as the area of one
face of the SIGN.

DISTRICT

A Local Historic District as established in this Bylaw consisting of one or more DISTRICT
areas.

EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE

Such portion of the exterior of a BUILDING or STRUCTURE as is open to view from a
public way or ways, including but not limited to architectural style and general arrangement
and setting thereof, the kind and texture of exterior building materials, and the type and style
of windows, doors, lights, signs and other appurtenant exterior fixtures.

PERSON AGGRIEVED

The applicant; an owner of adjoining property; an owner of property within the same
DISTRICT area; an owner of property within 100 feet of said DISTRICT area; and any
charitable corporation in which one of its purposes is the preservation of historic places,
structures, BUILDINGS or districts.

SIGNS

Any symbol, design or device used to identify or advertise any place of business, product,
activity or person.

STRUCTURE

A combination of materials other than a BUILDING, including but not limited to a SIGN,
fence, wall, terrace, walk or driveway.
TEMPORARY STRUCTURE or BUILDING

A BUILDING not to be in existence for a period of more than two years. A STRUCTURE not to be in existence for a period of more than one year. The COMMISSION may further limit the time periods set forth herein as it deems appropriate.

3. DISTRICT

East DISTRICT shall consist of one or more DISTRICT areas as listed in the Appendix of this Bylaw.

4. COMMISSION

4.1 The DISTRICT shall be overseen by the COMMISSION consisting of seven members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, three members initially to be appointed for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and each successive appointment to be made for three years.

4.2 The COMMISSION shall include, if possible, one member from two nominees solicited from the West Bridgewater Historical Commission, one member from two nominees solicited from the chapter of the American Institute of Architects covering West Bridgewater; one member from two nominees of the Board of Realtors covering West Bridgewater; and one property owner from within each of the DISTRICT areas. Insofar as legal under state law, the Board of Selectmen will appoint as many property owners as possible from within the District to the East Historic District Commission. If within thirty days after submission of a written request for nominees to any of the organizations herein named insufficient nominations have been made, the Board of Selectmen may proceed to make appointments as it desires.

4.3 The Board of Selectmen may appoint up to four alternate members to the COMMISSION. Each alternate member shall have the right to act and vote in the place of one regular member should such regular member be absent from a meeting or be unwilling or unable to act or vote. Said alternate members shall initially be appointed for terms of two or three years, and for three year terms thereafter.

4.4 Each member and alternate member shall continue to serve in office after the expiration date of his or her term until a successor is duly appointed.

4.5 Meetings of the COMMISSION shall be held at the call of the Chair, at the request of two members and in such other manner as the COMMISSION shall determine in its Rules and Regulations.

4.6 Four members of the COMMISSION shall constitute a quorum.
5. COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES

5.1 The COMMISSION shall exercise its powers in administering and regulating the CONSTRUCTION and ALTERATION of any STRUCTURES or BUILDINGS within the DISTRICT as set forth under the procedures and criteria established in this Bylaw. In exercising its powers and duties hereunder, the COMMISSION shall pay due regard to the distinctive characteristics of each BUILDING, STRUCTURE and DISTRICT area.

5.2 The COMMISSION may adopt, and from time to time amend, reasonable Rules and Regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Bylaw or M.G.L. Chapter 40C, setting forth such forms and procedures as it deems desirable and necessary for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business, including requirements for the contents and form of applications for CERTIFICATES, hearing procedures and other matters. The COMMISSION shall file a copy of any such Rules and Regulations with the office of the Town Clerk. All fees will be set by the Board of Selectmen.

5.3 The COMMISSION, after a public hearing duly posted and advertised at least 14 days in advance in a conspicuous place in Town Hall and in a newspaper of general circulation, may adopt and from time to time amend guidelines which set forth the designs for certain EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES which are, in general, suitable for the issuance of a CERTIFICATE. No such design guidelines shall limit the right of an applicant for a CERTIFICATE to present other designs to the COMMISSION for approval.

5.4 The COMMISSION shall at the beginning of each fiscal year hold an organizational meeting and elect a Chair, a Vice Chair and Secretary, and file notice of such election with the office of the Town Clerk.

5.5 The COMMISSION shall keep a permanent record of its resolutions, transactions, decisions and determinations and of the vote of each member participating therein. All said records will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for preservation.

5.6 The COMMISSION shall undertake educational efforts to explain to the public and property owners the merits and functions of a DISTRICT.

6. ALTERATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION PROHIBITED WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE

6.1 Except as this Bylaw provides, no BUILDING or STRUCTURE or part thereof within a DISTRICT shall be CONSTRUCTED or ALTERED in any way that affects the EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES as visible from a public way, unless the COMMISSION
shall first have issued a CERTIFICATE with respect to such CONSTRUCTION or ALTERATION.

6.2 No building permit for CONSTRUCTION of a BUILDING or STRUCTURE or for ALTERATION of an EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE within a DISTRICT and no demolition permit for demolition or removal of a BUILDING or STRUCTURE within a DISTRICT shall be issued by the Town or any department thereof until a CERTIFICATE as required under this Bylaw has been issued by the COMMISSION.

7. PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

7.1 Any person who desires to obtain a CERTIFICATE from the COMMISSION shall file with the COMMISSION an application for a CERTIFICATE of Appropriateness, of Non-Applicability or of Hardship, as the case may be. The application shall be accompanied by such plans, elevations, specifications, material and other information, including in the case of demolition or removal a statement of the proposed condition and appearance of the property thereafter, as may be reasonably deemed necessary by the COMMISSION to enable it to make a determination on the application.

7.2 The COMMISSION shall determine within fourteen (14) days of the filing of an application for a CERTIFICATE whether said application involves any EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES which are within the jurisdiction of the COMMISSION.

7.3 If the COMMISSION determines that an application for a CERTIFICATE does not involve any EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES, or involves an EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE which is not subject to review by the COMMISSION under the provisions of this Bylaw, the COMMISSION shall forthwith issue a CERTIFICATE of Non-Applicability.

7.4 If the COMMISSION determines that such application involves any EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE subject to review under this Bylaw, it shall hold a public hearing on the application, except as may otherwise be provided in this Bylaw. The COMMISSION shall hold such a public hearing within thirty (30) days from the date of the filing of the application. At least fourteen (14) days before said public hearing, public notice shall be given by posting in a conspicuous place in Town Hall and in a newspaper of general circulation in West Bridgewater. Such notice shall identify the time, place and purpose of the public hearing. Concurrently, a copy of said public notice shall be mailed to the applicant, to the owners of all adjoining properties and of other properties deemed by the COMMISSION to be materially affected thereby. All as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, to the Planning Board, to any person filing a written request for notice of hearings, such request to be renewed yearly in December, and to such other persons as the COMMISSION shall deem entitled to a notice.

7.4.1 A public hearing on an application for a CERTIFICATE need not be held if such
hearing is waived in writing by all persons entitled to notice thereof. In addition, a public hearing on an application for a CERTIFICATE may be waived by the COMMISSION if the COMMISSION determines that the EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE involved, or its category, is so insubstantial in its effect on the DISTRICT that it may be reviewed by the COMMISSION without a public hearing. If the COMMISSION dispenses with a public hearing on an application for a CERTIFICATE, notice of such application shall be given to the owners of all adjoining property and of other property deemed by the COMMISSION to be materially affected thereby as above provided, and ten (10) days shall elapse after the mailing of such notice before the COMMISSION may act upon such application.

7.5 Within forty-five (45) days after the filing of an application for a CERTIFICATE, or within such further time as the applicant may allow in writing, the COMMISSION shall issue a CERTIFICATE or a disapproval. In the case of a disapproval of an application for a CERTIFICATE, the COMMISSION shall set forth in its disapproval the reasons for such disapproval. The COMMISSION may include in its disapproval specific recommendations for changes in the applicant's proposal with respect to the appropriateness of design, arrangement, texture, material and similar features which, if made and filed with the COMMISSION in a subsequent application, would make the application acceptable to the COMMISSION.

7.6 The concurring vote of a majority of the members shall be required to issue a CERTIFICATE.

7.7 In issuing CERTIFICATES, the COMMISSION may, as it deems appropriate, impose certain conditions and limitations, and may require architectural or plan modifications consistent with the intent and purpose if this Bylaw.

7.8 If the COMMISSION determines that the CONSTRUCTION or ALTERATION for which an application for a CERTIFICATE of Appropriateness has been filed will be appropriate for or compatible with the preservation or protection of the DISTRICT, the COMMISSION shall issue a CERTIFICATE of Appropriateness.

7.9 If the CONSTRUCTION or ALTERATION for which an application for a CERTIFICATE of Appropriateness has been filed shall be determined to be inappropriate and therefore disapproved, or in the event of an application for a CERTIFICATE of Hardship, the COMMISSION shall determine whether, owing to conditions especially affecting the BUILDING or STRUCTURE involved, but not affecting the DISTRICT generally, failure to approve an application will involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the applicant and whether such application may be approved without substantial detriment to the public welfare or to the district and without substantial derogation from the intent and purposes of this Bylaw. If the COMMISSION determines that owing to such conditions failure to approve an application will involve substantial hardship to the applicant and approval thereof may be made without such substantial detriment or derogation, the COMMISSION shall issue a CERTIFICATE of Hardship.
7.10 The COMMISSION shall send a copy of its CERTIFICATES and disapprovals to the applicant and shall file a copy of its CERTIFICATES and disapprovals with the office of the Town Clerk and the Building Inspector. The date of issuance of a CERTIFICATE or disapproval shall be the date of the filing of a copy of such CERTIFICATE or disapproval with the office of the Town Clerk.

7.11 If the COMMISSION should fail to issue a CERTIFICATE or a disapproval within forty-five (45) days of the filing of the application for a CERTIFICATE, or within such further time as the applicant may allow in writing, the COMMISSION shall thereupon issue a CERTIFICATE of Hardship Due to Failure to Act.

7.12 Each CERTIFICATE issued by the COMMISSION shall be dated and signed by its Chair or such other person designated by the COMMISSION to sign such CERTIFICATES on its behalf.

7.13 A PERSON AGGRIEVED by a determination of the COMMISSION may, within twenty (20) days of the issuance of a CERTIFICATE or disapproval, file a written request with the COMMISSION for a review by the Zoning Board of West Bridgewater or by a person or persons of competence and experience in such matters, acting as arbitrator and designated by the regional planning agency. The finding of the Zoning Board or the person or persons making such review shall be filed with the Town Clerk within forty-five (45) days after the request, and shall be binding on the applicant and the COMMISSION, unless a further appeal is sought in the Superior Court as provided in Chapter 40C, Section 12A. The filing of such further appeal shall occur within twenty (20) days after the finding of the Zoning Board or of the arbitrator has been filed with the office of the Town Clerk.

8. CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATIONS

8.1 In deliberating on applications for CERTIFICATES, the COMMISSION shall consider, among other things, the historic and architectural value and significance of the site, BUILDING or STRUCTURE; the general design, proportions, detailing, mass, arrangement, texture, and material of the EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES involved; and the relation of such EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES to similar features of BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES in the surrounding area.

8.2 In the case of new CONSTRUCTION or additions to existing BUILDINGS or STRUCTURES, the COMMISSION shall consider the appropriateness of the scale, shape and proportions of the BUILDING or STRUCTURE both in relation to the land area upon which the BUILDING or STRUCTURE is situated and in relation to BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES in the vicinity. The COMMISSION may in appropriate cases impose dimensional and setback requirements in addition to those required by applicable statute or bylaw.
8.3 When ruling on applications for CERTIFICATES on solar energy systems as defined in Section IA of Chapter 40A, the COMMISSION shall consider the policy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to encourage the use of solar energy systems and to protect solar access.

8.4 The COMMISSION shall not consider interior arrangements or architectural features not subject to public view from a public way.

9. EXCLUSIONS

9.1 The COMMISSION shall exclude from its purview the following:

9.1.1 Temporary BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES or SIGNS subject, however, to conditions pertaining to the duration of existence and use, location, lighting, removal and similar matters as the COMMISSION may reasonably specify.

9.1.2 Terraces, walks, driveways, sidewalks and similar STRUCTURES, provided that any such STRUCTURE is substantially at grade level.

9.1.3 Storm windows and doors, screen windows and doors, window air conditioners and air conditioner compressors placed outside the home.

9.1.4 The color of paint.

9.1.5 The color of materials used on roofs.

9.1.6 Signs of not more than two (2) square feet in DISPLAY AREA in-connection with use of a residence for a customary home occupation or for professional purposes, provided only one such sign is displayed in connection with each residence and if illuminated is illuminated only indirectly; and one sign in connection with the nonresidential use of each BUILDING or STRUCTURE which is not more than six (6) square feet in DISPLAY AREA, consists of letters painted on wood without symbol or trademark and if illuminated is illuminated as determined by West Bridgewater’s zoning bylaws.

9.1.7 The reconstruction, substantially similar in exterior design, of a BUILDING, STRUCTURE or EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE damaged or destroyed by fire, storm or other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.

9.2 Upon request the COMMISSION shall issue a CERTIFICATE of Non-Applicability with respect to CONSTRUCTION or ALTERATION in any category not subject to review by the COMMISSION in accordance with the above provisions.
9.3 Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance, repair or replacement of any EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE within a DISTRICT which does not involve a change in design, material or the outward appearance thereof, nor to prevent landscaping with plants, trees or shrubs, nor construed to prevent the meeting of requirements certified by a duly authorized public officer to be necessary for public safety because of an unsafe or dangerous condition, nor construed to prevent any CONSTRUCTION or ALTERATION under a permit duly issued prior to the effective date of this Bylaw.

10. CATEGORICAL APPROVAL

The COMMISSION may determine from time to time after a public hearing, duly advertised and posted at least fourteen (14) days in advance in a conspicuous place in Town Hall and in a newspaper of general circulation in West Bridgewater, that certain categories of EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES, STRUCTURES or BUILDINGS under certain conditions may be CONSTRUCTED or ALTERED without review by the COMMISSION without causing substantial derogation from the intent and purpose of this Bylaw.

11. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

11.1 The COMMISSION shall determine whether a particular activity is in violation of this Bylaw or not, and the COMMISSION shall be charged with the enforcement of this Bylaw.

11.2 The COMMISSION, upon a written complaint of any resident of West Bridgewater, or owner of property within West Bridgewater, or upon its own initiative, shall institute any appropriate action or proceedings in the name of the Town of West Bridgewater to prevent, correct, restrain or abate violation of this Bylaw. In the case where the COMMISSION is requested in writing to enforce this Bylaw against any person allegedly in violation of same and the COMMISSION declines to act, the COMMISSION shall notify, in writing, the party requesting such enforcement of any action or refusal to act and the reasons therefore, within twenty one (21) days of receipt of such request.

11.3 Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be punishable by a fine of up to $300.00 for each offense. Each day during any portion of which such violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

11.4 The Board of Selectmen shall designate the Building Inspector or other qualified staff of the Town of West Bridgewater to act on its behalf and on behalf of the Commission and to enforce this Bylaw under the direction of the COMMISSION.

12. VALIDITY AND SEPARABILITY
The provisions of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be separable. If any of its provisions, sections, subsections, sentences or clauses shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Bylaw shall continue to be in full force and effect.

MOVE: That the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws by adding a new By-Law entitled "East Historic District" as printed on the warrant along with the map entitled East Historic District of West Bridgewater.

The motion was made by Steven Hobbs and seconded.
Fincom - refer to voters in absence of financial information and impact.
Bos - 2 in favor. J Moriera voted to refer to the voters.
Chris Cross spoke to the motion.
A written motion to amend was handed to moderator by Mr. William Cain.

Amendment was moved by Mr. Cain and seconded.
Motion reads as follows: I move that article #1 be amended as follows: an "opt-out" clause for any property owner to have the undisputed right to have their property excluded.

Upon vote, amendment passed by majority vote.

A motion to call for the vote was made, seconded pass unanimously.

Secret ballot taken on the motion as amended.
Total 152 voted needed 102 to pass by 2/3. Yes 44, No 108.

Upon vote, motion was defeated.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a parcel of land consisting of 30,000 square feet in the northwest corner of Lot 62 shown on Assessor's Map 46 with frontage on South Street, and to pay for associated costs, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $120,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a parcel of land consisting of 30,000 square feet in the northwest corner of Lot 62 shown on Assessor's Map 46 with frontage on South Street and to pay for associated costs.

Motion made by Selectmen Maloney and seconded.
Fincom recommended.
Bos recommended unanimously.
Nancy Maloney spoke to the motion.
Counted voted taken 2/3 to pass. 110 voted. 45 yes 65 no.

Upon vote, motion was defeated.
Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen as the Town’s match for the Stanton Foundation grant to design and build a dog park under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum not to exceed $10,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen as the Town’s match for the Stanton Foundation grant to design and build a dog park under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

FINCOM RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY
BOS RECOMMEND UNANIMOUSLY
MOTION BY SELECTMEN LAWRENCE AND SECONDED
SELECTMEN LAWRENCE SPOKE TO THE MOTION
MINTER DECLARED PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE
VOTE WAS CHALLENGED
COUNTED VOTE WAS TAKEN.
YES 61 NO 48

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to conduct a design study for installing a traffic signal at East and East Center Streets, or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer from free cash a sum of $130,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to conduct a design study for installing a traffic signal at East and East Center Streets.

SELECTMEN MOREIRA MADE MOTION AND SECONDED
FINCOM RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY
BOS RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY
SELECTMEN MOREIRA SPOKE TO THE MOTION

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to petition our legislators to approve legislation that will modify the application of Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the MGL by providing the following additional liquor licenses to the Town of West Bridgewater:
“The licensing board for the Town of West Bridgewater may grant up to two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, one of which will be drunk off the premises and the other to be drunk on the premises. Notwithstanding the first sentence, both of the alcoholic licenses shall be granted only in the West Bridgewater Plaza located at or near 860 North Main Street.

Notwithstanding any General or special law or any rule or regulation to the contrary, the local alcohol licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of said license to any other location outside the location specified hereto. A license granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be nontransferable to any other person, corporation or organization and shall be clearly marked nontransferable on the face of the license. Said license may be re-issued by the local alcohol licensing authority at the same location if an applicant for said license files with said authority a letter in writing from the Department of Revenue indicating that said license is in good standing with said Department and that any and all applicable taxes have been paid.

If the license granted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, such license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the local alcohol licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location and under the same conditions as specified in the preceding sentences.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.” Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town Petition our Legislators to approve legislation that will modify the application of section 17 of chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws by providing for two additional liquor licenses to the Town of West Bridgewater as specified on the Warrant.

MOTION MADE BY SELECTMEN LAWRENCE AND SECONDED SELECTMEN LAWRENCE SPOKE TO MOTION FINCOM RECOMMEND UNANIMOUSLY BOS RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 32 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 9, 2014 an amount of $55,000, or any other sum, to be expended by the Water Commissioners to update SCADA Computers, software, and related equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To Pass Without Action
HUGH HURLEY MADE MOTION AND SECONDED

UPON VOTE, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 32 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 9, 2014 an amount of $10,000, or any other sum, to be expended by the Water Commissioners to update Badger Metering Computers, Software, and related equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To Pass Without Action

HUGH HURLEY MADE MOTION AND SECONDED

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 32 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 9, 2014 an amount of $15,000, or any other sum, to be expended by the Water Commissioners to Repair Main Office Roof and Door, and any related parts or equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To Pass Without Action

HUGH HURLEY MADE MOTION AND SECONDED

UPON VOTE, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 32 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 9, 2014 an amount of $100,000, or any other sum, to be moved to Article 35 of Annual Town Meeting held on June 8, 2015 authorizing the Water Commissioners to expend funds to paint the Sunset Avenue tank, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town transfer $220,000 previously appropriated under Article 32 of the Warrant at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting held on June 9, 2014, which sum was initially authorized to paint the 5,000,000 gallon water tank located at Spring Street be reallocated to pay costs of painting the Sunset Avenue tank as permitted by the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws.

HUGH HURLEY MADE MOTION AND SECONDED
FINCOM RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY
BOS RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY
MR HURLEY SPOKE TO THE MOTION

UPON VOTE, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

JAMES BENSON STEPPED DOWN AS MODERATOR FOR ARTICLE #10
TOWN CLERK ANNE JANNITELLI STEPPED UP AS MODERATOR FOR ARTICLE #10
Article 10: To see if the town will vote to amend Article 3 of the General By-Laws by adding the following, or take any action relative thereto:

Section 15: The use of electronic visual aids at all Town Meetings will be allowed at the discretion of the Moderator under the following guidelines:

A draft of all such presentations must be submitted to the Moderator for approval of the format no later than ten (10) business days prior to the first day of the Town Meeting.

The final presentation is to be submitted to the Moderator and Town Administrator’s Office no later than five (5) business days prior to the first day of the Town Meeting.

Presentations must use Microsoft PowerPoint or other forms compatible with town office equipment.

No presentation shall exceed ten (10) minutes in length, unless approved by the Moderator.

MOVE: That the Town amend Article 3 of the General By-Laws by adding Section 15 as printed on the warrant.

JAMES BENSON MOVED THE MOTION AND SECONDED
FINCOM RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY
BOS RECOMMENDED UNANIMOUSLY
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A RECONSIDERATION WAS ASKED FOR ON ARTICLE 2 RECONSIDERATION DENIED DUE TO NO NEW INFORMATION.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO DISSOLVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, SECONDED

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO DISSOLVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AT 10 PM

TRUE ATTEST COPY

Anne G. Iannitelli, Town Clerk
INTEREST AND CHARGES COLLECTED

REAL ESTATE 71,902
TAX TITLE 122,674
MOTOR VEHICLE 34,592
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TOTALS 229,260

Borrowing: There were two borrowings for Fiscal Year 2015: the first was on 12/05/2014 for $1,022,596 with Century Bank winning the bid with an interest cost of 0.45%. The following is a breakdown of capital items funded by this borrowing:

170,000.00 School roofs
21,000.00 Library Renovations
12,000.00 Water Department Veh.
17,000.00 Library Renovations
8,000.00 Town Hall Renovations
22,000.00 COA Van
56,241.00 Computers
20,000.00 Library Renovations
80,000.00 Highway Salt Building
19,000.00 Fuel Depot
6,830.00 Kubota Tractor
61,025.00 Freightliner Forestry
30,000.00 Radio and Base Unit
62,000.00 Town Hall Renovations
394,000.00 Pumping Engine
18,000.00 Library Repairs
8,500.00 Water Meters

1,022,596.00 Total Short-Term Borrowing

The second borrowing for Fiscal Year 2015 was for the Water Department for $1,682,000 with Eastern Bank winning the bid with an interest rate of 5.0%. The following is a breakdown of the borrowing:

1,337,000.00 Painting Water Tanks
288,000.00 Water Meters
60,000.00 Hydrants

1,682,000.00 Total Short-Term Borrowing

I would like to thank the staff in the Treasurer/Collector’s Office for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Assistant Treasurer Maureen Adams, Assistant Collector Janice Golder, and staff member Scott Golder are diligent employees who strive to offer excellent customer service to all taxpayers and co-workers. I truly appreciate their efforts and dedication to their jobs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

JOHN G. DUGGAN
Treasurer/Collector
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# REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015

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West Bridgewater School Committee
Spring Street School, 2 Spring Street
West Bridgewater, MA 02379
Phone: 508-894-1230  Fax: 508-894-1232

Susan M. Sullivan, Chairperson
Molly P. Smith, Vice Chairperson
William L. Flynn, Clerk
James M. Holden
Donna J. Hulme

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

In September 2015, we proudly announced the grand opening of the newly constructed West Bridgewater Middle Senior High School. We were honored that State Treasurer, Deborah Goldberg, Executive Director of the Massachusetts School Building Association, Jack McCarthy and former State Representative, Christine Canavan, to name a few, were in proud attendance. Dr. Oakley, Gary Keith and countless others were acknowledged and thanked through moving speeches. Many volunteers volunteered to be tour guides to anyone interested in a walkthrough of their new school.

The students of West Bridgewater continue to acquire the knowledge, skills and values needed for success in a diverse and global society. Our graduating seniors continue to evidence their academic achievements by their acceptance to the many prestigious and competitive institutions of higher learning. Specifically, 94% of the Class of 2015 have been accepted to 4-year and 2-year colleges, while 3% were accepted to vocational schools. Another noteworthy success is for the 13th straight year, the graduating class achieved a 100% passing rate of the high stakes Grade 10 MCAS.

The Drama, Music and Global Citizens programs continued to grow in membership and exemplify the talents and interests of our students. The opportunities provided through the use of technology and support from the faculty and administration continue to encourage our students to succeed in a global and diverse society. While over 70% of the student body participated in the various athletic programs offered and supported through our school, the athletic teams competed with respect and positive sportmanlike conduct which resulted in admiration of the competitors and the district.

Dr. Patricia Oakley, Superintendent of the West Bridgewater Public Schools, demonstrated unprecedented commitment and enthusiasm in the development and collaboration of the building project. Dr. Oakley encouraged strong academic and student achievement goals while her exemplary leadership abilities provided the teachers, staff and administration with guidance to achieve success.

The West Bridgewater School Committee remains proud and committed to encourage and support the achievements of the students, faculty and administration. We are grateful for the support of the community and look forward to continuing to enhance the academic achievements and social successes of the educational and extra-curricular programs that enable all of our students to opportunity to acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and experiences to achieve success.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Sullivan, Chairperson
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Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

2015 was an exciting year for the School Community filled with mixed emotions, as we said farewell to our "old" MSHS building and hello to a new state of the art MHS facility.

I first need to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their continued support of our educational system, and for putting their faith in us to design and build a 21st century structure that will prepare our students for success for the next 60 plus years. There is a definite sense of pride for the schools in West Bridgewater, exhibited by the actions and cooperation of the school committee, selectmen, town hall, and other various town committees and departments. This wildcat pride was never more apparent than when hundreds of former students, parents, and teachers attended the farewell gathering on May 2nd. It is this spirit, that resonates year after year within our dedicated faculty and staff who contribute their time, energy, and expertise to our children, that enables the School Department to continue to provide a superior education to all of the children who attend the West Bridgewater Public Schools.

I also want to recognize and thank the members of the School Building Committee who volunteered their time and expertise for over 5 years in the planning and construction of the new MSHS. They are Chairman Gary Keith, Vice Chair Chief Lenny Hunt, Donald Clark, David Gagne, Sarah Smith, Nancy Maloney, Anne Inamidelli, Susan Sullivan, Molly Smith, James Hilden, Mark Bodwell, Mary Graziano, Julie Hamblin, Marco Barrile, Harry (Chip) Bradford, Meredith Anderson, Enrique Arce, Jim Kjegaard, John Cruz, Terry Daly, Susan Kenneally, Marilyn Raleigh and Bruce Holmqist. Without these wonderful people the reality of this new facility would not have been possible.

In May the community came out in droves to take a walk down memory lane and enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow wildcats as they bid farewell to the MSHS building that sat on West Center street since 1952. Participants enjoyed tours of the building, presentations, guest speakers and an evening social in the gymnasium. It was a wonderful experience to have so many generations of wildcats under the same roof.

In September students entered the long awaited state of the art West Bridgewater Middle-Senior High School, which was opened on time and within budget. The new learning environment boasts a 21st century technology infrastructure, an emphasis on STEM education, large classrooms, college size gymnasium, learning commons, a 420 seat auditorium, building security system, and a substantially separate middle school. The goal of the community was to create a facility that had a collegiate feel, flexibility and kept a small school feel with big school opportunities. I am pleased to say that all three goals were accomplished.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Saturday, September 12, 2015. Joining the West Bridgewater School Committee were Executive Director of the MSBA, Jack McCarthy; State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg; Senator Brian Joyce; Chairperson of the West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen Nancy Maloney; School Building Committee Chair Gary Keith; Principal Mark Bodwell, members of the West Bridgewater community, as well as many former teachers and students.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia W. Oakley, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

The mission of West Bridgewater Public Schools is to work together with home and community to provide our students a safe environment in which to acquire the knowledge, skills and values needed for success in the diverse and global society of the 21st Century

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Hope P. Hanscom, Ed.D  
Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

Annual Report from the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of West Bridgewater,

I respectfully submit my 2015 annual report for the Special Education Department.

The Special Education Department continues to work on behalf of the students of West Bridgewater providing a variety of services. In order to determine students' eligibility for special education services, staff administer assessments in all areas of suspected disability, including but not limited to: psychological, educational, speech and language, fine motor, gross motor, and behavioral. Staff members work with students requiring special education services in a variety of locations, from the general education classroom to a resource room, using specially designed instruction or providing a related service.

Spring Street School houses our Preschool Learning Center. Preschool students with special needs are included with typically developing peers in classroom settings that allow for all students to work at their developmental level. The Kindergarten program has is a full-day program and students with special needs are included in the general education setting with itinerant services in resource settings. Our elementary schools, the Rose L. MacDonald and Howard Schools, provide services both in the classroom and in alternative locations. Services are provided by special education teachers, related service providers, and instructional assistants. The Middle/Senior High School also provides special education services both in class and in directed study or individual settings.

System-wide, two speech therapists provide articulation and language services as needed for students in PK to 12th grade. Services for Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT), and Adaptive Physical Education (APE) are provided through READS Collaborative. Students who need assistance with fine motor or gross motor skills receive their services from the collaborative staff. Using collaborative resources allows us to provide cost-effective services by sharing staff with other school districts.

West Bridgewater is a member of both the READS Collaborative and North River Collaborative. Our association with these collaboratives allows us access to specialized services, testing, grants, and out-of-district placements for our students. As a small school system, West Bridgewater benefits by joining with other school systems to provide cost-effective programming.

As required by state and federal laws, the West Bridgewater Special Education Department conducts special needs screening for all students entering kindergarten. Additionally, referrals are accepted each year for children as they turn 3 years of age if parents or service providers believe the child may have special needs. The annual child-find and kindergarten special needs screening is conducted in April and May.

During the past year, staff from the Special Education Department attended trainings on a variety of topics that enhanced their ability to support the learning of students with disabilities. Some of the professional development included training to support students with behavioral challenges, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, social thinking, the administration of psycho-educational assessments, and supporting

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the mental health needs of our students. In addition, staff have continued worked on our mental health resource guide to support families who need guidance accessing community resources.

This year, a district-wide Behavioral Health Task Force has been working to examine the practices within the district around behavioral health of students and staff. The Task Force conducted a needs assessment, the results of which, directed our work for the year. Teachers and staff members are piloting social/emotional curricula this year, with the plan to implement a consistent program PK-12 next year. Each building has also implemented Calm Classroom activities, which are three-five minute mindfulness breaks within the school day. Finally, we have brought in a clinical social worker and clinical psychiatrist to provide embedded, student-specific professional development to support positive behavioral health.

The district completed a Coordinated Program Review (CPR) in 2015, during which DESE staff examined the district's practices in the areas of civil rights, special education, and instruction for English language learners. The review included a record review, observations in each building, and many interviews with administrators, teachers, instructional assistants, and parents. We were found to be in compliance with all areas of instruction for English language learners. We had three findings in special education (two were partially implemented and one was not implemented), which have all been corrected. We had two findings in civil rights (both partially implemented), which have also been corrected. The results of our 2015 CPR were significantly improved in relation to our previous CPR in 2009 and this improvement should be credited to the teachers, support staff, and administrators, who work extremely hard to ensure that the district complies with all state and federal requirements.

West Bridgewater Public Schools is committed to providing all students with the opportunity to access the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and make meaningful progress. The staff members who are part of the Special Education Department are committed to improving the educational experiences and opportunities for with special needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope P. Hanscom

Hope P. Hanscom, Ed. D.
Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

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West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School
2015 Annual Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The mission of the West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment in which each student will acquire the knowledge, skills and values necessary to become a life-long learner and responsible citizen in our diverse and changing society.

On Friday evening, June 5, 2015 101 seniors received their diplomas at the outdoor ceremony at War Memorial Park. It was a beautiful event that celebrated all of the successes and accomplishments of the class. The Class of 2015 continued the tradition of participation in the Community Service Learning Program and performed 20 hours of community service as part of their Contemporary Americans Issues (CAI) curriculum. The community service requirement is a wonderful tradition of giving back to the West Bridgewater community. The Class of 2015 once again engaged in Senior Projects, a student customized project. This was a rewarding and mutually beneficial endeavor for the students and the community. Ninety-seven percent of the Class of 2015 was accepted to go on to post secondary education and three students went into the military. Thirty-four members of the Class of 2015 were recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship winners. This award is based on the student’s MCAS exams and entitles each student to a scholarship for free tuition at any state college or state university in Massachusetts.


Construction of the new, state of the art West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School began in October 2013. The old Middle/Senior High School was officially closed on June 30, 2015. There was a very well attended “Farewell Event” on May 2, 2015. At this event there were numerous guest speakers and tours of the building. The faculty, staff and students were excited to start the 2015 school year in the new Middle/Senior High School on September 1, 2015.
There was a public Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held on September 12, 2015. After the ceremony the building was opened up to the public for tours. In September 2015, all students were all given chrome books as part of our 1:1 technology initiative. During the school year educators professional development was dedicated to technology integration. This well designed school provides our students with amazing learning opportunities. All who enter the new Middle/Senior High School are amazed at what it has to offer our students.

The faculty and staff continue to keep high academic rigor in the classrooms. The curriculum is enhanced by wonderful learning opportunities for the students. We continue to offer educational travel opportunities to our students to travel to locations such as Costa Rica, Quebec City, New York City and Washington DC to enhance their educational experiences. For the first time our students participated in an exchange program with a school in San Ramon, Costa Rica. Our students and staff visited Costa Rica in July, 2015 and stayed with host families. West Bridgewater families hosted the Costa Rican students and staff during the winter of 2015. Our classrooms throughout the school continue to be very active engaging in skyping sessions with students from around the world.

Our service clubs, such as the Key Club, Leo’s Club, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Student Council and Diversity Club, continue to be very active. They do an outstanding job representing West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School. Numerous students also participated in other clubs such as the Drama Club, Band, Chorus, Video Club, Debate Club, Ski and Board Club, Environmental Club, Math Club, Student Council, Spanish Club, French Club, and Yearbook. It is wonderful to see so many students participating in these clubs and activities.

Again this year the West Bridgewater coaches and student-athletes have continued the tradition of excellence in athletics. The goal of our athletic program is for the students to develop skills, values, attitudes and a competitive spirit, which will better prepare them to take their place in today’s society. Our athletic program is an integral part of the total educational experience. Our student-athletes learn the meaning of sportsmanship, cooperation, and commitment through team work and competition.

I would like to thank the faculty, staff, students, volunteers and all of the parents of students here at West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School for making this school a wonderful place of learning. This school and district is so successful because of the hard working students, dedicated faculty and staff and a supportive community.

Sincerely,

Mark Bodwell
Principal
West Bridgewater Public Schools  
Howard School  
70 Howard Street  
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Peggy Spencer  
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Dear Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The Howard School opened its doors to all students on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, with 279 students in grades four, five and six. Changes in staff this year included the addition of a new Music Teacher, Michael Correra, and an Instructional Assistant, Brian Mansfield.

We continue to have four fourth grade classes taught by Joan Magnuson, Jeannette Menton, Susan Moore, and Amy Winter. We have four fifth grade classes taught by Deborah Holland, Deborah Kelley, Christine Olsen, and Eileen Graf. We have four sixth grade classes taught by Carol Battaglia, Anna Mills, Melissa Wenzel, and David Pecherz. The district is fortunate to have the Title I grant back for the seventh year. We are very fortunate to have three Title I certified teachers on our staff, Leslie Kerns, Paula O'Connor, and Kristine Roberts.

The students continue to receive daily instruction in Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The students in the sixth grade work in a middle school model of scheduling, where they change classes for each of the core area subjects. All of the teachers continue to teach the students the standards in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks/Common Core to ensure that all of our students are well prepared for the state assessment tests (PARCC/MCAS) in the spring. In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music (vocal or instrumental), Computer Technology, Library and Physical Education on a weekly basis. There are two musical concerts with one in the winter and one in the spring, as well as an annual spring Art Show.

The Howard School staff continues to work towards improving our performance on the standardized assessments, which will be the PARCC test this year. All of the teachers have analyzed the previous year’s testing results to make data based decisions for continuously improving instruction. The Howard School staff also reviews the curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the Common Core/Massachusetts standards in all areas. We continue to strive to give each student the best education possible.

The Howard School is fortunate to have curriculum Team Leaders for each grade level. Amy Winter is the team leader of grade four; Christine Olsen of grade five; and Melissa Wenzel of grade six. All three will continue to meet with the teachers in their grade level team to discuss areas of strength, evaluate curriculum, and find areas where we can continue to improve.

Once again, students have had the opportunity to participate in the After-School Enrichment Program. There are a wide variety of activities from which they may choose for this extracurricular program. We would like to thank Sarah O'Donnell for leading these outstanding programs which are taught by our staff and community members. It is encouraging to see so many students active in the school after the close of the school day. It is a safe place for them to be with their friends while learning a new skill or activity.

We are very fortunate to once again to participate in the DARE Program for our grade six students. This successful program is coordinated and taught by West Bridgewater Police Officer Kenneth Thaxter. He continues to do an outstanding job and is a valued member of the Howard School staff. He is well respected by all of his students.

The Mission of the West Bridgewater Public Schools is to work together with home and community to provide our students a safe environment in which to acquire the knowledge, skills and values needed for success in a diverse and global society of the 21st Century.

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This year Anna Mills continued the annual tradition of the Howard School Geography Bee. This school-wide competition culminated in the final rounds being held in the gymnasium with the entire school population, as well as parents, in attendance. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to be involved in this competition. Anna Mills also continued to organize and facilitate the Little Leo’s Club for our students. This is a volunteer club affiliated with the high school Leo’s Club and the West Bridgewater Lions Club. The club gives students an opportunity to join an organization to give back to the school and community.

The Howard School also continued the Wildcat PRIDE program this year, awarding recognition to students who exemplify the monthly theme. Another positive reinforcement program which continues at the Howard is the 360 Club, in which teachers recognize students for academic achievement, strong effort, or outstanding behavior. Students “enter” the club when recognized for their achievement.

Once again our sixth grade students will have the opportunity to go to Nature’s Classroom in Groton, Massachusetts for one week. This will be the sixteenth year that our students have gone on this week-long field trip. It is a wonderful experience for the students who learn to work together and live together for the week. It could not be done without the dedication of our staff and chaperones who volunteer their time for the week. This is an experience that will stay with the students for a lifetime.

All of our students in grades four, five, and six have had an opportunity to either begin or continue to learn the skill of Archery, under the direction of Donna DePaola, our Physical Education teacher.

Our students have also had the opportunity to serve and help others. Thank you to David Peckrill, the leader of the Howard School Student Council. The students are elected to this position and there are two students and an alternate from each homeroom. The students have also shown community spirit and support through a variety of activities including Toys for Tots, and contributions to the Food Pantry. Little Leos members have also served the West Bridgewater community.

Mrs. Marie Dowling, the school Librarian, continues to provide additional library services for the Howard School students through our partnership with the Public Library. The classes visit the Public Library on a regular basis throughout the school year. The Friends of the Library, under the direction of Laurette Poles, arranged for grades 4 and 5 to participate in the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. They provide books to the students three times during the year. Thank you to all of the RIF volunteers!

Once again the West Bridgewater PTO provided the students with numerous enrichment programs that tied directly to the curriculum. The PTO meets monthly to discuss fundraisers to benefit the students and ways to enrich our programs through presentations and educational materials. We would like to thank them for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the students and staff. The Howard School Council meets once a month throughout the school year. Thank you to the parents and staff who volunteer for positions on this committee. They have revised the School Improvement Plan and served as a council to the principal regarding policies.

The Howard School community includes a dedicated staff, hard-working students, and supportive parents. This community continues to work collaboratively toward the success of the Howard School as we prepare our students for their bright futures.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Spencer, Principal

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Annual Report of the Spring Street School – School Year 2015-2016

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The Spring Street School is an Early Childhood Education Center that is equipped to meet the needs of children from 3 through 5 years of age. School began on Tuesday, September 1, 2016, with 143 students enrolled in the preschool and kindergarten. There are two preschool teachers and four kindergarten teachers. Our preschool is NAEYC certified, an accreditation that assures our preschool meets high standards for early childhood programs.

This is the first year of our full-day program for all students in kindergarten. On March 2, 2015, the School Committee voted to have tuition free, district wide, full day Kindergarten in W.B. for all, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Each kindergarten class has a full-time certified teacher and one instructional assistant. This is also the first year of providing Title I services to kindergarten students. Title I services are provided in a small group setting and in the classroom.

Students receive instruction in readiness skills, reading, writing and math that align with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks that incorporate the Common Core Standards for preschool and kindergarten. The Reading Street Program is the basis of the kindergarten reading program. During the school year 2014-2015 new math programs were explored by Dr. Oakley along with a K-5 curriculum committee, and it was decided that the Envisions Math Program would be adopted this school year. The implementation of the new Envisions Math program has been successful this year. Kindergarten students are provided special instruction in Music, Art, Physical Education, Technology and Library by teachers certified in those areas.

We are fortunate to continue to build on the available technology for the school and classrooms and acquire licenses for online instructional enhancements, some of these are generously provided through PTO revenue. Teachers continue to be offered professional development in the use available technologies. The preschool has computer pods that are used for instruction as well as the practice of skills in reading and math. Kindergarten students receive instruction in technology by a dedicated technology specialist. IPADs are an integral part of the daily technology resources available to teachers during the school day as well. Teachers utilize technology to enhance curriculum, differentiate instruction and engage students and the knowledge of how best to integrate this resource is a continual endeavor in this regard. These tech tools support our mission of enabling students to succeed in "the diverse and global society of the 21st century" for our youngest children.

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The Spring Street School Council meets monthly during the year to investigate ways to improve the school and write a yearly school improvement plan. The "Parent Survey" that goes out to all parents helps the School Council members consider parent input in the formation of the yearly improvement plan. We thank our School Council members for their work on behalf of the school.

A Surround Care program that provides before and after school childcare is offered at the Spring Street School. It provides working parents a safe, conveniently-located childcare solution for children before and after school hours at a reasonable cost.

We are privileged to have a very active and involved group of parent volunteers in the kindergarten to support students and teachers in their important work of educating our youngest citizens. Parent volunteers work with small groups of students to provide practice and reinforcement of the basic literacy and math skills and arts and crafts activities. Their dedication is immeasurable in helping build strong foundational skills as they provide much needed extra hands and encouragement for our young children.

In closing, I would like to thank our parent volunteers, the PTO, and staff members for their contributions, dedication and commitment to the mission of our school and district.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Report of the Rose L. MacDonald School

To the Honorable Selectman and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

As of January 1, 2016, 269 students are enrolled at the Rose L. MacDonald School. The RLM currently houses twelve classrooms, four at each grade one through three. In addition to twelve certified classroom teachers, we have two certified special education teachers, two certified special education instructional assistants, a behavioral specialist, a school nurse, and a school secretary. Special education and regular education services are provided by a certified school psychologist, who provides counseling and administers testing for student evaluations. A licensed speech and language pathologist evaluates and services children with speech or language needs. A reading specialist evaluates and works with students who benefit from small group instructional sessions and also provides support to classroom teachers. To serve our low incidence population of English Language Learners (ELL) we have a district ESL (English as a Second Language) specialist who works with students and their teacher’s district wide.

This year the district once again qualified for Title One federal funds. Through this grant academic support services are provided to students who meet specific academic criteria. This funding provides academic support for students at Rose L. MacDonald School in areas of math and reading with three part-time Title One teachers. They provide support in the form of extra small group instruction in and out of the classroom.

The Massachusetts Frameworks incorporating the Common Core is aligned with curriculum in all grades and addresses the preparation of students for the PARCC (Partners for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career) assessment in grade three. Grade three students will be taking the PARCC assessment online during the month of May.

After a year of piloting various math programs, Envision Math 2.0 was adopted. Teachers have engaged in professional development as part of a first year implementation plan. Envision Math 2.0 offers a balanced instructional model with an emphasis on conceptual understanding, fluency and application through rigorous problem solving.

English Language Arts instruction addresses all areas of literacy including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. An assortment of instructional materials speaks to these skill areas, and teachers utilize a repertoire of established teaching strategies. A balanced literacy program, one that utilizes varied and research based effective teaching practices, is at the heart of reading instruction. The Scott Foresmann Reading Street Program is currently utilized at each grade level. Science and Social Studies standards are addressed through the reading program with the use of nonfiction children’s literature.

In the 21st century, a fully literate person needs to access and apply critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creative thinking skills via technology. We are fortunate to have acquired additional technology for the school and classrooms and became a 1:1 district this year. Every child has access to their own device whether an IPAD or chromebook. An instructional technology specialist works with teachers and students to integrate subject content at each grade with technology resources. These technology tools support our mission of enabling students to succeed in “the diverse and global society of the 21st century.”

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Children at Rose L. MacDonald also receive instruction in art, music, library, technology and physical education each week. Teachers in these areas provide experiences which are developmentally appropriate activities that build skills over time in their respective areas. Each of these areas address the standards set forth by the state in their respective domains at each grade levels. They work in harmony to support the learning taking place in classrooms.

Safety protocols are updated at the Safe Schools Committee meetings on a regular basis. The WB police conduct regular visits on a daily basis. Drills at each school allow for practice of the protocols in place. All faculty wear identification and all visitors and substitutes sign in and also wear identification while in the building.

School Improvement Council meetings take place on a regular basis at the Rose L. MacDonald School. Parents, teachers and community members meet with the principal. Based on these meetings, the council’s recommendations and a school wide “Satisfaction Survey,” a School Improvement Plan is written to outline goals for the coming year that align with the district’s Strategic Plan. Goals that address the continual improvement of student achievement as well as maintaining the school facility are included.

The self-supporting after school enrichment program has continued into its ninth year and is now under the leadership of community member Sandra Churchill. A variety of courses including arts and crafts, technology, science, drama and music are offered to youngsters during the sixteen weeks the program runs.

A Surround Care program that provides before and after school childcare is offered at the Rose L. MacDonald School. It provides working parents with safe, conveniently-located and reasonably priced child care for their children both before and after school. Childcare providers organize recreational events, help students with homework, and provide snacks to students.

P.T.O. officers and members have continued to work throughout the year on fundraising efforts that provide various enrichment programs related to the curriculum at each grade level. We have a dedicated core of parent volunteers and teachers that meet monthly to plan fundraising endeavors which pay for special programs for the school that connect to state standards and curriculum.

Thanks to the ongoing work of town residents Laurie Polen and the Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library, children receive free books three times a year from the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. It is a program that the PTO also partially funds as well as some local businesses.

In conclusion, I would like to commend the faculty, staff and families of the Rose L. MacDonald School who continue to work cohesively and with commitment to provide a quality, all-inclusive world class education for the children of the Rose L. MacDonald School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Keitha Goulet

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Principal

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The Southeastern Technical Institute offered the following day programs: Practical Nurse, Medical Assisting and Dental Assisting. Evening programs included Computer, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Driver’s Education, Enrichment classes, HVAC, Health Claims, Medical classes, Phlebotomy and Practical Nurse.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE consists of ten dedicated individuals elected from the communities of Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater.

Colleen Maloney is the West Bridgewater Representative on the School Committee.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School is a four-year public high school serving the young men and women from the City of Brockton and the Towns of East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton, and West Bridgewater.

At Southeastern this year, students chose from 30 career majors in preparation for life’s opportunities and challenges. Our school combines a rigorous academic curriculum with challenging vocational and technical studies to help students realize their full learning potential. The schedule was designed to have students alternate between academic and technical coursework. This process promotes integration of studies and helps bridge the gap between theoretical and practical experience.

The hands-on approach to learning helped reconnect students to education, and provided the basis for lifelong learning – an essential skill in today’s highly competitive global market.

Upon graduation, students had the choice of furthering their education in any two or four year institution, internships, certification programs, military service or going directly into the workforce.

Exploratory Program - The goal at Southeastern is to have students choose a career major that excites them about school and education. Recognizing the fact that many incoming students had not spent much time considering their future, we developed a Freshman Exploratory Program which combines career counseling, career exploration, academic studies, and testing to help students make the right decision. Ninth grade applicants selected several technical areas they wished to explore. The exploratory program consisted of examining many different program areas.

Acceptance into many programs was highly competitive and students were ranked based on their effort, grades, behavior, and attendance. It was imperative that ninth grade students did well in all their classes, maintained nearly perfect attendance, and avoided behavioral issues. All our programs prepared students for high-demand high-paying career fields.
The Cooperative Education program provided supervised workplace employment opportunities and learning experiences for qualified high school students. The Co-op program was based on an agreement developed among an employer, a student, and the high school staff.

ACADEMICS

Southeastern Regional offers a full and rigorous series of academic classes comparable to any comprehensive school. A common misconception about vocational school academics is that they are "easier" because students are only here to learn a trade. In actuality, students who attend a vocational school who apply themselves are challenged more extensively than comprehensive school students. Not only do vocational students have the opportunity to gain skills in a specific trade, but they will also be on track to attend a 4-year college by working through academic courses.

Small Classes - Our very small class sizes afforded all students the opportunity to be exposed to honors level content and assignments while working in an integrated classroom on the standards in the Massachusetts Frameworks. Academies in a 21st century vocational school were developed to ensure that students who take full advantage of our offerings will have more opportunities for high level jobs and greater success in the future.

Committed Staff - The Academic Department philosophy is that each teacher will strive to create and foster an environment that promotes students' confidence and their motivation to learn. The staff is committed to implementing our standards-based curriculum (in alignment with the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) in order to adhere to a clear and rational structure through which students, teachers, and parents can assess mastery. To ensure academic rigor, Southeastern is committed to differentiated instruction and inclusive classrooms because all students have the right to be exposed to the same high level curriculum. The Southeastern community understands and respects that our students are 21st century learners. Along with implementing traditional reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills, we continued to be in the educational forefront by accommodating individual student needs, by embracing technology, by fostering skills that support success in vocational areas, and by making efforts to stay current in each field of expertise for the benefit of Southeastern students.

Honors and Advanced Placement Commitment - All students were exposed to a rigorous grade level appropriate curriculum in academic areas. In order that all students have the opportunity to excel, students were able to make the honors commitment in one or more academic courses. In an academic class, all students were expected to meet the standards of the core curriculum. Those who wanted to could receive honors credit and go above and beyond elected honors coursework, in person or online.

Honors students were expected to complete the entire core curriculum in addition to the projects, assessments, presentations, and readings that were required for honors students in a particular course/grade level/subject area. Work was assigned during vocational cycles and relied heavily on our web-based tools for learning. Honors students were required to have access to the internet at home, plan to use our computer labs, or plan to use their local library. Additional grade point average weight was given to students making the honors commitment, which could result in a higher class rank.

Virtual High School - Students who had proven to be independently motivated learners in all courses or in a particular content area aspiring to attend a four year college were recommended to take one or more Virtual High School courses during their sophomore to senior years. These students were required to be able to work independently on multiple tasks at a given time, personally organized, disciplined, task committed, reading above grade level, and self-motivated.
Classes were teacher facilitated and took place entirely over the internet. Class sizes were limited to 25, with an emphasis on interaction between teachers and students. It included student-centered activities and discussions. Students were able to post work to their class anytime, day or night. Classes followed a semester schedule and assignments were due at specified weekly intervals. Students who were recommended for VHS, and made the yearlong commitment, were enrolled in two semester long four credit courses or one year long eight credit course. To ensure students stayed on track, students reported to a monitored computer lab for one block each academic cycle. The most recent course catalog is available by clicking "Catalog" under "Programs and Courses" at http://thevhcollaborative.org/.

VHS courses are monitored regularly and adhere to the National Education Association's (NEA) recommended course guidelines for high quality online courses. Students may enroll at the Standard, Honors, Pre-Advanced Placement, or Advanced Placement level. Advanced Placement testing takes place yearly at Southeastern.

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**ATHLETICS**

There is a wide selection of athletic activities available to students at SRVTHS. For information regarding the Athletics Schedule or registration, please contact Athletic Director Dan Tripp: dripp@sernd.org, 508-230-1279.

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**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

There are many activity choices at Southeastern Regional. The following are just a few of the options: Business Professionals of America, Community Service Club, Distributive Education Clubs of America, Drivers’ Education, Gay, Straight Alliance Club, National Honor Society, Non-Traditional Support Group, Peer Leadership, SADD, Ski Club, SkillsUSA, Student Council, Southeastern Travel Club, and Yearbook.

In addition to the above activities, Southeastern Regional offers school dances, Homecoming, Junior and Senior Proms, Winter Ball, Sports and SkillsUSA Award Dinners, field trips, and a variety of special events.


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**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Extensive research has shown that students achieve more in school when their parents are involved in their education. Parent Liaison Sofia Rasher connects parents and guardians with resources and people they need to see. Sofia is available to parents and guardians at srasher@sernd.org, or 508-230-1415. Parental involvement opportunities were as follows: Parent Council, Parent Coffee Hours, Edline, Program Advisory Committee, Southeastern Regional Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), and School Day Tours.

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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Southeastern Alumni Association is made up of volunteer graduates and friends from Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School who are committed to supporting the future of vocational education at Southeastern and building a social network of alumni. For information, contact Sandra Slattery, President, at sandislattery@hotmail.com.
Cosmetology Salon was open to the public, faculty and students by appointment, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. For appointments and pricing information, please call 508-230-1269.

Colonial Room - The student-run restaurant was open to the staff and general public during the school year. The restaurant was open for breakfast (8:45-10:15) and lunch (10:45-12:30) along with other special catered events. Check the calendar at www.sersd.org/ParentsCommunity/ColonialRoom.aspx for operating dates, times, and special events. For information, call 508-230-1237.

Program Advisory Committee advises, assists and supports school personnel to improve planning, operation and evaluation of a program area, based on adequate and timely information as to workforce and job development demands or job market trends, technological developments, training alternatives and other factors affecting the quality of the program.

SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

The Mission of the Southeastern Technical Institute is to transform students into lifelong learners. The Mission and Goals are organized around four core philosophies; the Mastery of Foundation Skills, the Development of Interpersonal Skills, Proactive Student Engagement, and a commitment to Stretch Learning Initiatives.

In the past 48 years, Southeastern Technical Institute has provided training in several vocational areas, constantly striving to meet the training needs of our students and area businesses.

Two new Chapter 74 programs started during the 2014/2015 school year: Culinary Arts (September, 2014) and Cosmetology (March, 2015).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional documents and information may be accessed at our website at http://www.sersd.org.

• Staff Directory: http://www.sersd.org/About/Faculty-Staff-Listing
• 2013-2016 School Improvement Plan: http://www.sersd.org/About/Administration/School-Improvement-Plan
• Student Handbook: http://www.sersd.org/Students/Student-Handbook-Copy
• Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education District Profile:

http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/profiles/general.aspx?topNavId=1&orgcode=08720605&orgtypecode=6

• Online Application to SRVTHS:
• http://www.sersd.org/Admissions
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, elected officials and residents of the Town of West Bridgewater,

The Library Board of Trustees takes pleasure in presenting the 2015 annual report.

It has been a big year for the library with the retirement of our long time Director, Beth Roll Smith who served the library for twenty-seven years. She will be greatly missed.

The Trustees embarked on a quest to find a new Director who could meet the changing needs of the library. We found that in Ellen Snoeyenbos. She hit the ground running with the help and support of the wonderful staff. Together they are coming up with new and innovative ways to make the library an even more inviting place to learn, play, and explore.

As always, I have to thank our staff for the great job they do. Without them our library couldn’t function as it does. Their attention to detail in everything they do insures the library runs as smoothly as it does.

Lastly, I must thank the community we serve. For without your continued support we couldn’t exist at all.

We are all grateful for your support and we will try hard to make the library a better place for you.

Respectfully submitted,

David Church

Chairman, Library Board of Trustees
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE
WEST BRIDGWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The West Bridgewater Public Library experienced some big changes in 2015.

After twenty-seven years of uninterrupted exemplary service as Library Director to the Town, Beth Roll Smith retired on Jan. 2, 2016. The move to the new Library in 1990 brought library service up to a new level. She brought the Library through good times and hard budget cycles, taking the library from a budget of $126,000 in 1988 to $411,000 for fiscal year 2016. Beth ensured the credentials of the Library to meet the state aid requirements each year. Staffing levels increased as services and collections grew with the town. Computerization of the collection and library services was achieved in 1995 and has been moving forward in each successive year.

Beth was a leader in the SAILS Library Network, acting as President for 2011-2012. She championed historical preservation, had the Town Annual Reports, High School Yearbooks, and the antique postcard collection digitized through the Boston Public Library and included in the state and regional archives for all to be able to access.

In October 2015 the Board of Trustees interviewed and hired Ellen Snoeyenbos, of the Duxbury Free Library reference staff, to become the successor to Ms. Smith as Library Director. She joined the West Bridgewater library staff on Dec. 14, 2015 and had a week of intensive training with Ms. Smith before taking the reins on her own.

Ms. Snoeyenbos was hired by the Trustees to bring 21st century technology and innovative library services to the West Bridgewater community. Her experience has been in setting up digital media labs, podcasting, 3D printing in a library setting, web design, and generally incorporating STEM activities in library programs for teens and adults. These credentials were of particular interest to the Trustees. She has presented to the American Library Association annual meetings on a number of occasions and is an advocate for interdepartmental collaboration and shared resources.

Special events at the library included a concert co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library called, “The 6th Annual Massachusetts Walking Tour” which was a musical event on June 26th to support the completion of the Bay Circuit Trail, a walking trail that circumnavigates the Massachusetts Bay. Gallery art shows included the western photographs of Joseph Kennedy, artistic quilts, the Cranberry Weavers Guild and many others.

A Friends of the Library Wine Tasting Gala event in November was a great success, bringing many people who don’t normally use the library through the doors. Much work was done by the Friends to gather raffle donations from area businesses, and all had a great time. Museum passes and other gifts were also donated by our Friends group. Thanks go to all our Friends under the able direction of President, Glenn Savoy.
The Summer Reading theme was “Every Hero Has a Story” with an emphasis on superheroes and how to be a real life hero. 160 children participated and 66 raffle prizes were given away. Local businesses and organizations contributed financially to the library Summer Reading Program and include: Route 28 Collision, West Bridgewater Lions Club, John DeCosta, Locksmith, Harbor One Bank, Bridgewater Savings Bank, Trucchi’s, Turner Steel, Estabrook and Chamberlain Insurance, B+B Bicycle, Reid-Hoffman Insurance Agency, CWB Contractors, Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library and Raleigh Auto Body.

Many volunteers have helped make the library a vital part of the community. A partial list of active volunteers includes: Glenn, Savoy, Roberta Maraglia, David Church, Christine Newman, Irene White, Lowell Smith, Allan Hammond, Evelyn Bandlow, Steven Biechner, Douglas De Costa, Joanne Hall, Lauric Poler, Drake McCabe and Mary Lou McGarry.

The library staff joins both retiring Director, Beth Roll Smith, and in-coming Director, Ellen Snoeyenbos, in thanking the citizens of West Bridgewater for their continued support of the library as a vital service to all residents in the town. We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Roll Smith
Retiring Director

Ellen Snoeyenbos
Current Director
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of West Bridgewater:

The Office of the Network Administrator oversees all aspects of the Computer Network. All of the town departments including Police, Fire, Water, Town Hall, Schools, Council on Aging and Public Library are members of the computer network. The incorporation of all departments into the network has made for efficient and cost effective management of the network.

The Town of West Bridgewater has its own private virtual cloud. Town and school employees can log on to the network from remote locations and gain full access to all of their programs and data files. The Virtual Cloud is totally secured and only people with the proper credentials can have access to it.

Over the summer, several upgrades were made to the town's network. Our internet provider is now Windstream whose connection is fiber optic. This connection is 500 mg for both upload and download speeds. This connection has greatly enhanced the efficiency of the network.

We have replaced our firewall with a Fortinet device which has proved to be more effective in controlling internet content filtering than our previous device. We have installed Ruckus wireless access points throughout the town buildings. These devices are centrally controlled for more effective management.

We are currently seeking funding for two major projects. Firstly, we hope to upgrade the wiring and switching at the town hall. The wiring was installed in the late 1990's and is falling below recommended standards for effective data transmission. The switches need to be upgraded to handle the increased demands on the network. The second project is to implement a disaster recovery solution for the town. This solution would provide a backup data center that would keep the town network up and running in the event of a disaster at the primary data center which is located that the high school.

Our network is maintained by Hub Technical Services in Easton, MA. As part of our agreement with Hub, the network is monitored twenty-fours a day. This monitoring system will enable engineers at Hub to deal with network failures as they may occur, thus minimizing any network interruptions.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Sarro
Network Administrator
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, the Board of Assessors submits its annual report.

The mission of the Assessor’s office is to deliver excellent service to our taxpayers, keep our door open to the public, provide adequate tax revenue to the community, provide taxpayers with assessments that are correct and fair, and minimize the tax burden while fostering economic prosperity.

We successfully completed our state-mandated triennial revaluation project on time and on budget. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) carefully monitored and reviewed the Board of Assessors’ Fiscal Year 2016 Revaluation program and we received certification of our values from the DOR in a timely fashion, which allowed us to set our tax rates without any interruption of cash flow for the town.

Recent economic conditions mildly impacted property values as reflected in this year’s real estate and personal property assessments. Residential real estate assessments increased by 3.2%; Commercial assessments increased overall by 3.6%; and Industrial assessments increased by 5.5%. Personal Property assessments increased by 2.2%. ‘Added Growth’ decreased this year despite the steady pace of construction of residential homes and development of the ‘Turn at River Bend’ apartment complex.

The Board of Assessors once again funded the Senior Work Program from our Overlay Account. Thirty-three (33) senior citizens participated in the program with most of them volunteering eighty three (83) hours of their time and receiving a Seven Hundred Fifty Dollar ($750.00) reduction in their real estate taxes in return.

The Board continues to provide online access to our real estate database. Our Property Record Card (PRC) system may be researched by going directly to http://westbridgewater.patriotproperties.com/ or by connecting to our Town webpage (www.westbridgewaterma.org) and clicking on the Online Database link. We also offer online forms and applications, exemption guidelines, Appellate Tax Board information, a Taxpayer Handbook link, and other links commonly used by our office. For those who do not have online access, this information is also available at our office during regular business hours.

The Assessor’s office is overseen by the Board of Assessors with John Donahue as Principal Assessor, Donna Cotter, Head Administrative Secretary and Jean Upton, Head Secretary, comprising the office staff. All staff members are certified by the Department of Revenue to perform their respective duties. The Board of Assessors and our staff continue to participate in workshops and seminars to keep current with ever changing laws, regulations, and the continuing education requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for real estate and personal property assessment and appraisal purposes. The Board wishes to thank our staff for their consistent hard work, professional attitude and dedication in assisting taxpayers and the general public.

Finally, the Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of West Bridgewater, as well as all the Town Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Departments for their cooperation in helping us reach our goals and objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. McCarthy, Chairman
Cheryl A. Smith, Clerk
Gerald E. Stetson, Member
Town of West Bridgewater
Office of Board of Health
Telephone 508-894-1209 Fax 508-894-1214

Town Report for 2015

The purpose of public health systems is to preserve and protect the health of entire populations and promote health status improvements for all.

The West Bridgewater Board of Health consists of an office Secretary, Health Agent, and 3 elected members.

We are the licensing authority for restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores, tattoo parlors, tanning, mobile home parks, septic installers, trash haulers, septic haulers, pet supplies, piggeries and other various entities.

The Health Agent performed 77 routine food service inspections at restaurants, schools, mobile food servers, day care centers and retail stores. Routine food inspections of all businesses selling food of any type are inspected at a minimum of twice a year. These inspections are not only for cleanliness but for the storage and disposal of food, temperatures, and handling practices. New establishments and ownership changes are inspected prior to the license being issued. In addition to routine inspections complaints are investigated and rectified. Additional Inspections are not factored into this count.

The Health agent reviews all Title V inspection reports submitted to the office, and witnesses all perc tests performed for new septic installations and repairs. There were 56 perc tests performed, 61 septic repairs/or new construction permits and 71 title five inspection reports. Each system has a minimum of 2 site inspections during construction. The agent also responds to any complaints of septic outbreak, odor, housing issues, trash, noise and any other issues that may pose a health risk. Pumping records are on file and are reviewed to avoid any health hazards.

The Health Department continues to offer the Loan Betterment Program. This program funds low interest loans thru the State of Ma., to residents, for the purpose of upgrading failed septic systems, this program is not intended for preparing a home to be sold or for businesses.

The Sharps Program is still in effect and is overseen by the West Bridgewater Fire Department. It is illegal and fines can be imposed if sharps or lancets are disposed of in the trash. Old and unused medications can be disposed of at the Police Station. This program ensures the residents of a proper place for disposal of medical waste.
The Health Department in conjunction with the Emergency Preparedness Coalition is responsible for preparing and overseeing plans to handle terrorist situations as well as epidemic and pandemic illnesses. Town residents interested in volunteering on this task force should contact the Board of Health @ 508-894-1209.

The Health Dept. funds a contract with Connie Dolan, RN. Blood pressure clinic is held on each Wednesday at the Council on Aging. Ms. Dolan also follows up on communicable diseases reported in town.

Our Department continues to sponsor the rabies vaccination clinics held each year. This past April 5, 2014, a total of 143 animals were vaccinated. We thank Dr. Neil Andleman of Westbridge Veterinary Hospital for his donation of the vaccine and his assistance. Monies collected are donated to the Bridge Center courtesy of Dr. Andleman. This program has been a great success due to his attentive efforts.

Lyme’s disease continues to be on the rise and we urge all residents to continue to take all precautions during the mosquito and tick seasons. We would like to remind the public that ticks are out all year long. Reducing exposure year-round, especially during peak season, can reduce the risk of contracting an infection from the blood-feeding parasites.

The numbers in infected mosquito’s for West Nile and EEE were lower than the previous year. Arial spraying was conducted by the Plymouth County Mosquito control who keeps track of the infected mosquito’s in our area. Though the numbers were lower than previous years, we would like to remind everyone to take precautions. Please visit Mass.gov for further information on protecting yourself and pets.

We would like to thank Christopher Nardone for his service as a Board of Health Member. It is with great regret that Mr. Nardone was unable to continue as a member of this Board and had to step down. The members of the Board welcome Mr. Brad Piesco as his replacement.

We would like to thank Town Departments, Boards and the Department of Environmental Protection as well as the Emergency Management Coalition for their cooperation and assistance. We thank the residents for giving us the opportunity to serve on the Board of Health and would encourage anyone with a concern to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Cruz, Chairman
Linda J. Simpson, Clerk
Brad Piesco
Report of the Animal Inspector
2015

Inspectors of Animals, Lans & Lee Anderson perform yearly inspections of the farms located here in West Bridgewater. The Bureau of Animal Health appoints municipal animal inspectors for each and every city and town in the Commonwealth. The primary duty of the Animal Inspector has recently become rabies control in the domestic animal population. Municipal Animal Inspectors are also responsible for barn/farm inspections, and may be called to assist with domestic animal disease quarantines, in the event of an outbreak.

The Inspector of Animals is responsible for quarantine of Animals that may be suspect of rabies. Rabies is a viral disease that can affect all mammals, including humans. The virus attacks the central nervous system and can be secreted in saliva. Because rabies affects people as well as animals, control of this disease has become a top priority for the Bureau of Animal Health. With the cooperation of the Department of Public Health and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, every angle of potential rabies exposure gets covered in order to prevent further rabies infections.

We want to remind all our residents not to approach any animals. It is important to remind our children of the dangers of approaching not only wild animals but those domestic animals they are not familiar with. It is recommended that you keep a close eye on your domestic pets when out doors. If you suspect a rabid animal, please call the Health Department (508) 894-1209 or our local Police Department at (508) 586-2525.

The Inspectors of Animals report for this year 2015 shows the following amount of barn animals in West Bridgewater.

- Goats: 9
- Horses: 101
- Turkey: 503
- Lamas: 3
- Dairy: 43
- Beef: 136
- Young: 8
- Young: 43
- Steer: 1
- Chickens: 239
- Ponies: 14
- Rabbits: 6
- Swine: 21
- Waterfowl: 71
- Sheep: 4
- Goats: 9

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To the residents of West Bridgewater, we the members of the West Bridgewater Planning Board submit this Annual report of activities for the year 2015.

Twenty four (24) meetings were held on the first and third Wednesday of each month throughout the year. No Special Meetings were held. There were Seven (7) Form A plans approved. The Planning Board has approved and is presently monitoring Eleven (11) subdivisions which are under various stages of completion. The Planning Board released no completed subdivisions. We are also monitoring several commercial projects which include two (2) Solar Farms. The Board has held discussions on other possible residential and commercial projects. Three (3) site plans with special permits were approved and/or granted. Five (5) plans from the Zoning Board of Appeals were reviewed and recommendations made.

The Planning Board is working with other Town boards and State agencies regarding projects in the area of the center of Town, traffic reconfiguration, Lincoln and West Center Streets (multiple commercial sites) and the ongoing traffic concerns of the Town including Market Basket. The Board is working very closely with the Board of Appeals on a major 40B project to be located off of Maple Street.

All Board members have complied with Anti-Harassment and Conflict of Interest regulations.

The Board held Public Hearings on proposed new bylaws and made their recommendations to Town Meeting voters.

The Board has met with Commercial Projects to work on developing the Town’s tax base through the proper use of property and the development of those properties.

The Planning Board would like to thank the Town Boards and departments for their help and cooperation throughout the year. In closing we would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their interest in our town by attending our meetings. We invite participation at all meetings.

A special thank you to our secretary, Donna Cotter, for her great work.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh R. Hurley, Chairman
Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk
Anthony J. Kinahan, Member
James R. Noyes, Member
Donna M. Cotter, Recording Secretary
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners, Superintendent of the West Bridgewater Water Department, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending 2015.

During the year we pumped a total of 236,060,034 gallons of water. This is 26,385,468 gallons more than the previous year. The greatest amount pumped for any one day was 1,857,463 gallons which occurred on September 19, 2015. The largest month of usage was August pumping a total of 28,507,332 gallons. The largest seven day period began May 23, 2015 with 7,662,010 gallons being pumped. With 236,060,034 gallons of water being pumped, plus 817,017 gallons being purchased from Easton, a total of 236,877,051 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average use of 648,978 gallons of water used.

Over the past year we added 5 new water services bringing our total number of services to 2738. We responded to 14 water main breaks. We fixed 10 bent curb stops. We repainted our 500,000 gallon water tank, ran new electrical services to the two tanks, installed a shed, installed a backup generator, and replaced the security fencing.

We did our annual flushing program, and checked every hydrant for water, removed every port/cap, and lubricated them with food grade anti-seize. We replaced 12 broken hydrants during the year that were in our system. We will continue to update our hydrants as we find units that do not seem fit for service.

We are continuing to replace water meters throughout the town. We are about three quarters through this project. We would like to thank the residents for cooperating with us as we work our way through this process. We are trying to do all work in house to keep costs down.

We are continually updating our GIS system as new houses and developments are built. We continually share our data back and forth between the assessor’s office, Board of Health, Highway Department, and Forestry.

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency, 240 bacteria water samples plus another 49 various tests for other known harmful chemicals were performed.

We would like to thank the Water Department employees for making this another successful year. We would also like to thank the other groups in town for their much needed support that they gave to us when needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Water Commissioners: Donald Asack, Chairman, Hugh Hurley, Clerk, Thomas Snell, Member
Office Support: Wayne Parks, Superintendent, Kerry Buckley, Office Manager
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2015.

The reconfiguration of the center of town intersection has not only kept us very busy, but was very trying for everyone, residents, motorists and the officers working there. Thankfully that project is almost completed and it seems as though traffic flows at a much improved rate.

We have been working on the opiate issue and have brought speakers into the schools to speak to not only students, but to parents and residents as well. We also have been working with a grassroots organization based in East Bridgewater, EB Hope to try to get those with addiction issues the help that they need. It is a group comprised of volunteers and they have been a tremendous asset.

Our social media presence has increased, our website was redone and we have a Facebook page. Current issues and news are posted to both so please follow us.

Officer Michael Winkler was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Congratulations to him on this accomplishment.

Texting while driving continues to be a huge problem and we have worked very hard to do our best to stop it. We have conducted roadside stings, and have even announced on social media when we were going to be doing the stings but we still find people texting and driving. Hopefully we get the Legislature to pass a law mandating hands free devices.

This is the last report that I will be submitting. I am retiring in the summer of 2016. I would like to thank all of the officers for their hard work, all town departments for their cooperation and the residents and the Board of Selectmen for allowing me to serve as Police Chief for the past twelve years, it has been an honor.

I herewith submit the annual report for the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2015.
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**Total Calls For Service** 10,687

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Monies Received by the West Bridgewater Police Department

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Total $90,228.25

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Donald H. Clark
Chief
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report for the Animal Control Department for the year 2015.

Dog Licenses 1189
Court Complaints/Unlicensed Dogs 22
Animal related calls 193
Kennel Costs $1473.40
Animal Control Officer Cost $1380.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Donald H. Clark
Chief
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my twenty sixth (26th) annual town report as Chief of the Fire Department for the calendar year 2015.

Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, one (1) permanent Deputy Chief, three (3) permanent Lieutenants, thirteen (13) permanent firefighters, twelve (12) call firefighters, one (1) Call Chaplain, and one (1) call dispatcher. Of the eighteen (18) full time members, including the Chief, two (2) are trained at the EMT-Defibrillator level, two (2) are trained at the EMT-Intermediate level, and thirteen (13) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level. In the call department, Six (6) members are trained at the EMT-D level, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level, including one that is a physician, and two (2) are trained at the first responder level.

In June of this year, Deputy Chief/EMT-D Paul T. Golder retired from the department after slightly over 40 years of service. Paul was a dedicated public servant and will be missed. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his years of service and wish him the best in his retirement years.

Apparatus

Engine #1, a 2004 Emergency One 1500 GPM pumper, Engine #2, a 2013 Emergency One 1500 GPM pumper, Engine #3, a 1994 KME 1250 GPM pumper, Ladder #1, a 1999 Emergency One 110’ aerial device, Forest Fire #1, a 1985 Chevrolet 4 wheel drive pickup truck (government surplus), Forest Fire #2, a 2006 Ford F350 pickup truck, Special Operations vehicle, a 2005 Chevrolet cargo van, Ambulance #1, a 2013/2010 Ford/Horton, Ambulance #2, a 2004 Ford/Horton, Ambulance #3, a 2006 Ford/Horton, and the Chief’s vehicle, a 2008 Ford F-350 4 wheel drive pickup truck. A new 2016 ambulance has been ordered, with delivery expected in late January or early February. This new truck will replace the 2006 truck which has the highest mileage and most maintenance issues.

Grant funding

We continue to apply for any and all available grants at both the State and Federal level. We did apply, again this year, for a communications grant through the Federal
Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. We are awaiting word on whether or not this year's application has been accepted and funded. If we are not successful this year, it will be necessary to fund this radio equipment replacement at the local level. Quality and safe radio communications is essential to our daily operations. The equipment we are now using is twenty (20) years old and is rapidly becoming unreliable.

We have been awarded a $2460.00 grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. This money, in conjunction with donations, will be used to complete the purchase of a trailer for the ATV which we purchased last year. I am happy to report that both the fire department and the police department have used this ATV on several occasions to support each departments varied operations.

Statistical Report

During 2015, the fire and emergency medical services department responded to a total of two thousand seven hundred and eighteen (2718) requests for service. Of this figure, one thousand four hundred and twenty seven (1427) calls were emergency medical services related. The remaining calls, one thousand two hundred and ninety one (1291) calls were for fire department related services.

These statistics reflect a 29% increase in requests for services that the fire department provides. I believe there are many reasons for this increase. First, on the emergency medical services side, we have an aging population which requires more medical care, and more people are using the local hospital emergency departments as their primary care physician.

On the fire department side, we respond to more home and commercial fire alarm calls, carbon monoxide detector calls (which are now required by the building code in new homes), smoke detector calls, motor vehicle accidents, and hazardous material incidents just to name a few. These, coupled with new department tracking software, gives us a better overall picture of the departments activity.

Training

All new full-time firefighters are required to attend the recruit firefighter training program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stowe, MA. Once they have graduated, we endeavor to maintain the skills they acquired while there. With this in mind, we continue to have an ongoing training program for both our full time professional firefighters as well as our part-time/call firefighters.

This year, in addition to the full time members training during their day shifts, we have been able to continue the practice of holding combined drills for the full time and call personnel on one Monday night per month. I can’t emphasize enough the importance of keeping our emergency responders trained at the highest possible level.

Request and recommendations
As I stated previously in this report, if we are not successful in obtaining a federal grant for radio equipment, I will be requesting an article at town meeting for $80,000.00 to replace our two-way portable radios and, hopefully, system infrastructure. I began purchasing this equipment in the early 90's and, other than normal wear and tear repairs, it has not been upgraded. Radio communications in public safety is essential for a safe, effective, and efficient operation. This technology has changed dramatically over the last several years for a multitude of reasons and there are now new federal requirements that we must comply with to keep our existing licenses.

I will also be requesting $11,000.00 to replace the air bottles on our self contained breathing apparatus. We were very fortunate several years ago to obtain this state of the art equipment through a federal grant. However, like any other equipment it has reached a point where it must be upgraded to keep pace with new technology.

I am also recommending that we continue to investigate establishing the position of dispatchers for, at least, the fire department. There are times when, because of call volume, there are no personnel in the fire station to either answer phone calls or radio communications from our firefighters that are working in the field. This can, and has, created dangerous situations when assistance is required by our personnel and there is no one available to answer their call for help. My hope would be that we can address this situation before something regrettable happens.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to our Board of Selectmen, our town administrator David Gagne, and the staff in the Board of Selectmen’s Office for their continued support of this department and its mission of protecting our residents.

I would also like to publicly thank my officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the department and the town. As residents of the Town of West Bridgewater, you have the finest fire and emergency medical services department in the area. I am always proud of their efforts on a daily basis on behalf of our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. Hunt
Chief
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my 2015 Annual report for the Highway & Vehicle Maintenance Departments.

I am fortunate to have a support staff of people who have shown consistently that they are considerable assets to our community. I thank Administrative Assistant Sue Kent and the rest of my Highway/Vehicle Force, Tom Souza, Ken Berry, Shawn Anderson, Mike Hutchinson, Dana Leonard, John Eckstrom, Brandon F. Filippini and of course our Transfer Station Operator Rich Jefferson for their work ethic. I would also like to acknowledge the welcome addition of personnel through the Senior Tax Work-Off Program.

My goals are to be available and accessible to the residents and to address their issues to the best of my ability, to be supportive to my staff and fiscally responsible to the community. Some project goals for 2016 are road resurfacing, state compliance programs for signage and catch basins and pavement management planning for future project implementation.

**Departmental Budgets:** These are the budgets I oversee:

- Chapter 90 State Funding for Road Repairs
- Highway Administration: 4210
- Highway Construction/Maintenance: 4220
- Highway Snow and Ice Control: 4230
- Street Lighting: 4240
- Solid Waste Disposal: 4330
- Vehicle Maintenance: 4600

**Equipment:** The following is an inventory of department equipment:

- 2003 F-750 dump truck
- 1993 F-800 dump truck
- 1998 F-800 dump truck
- 2016 F-350 4X4 dump truck
- 2005 F-550 4X4 dump truck
- 2004 F-750 4X4 dump truck
- 2008 F-350 4X4 Service truck
- 2010 F-150 4WD Pickup
- 2015 108 SD Dump truck
- 2012 John Deere backhoe
- 2016 F-550 4X4 dump truck
- 2005 F-550 4X4 dump truck
- 2003 Crown Vic
- 2008 Volvo Loader L-60E
- 2008 Sidewalk plow
- 6 road sanding attachments
- 2010 Line Painting Machine
- 2010 Crack Sealing Machine
- 2010 Flail Arm Mower
Chapter 90 Projects undertaken this year

Phase one resurfacing was done on the following roads Matfield Street, Ellis Avenue, Hillside Avenue and Maolis Avenue. Phase two to be completed in 2016. Line painting was done on various streets.

Winter Condition

Our trucks were dispatched on 30 different occasions throughout the year for salting or plowing conditions.

Transfer Station

We now accept mercury products, fluorescent tubes, ink cartridges, computer monitors, household appliances, scrap metal and dry cell batteries. **PLEASE SEE ATTENDANT** for receptacle locations for these items.

Please RECYCLE. It’s the law and it saves the town money.

ALSO, as a reminder, all Annual Transfer Station stickers are **due and to be affixed to residents vehicles by January 1 of each year**. It is only fair to the taxpayers that this be accomplished in a voluntary manner.

Crack Sealing

Crack sealing material was applied on various streets throughout the town.

Painting

Spray painting of crosswalks and arrows was performed along with the painting of various town parking lots.

Brush Cutting

Brush growth along road sides is being cut back with the flail arm mower attachment.

Sign Management Program

Faded stop signs and speed limit signs are being replaced on a continuous basis.

Street Sweeper Activity

The sweeper was out everyday weather permitting. All streets were swept including parking areas in all the Schools, Police, Fire, COA, and all municipal buildings as well as sidewalks.

Roadside Mowing Performance
Roadside mowing is done consistently as needed. This is an important process that is done to maintain road visibility for driver safety.

**Drainage Program**

We have been aggressively cleaning head walls and drainage ditches. Two hundred catch basins were cleaned in the fall of 2015. All material was removed from town.

**Street Lighting**

Street lighting is inspected regularly, outages reported and repaired.

In closing, I thank all the community departments and town residents for their constant strive to move West Bridgewater forward through a spirit of collaborative teamwork with my department that makes our town the exceptional community it is.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Leonard W. Graf, III  
Highway & Vehicle  
Maintenance Superintendent
The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, ground maintenance, and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

- 16 intersection greens
- 50 miles of tree lined streets
- 7 cemeteries
- A 5-acre park
- Council on Aging Center
- Friendship Park Playground
- Legion Memorial Ball fields (YAA)
- Police/Fire Station grounds
- Rail Trail
- School Department properties & sports fields
- Town Hall and Gazebo grounds
- Town Library
- Town Skating Rink

Survey, trimming and removed of hazardous trees continues throughout the year. During 2015, 103 hazardous trees were removed.

A private crane and/or bucket truck was contracted for large tree maintenance. National Grid helps the Town remove dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful. Our Town was also recognized again this year as an 22th Year “Tree City USA” recipient.

Department equipment and vehicles include:

- 1997 Brush bandit chipper
- 2000 Kubota Tractor
- 2007 Kubota 72” cut tractor
- 2010 Kubota 72” cut tractor
- 2012 Kubota 72” cut tractor
- 1994 F-350 Ford Dump
- 2004 F-450 Ford Dump
- 1999 F-150 Ford Pick-Up
- 2013 Freightliner Dump/Chipper Box

We have five (5) funds under the department which we manage and to which we encourage donations.

- Stars and Stripes – includes funds for all the Town flags.
- Holiday Decoration Fund – used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout and Town.
- Beautification – to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for all public areas in Town.
- Gazebo Concert Series Fund – to pay for the entertainment for the concert series at the Town Gazebo and Friendship Park Playground
- Playground Fund – to maintain equipment for the Town playground.
Our 23th Annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer 2015. Four concerts were presented, free to the public, on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 2016 summer program. Our thanks are extended to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Our 20th Annual “Culture for Children” summer entertainment program was held at Friendship Park Playground this summer on Tuesday evenings. This program was a great success. Plans are now being made for the 2016 summer program.

Three Arbor Day trees were planted at the War Memorial Park.

Bid documents are being prepared for Community Preservation projects, $125,000.00 to continue masonry repair work in War Memorial Park plus $40,000.00 to do repairs at the South Street Cemetery.

Through the combined resources of the YAA and School Department, irrigation has been installed on the JV soccer field.

I extend sincere thanks to all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Christopher D. Iannitelli
Forestry and Parks Superintendent
Tree Warden
COUNCIL ON AGING
Town of West Bridgewater

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen & Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:
As Director of Elder Services, I submit this Annual Report of the Council on Aging for the year ending December 31, 2015.

Senior Tax Workoff Program 33
Congregate Meals Served (duplicated) 7,166
(Senior & non-Senior Listed Below)
Fuel Assist. Applicants 65
Food Stamp Applicants 57
Outreach Case Management/Advocacy 269
Outreach Contacts & Client Find 279
Serving Health Information Needs of Elders 210
Outreach Client Referrals 32
Tax Preparation 31
Health Screening participants (duplicated) 186
Supportive Care Clients (duplicated) 651
Dial A Bat Trips (duplicated) 1,104
COA Shuttle Client Trips (duplicated) 2,475
Home Delivered Meals on Wheels (duplicated) 3,552
Recreational Trips
  Day 26
  Overnight 12
  Line Dancing Program participants (duplicated) 496
  Bridge Club (duplicated) 784
  Tai Chi participants (duplicated) 286
  Mah Jongg participants (duplicated) 661
  Instructional Courses:
    Swedish Weaving (duplicated) 810
    Zumba Gold participants (duplicated) 1333
    Strength & Fitness Class participants (duplicated) 630
    Special events 6
    Education & Senior Outreach Programs 8
    Intergenerational Programs 5

Thank you,
Mary Harrington Graf
Director of Elder Services
Town of West Bridgewater
Department of Conservation, Preservation & Recreation

2015 DCPR Annual Report

Seven years ago the Board of Selectmen created the Department of Conservation, Preservation & Recreation (DCPR), a ‘think-tank’ of autonomous but like-minded committees charged with implementing the town’s Open Space & Recreation Plan. The DCPR is home to the Agricultural Commission, Community Preservation Committee, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Open Space Committee, and the Town River Fishery Committee; good rapport flourishes within the department.

DCPR meets quarterly with committee representatives, town staff, and community stakeholders for the express purpose of sharing information and resources, updating each other regarding projects in progress, committee needs and challenges, and together collaborating on projects.

This department fosters the establishment of a sustainable Nunnekassett Greenway – that network of land and water trails connecting to the 14-mile Town River and to the 200-mile Bay Circuit Trail, to preserve them as natural, recreational, educational, social, and economical resources. The Nunnekassett Greenway motto is 'Where History and Nature Meet.'

In the Native Algonquin language Nunnekassett means 'Our Place of Wolves in the Woods.' Old maps show a Wolf Trap Hill located on South Elm Street, hinting to a perfect Cultural Conflict; secrets that our local trail system - our Outdoor Classroom - holds.

Dotted with remains of old forges and mill sites, the Town River (Nunnekassett River) was one of the earliest inland colonial settlements (1639). The river is environmentally protected at its headwaters by the Hockomock Swamp Area of Critical Concern (ACEC) and at its outfall by the federal Wild & Scenic Taunton River designation.

The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and The Trustees of Reservations (TTR) joined with the Bay Circuit Alliance (BCA), lending their combined 200 + years of conservation and natural resource expertise to promote and maintain the Bay Circuit Trail, 12 - 15 miles of which travel through the three Bridgewater towns. The BCT runs along the Town River in West Bridgewater and Bridgewater, our Nunnekassett Greenway.

Last fall our DCPR volunteers were privileged to participate in the first NG Trail Stewards Training Program hosted by Bridgewater State University and facilitated by Beth Gula from the Appalachian Mountain Club; our DCPR trail stewards now have the knowledge and skills to sustainably maintain our local trail network in an environmentally sound manner.

In 2015 the Wild & Scenic Taunton River Stewardship Council awarded the Nunnekassett Greenway Project a $2,500 Trails Access Improvement Grant to promote awareness and access to the Town River as a major tributary to the Taunton River. The DCPR trail volunteers built new kiosks for Beaverton Woods Trail and Woodchuck Chase Trail spurs.
DCPR is staffed through the Conservation office with the commission secretary serving as DCPR Coordinator. Conservation Agent John Delano was appointed by the board of Selectmen as department head; he represents DCPR committees on the Nunckatessett Greenway Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Doherty, DCPR Coordinator
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Agricultural Commission hereby submits its Annual Town Report.

The Agricultural Commission continues to support the long tradition of producing food in West Bridgewater. Three members attended a day of workshops and seminars sponsored by SEMAP at Bristol County Agricultural High School. Plans have been made to continue holding the Farmers Market and to place Right To Farm signs on South and North Main Streets. The Commission welcomes anyone with any interests or concerns about farming to express them to us.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Howard
Chairman
Report for the Community Preservation Committee

Since its inception in 2008, the Community Preservation Act (CPA) has become an integral part of the workings of the Town of West Bridgewater as it pertains to the preservation projects in the areas of open space, creation of recreational spaces, community housing and historic preservation.

The CPC members have reviewed and approved the following applications for presentation at Town Meeting:

- Annie Iannitelli, Town Clerk, has requested $10,000 to continue the work of preserving the local town vital records;
- The West Bridgewater Board of Assessors has requested $16,000 to begin preserving permanent records of the Assessors Valuation Books dated 1830 through 1938;
- Lauren Delaney, Superintendent for Pleasant Hill Cemetery, has requested $35,000 for cleaning and restoration and/or repair or replacement of head stones recently damaged by vandalism;
- John Delano and the West Bridgewater Conservation Commission has requested $75,000 to put toward the purchase of land along River Street (Map 45, Lot 46). The purchase price of the land is $120,000. According to John Delano, the remaining $45,000 will be raised from other funding; and
- The West Bridgewater Fire Department has submitted an application requesting $60,000 for the development of the West Bridgewater 911 Memorial Park project.

Warrant articles have been prepared for each of these projects for presentation to town residents and voting at Town meeting in June 2016.

As always, the CPC will strive to be a catalyst for future projects via funding, utilize community goals previously set forth in other public documents such as the Master Plan and Updated Open Space Plan which have received wide scrutiny and public input, will attempt to meet multiple community preservation goals in each project and communicate its mission and goals to the general public.

Members:
Cheryl Cambria
Chris Iannitelli
Joan McAndrew
Jack Connolly
John Cruz

Gerry Stetson
Warren Turner
Steve McCarthy
James Henderson

The Conservation Commission consists of five volunteer members and two alternate members appointed by the Selectmen. Their primary purpose is to uphold and protect the interests of the Wetland Protection Act, the Rivers Protection Act, and the town's Wetland Protection Bylaws. The board welcomed Paula Bethoney back as an Alternate Member this year.

Part-time staff maintains the office Monday - Thursday, and express appreciation to volunteer Dorna Bevis who assists under the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program. This year the commission had as intern Bridgewater State University biology student Dillon Parker, who as part of the Trails Project researched the history of Skim Milk Bridge as a Place of Interest on the Town River. After graduation Dillon found employment with Normandeau Associates.

At the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission's Conference in March, Conservation Commission Secretary Kitty Doherty was presented with the Outstanding Local and Regional Service Award for her 33 years of dedicated service in Natural Resource Conservation.

The commission met twice monthly (except in July), held executive sessions, discussed a 61A first refusal application, facilitated new or continued Public Hearings, and issued Orders of Conditions, Amended Orders of Conditions, Certificates of Compliance, Orders of Resource Delineation, and Enforcement orders. They negotiated Conservation Easements. The board granted a river clean-up request to the Town River Fishery Committee, monitored various wetland restorations, engaged a 53 G consultant to review the Stormwater Management Plan at the Family Dollar Store, and requested funding via Town Meeting to raze a condemned cottage on Clinton Road.

The commission discussed needed safe-guards for the application of Agricultural Sludge, and also discussed on-going dialog by state officials regarding the possible removal of the privately-owned High Street Dam on the Town River in Bridgewater. Removing this dam would greatly change the vista, habitat, hydrological impoundment, and recreational potential upstream along Ash Street - a 450 acre recreational wonder suitable for swimming, bird and wildlife watching, fishing, canoeing, and kayaking.

Commissioners and staff work within the town's Department of Conservation, Preservation & Recreation (DCPR) in order to fulfill the second part of its Mission - preserving Open Space and fostering proper use of our natural resources for the benefit of all residents.
Through the DCPR, the commission partners with the Wild & Scenic Taunton River Stewardship Council / National Park Service, Town of Bridgewater, Bridgewater State University, and the Bay Circuit Alliance / Appalachian Mountain Club / The Trustees of Reservations in order to establish a diverse network of land and water trails connected to the Town River and Bay Circuit Trail, known as the Nunckatessett Greenway. This project received a $2,500 1:1 matching Trails Access Improvement grant to promote awareness and access to the Nunckatessett Greenway trail network; West Bridgewater received funding for two new kiosks for trail spurs at Beaverton Woods and Woodchuck Chase.

DCPR volunteer Steve Winters reported on the Environmental Scavenger Hunt held at Rose MacDonald School, with the 1st – 3rd grades. This very rewarding event is part of the Commission’s Outdoor Classroom initiative. A not-so-rewarding situation that the board also dealt with was vandalism to trails and parklands; ATV damage and ruts at Trucchi’s Landing, and the Esther Drive Trail boardwalk was smashed - but repaired by volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Tim Hay, Vice Chairman Lee Anderson
Members Kevin Parker, Maurice McCarthy, Jack Connolly;
Alternate Member Paula Bethoney, Agent John DeLano and
Secretary Kitty Doherty; the second Alternate seat is vacant.
West Bridgewater Historical Commission
Town Hall
65 North Main Street
West Bridgewater, MA 02379

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Historical Commission continues to be very active in a number of ways relative to preserving the history of West Bridgewater and telling its great story. This past year we have continued our series of oral history DVD’s which now number six. These DVDs are titled: “Cochessett Connections” which featured stories from those who grew up and lived in that village of town, “Ladies in The Loop” which are recollections from three town clerks, Anna Brown, Marion Leonard and Nancy Morrison, “Fire” which are interviews with students who were in Howard High School on that fateful March day in 1949 when it burned to the ground, “Combination I” stories from the firefighters that served with this historic World War II vintage engine, “Coaches” recollections of some of West Bridgewater’s winningest coaches and most recently is a collection of stories relating to the high school Championship Wildcat Color Guard. Proceeds from the sale of these DVDs benefit the Town Museum being developed in the town’s old fire barn. Jim Benson’s book, “Images of America, West Bridgewater” continues to sell well with proceeds also benefiting the museum project.

At the 2014 Annual Town meeting voters approved CPA funds to be used to restore the original barn doors on the fire barn as well as replace trim and paint trim on the building and install gutters on the building as well. This project has been completed and inside work will soon begin. We mailed out inventory forms to over 150 property owners whose homes dated to the period of the Civil War or before as well as some post-Civil War era homes of distinction. The goal is the have a recorded inventory and as much information as possible on these historical assets of our town. We worked in harmony with the Local Historic District Study Committee as they worked to establish the town’s first historical district; unfortunately this district formation was turned down by the voters at a Special Town Meeting.

The Commission is also custodian of the town’s Boston Post Cane which is traditionally presented to the town’s oldest citizen. In late 2015, Forrest Barber, holder of the cane passed away and as of year end the Commission was working on determining the next recipient.

We continue to work with the Parks Department on the preservation/restoration of our historical cemeteries around town and we thank Chris Iannitelli for his work on these valued assets of our past.

We encourage residents past and present to consider donating West Bridgewater memorabilia to the Commission for display/preservation in our museum.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Benson, Chairman,
Robert Bevis, Vice Chairman,
Thomas McAndrew, Secretary, Christine Newman, Member, Joan McAndrew, Member, Dorna Bevis, Member, Jonathan Ames II, Member
WEST BRIDGEWATER
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION
COMMITTEE

65 NORTH MAIN STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02379
508-894-4073 FAX 508-894-1210

2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

During the past year, the Open Space and Recreation Committee (OSRC) has been an active participant in various activities related to the Nunckatessett Greenway Project. The Nunckatessett Greenway is a network of land and water trails connecting to the Town River and Bay Circuit Trail in West Bridgewater and Bridgewater. The OSRC has also sponsored three events in the last year to promote the use of West Bridgewater Conservation Land parcels. One of the events was held at Market Basket, where we unveiled an informational kiosk near the east side of the parking lot. The Committee constructed a kiosk at the Beaverton Woods Conservation Area, across from the Council on Aging Building, on West Center Street. The Committee sponsored a booth at the annual Park Day event, in an attempt to spread awareness about OSRC’s mission and activities. The OSRC also held special events to engage the public, such as scavenger hunts for children, and planting milkweed at Trucchi’s Landing.

The Open Space and Recreation Committee is represented at quarterly meetings of the Department of Conservation, Preservation, and Recreation (DCPR). The DCPR is a forum for all West Bridgewater boards, groups, and committees to keep each other up to date, for a coordinated approach to communication and planning of each other’s activities. In addition, Committee members frequently attend other meetings in and around West Bridgewater, when information is discussed that pertains to the OSRC mission.

The OSRC is dedicated to preserving properties of significant scenic, historic, and ecological value in our community. In so doing, this preservation allows the properties to be used for passive public use and recreational enjoyment by our residents. It also assures the protection of natural undisturbed habitat for wildlife and plants to thrive among our growing residential and business neighborhoods. By spotlighting those areas needing protection, the OSRC provides tools and programs to help town leaders and residents make informed decisions about growth and development for the town.

One of the main goals in preservation of open space is maintaining a high quality of life in our town, for our residents and future generations. Preservation of open space keeps certain lands in public trust which are important to the community’s individual character. Because no section of our community exists in isolation, the OSRC’s approach encourages residents and town regulatory agencies to look at the inter-neighborhood level to plan for growth, while preserving the values of our town’s most important open space assets. The values of protecting and preserving open space are found in four function groups: biological and ecological diversity; water supply and water quality; aesthetics, recreation, and historic value; community character and agricultural lands.
The OSRC is establishing a Conservation Lands Stewardship Program. The program aims to coordinate volunteer residents who could give whatever time resources they are able to provide to the Committee. The time would be used for exploring Conservation Parcels. While exploring the parcels, they would observe notable attributes, and be able to pass along that information to the Committee. In time, this should lead to a wealth of trail information being accessible to the public, hopefully increasing the use of our town’s trails and lands. Any interested residents should contact the Committee for more information.

The West Bridgewater Open Space and Recreation Plan, dated 2010, assists the Committee to logically and systematically highlight the specific areas in town which should not be built upon due to their value to the community, the ecosystem and the future needs of the town. By providing a logical model for planning future open space, the Committee members will help the residents of West Bridgewater plan their efforts and actions toward preserving the rural character and protecting the natural resources of this town.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Perella, Chairperson
Annual Report, Town River Fisheries Committee 2015

The joint Town River Fishery Committee (TRFC) was established in 1994 by the towns of West Bridgewater and Bridgewater in order to protect and restore the diadromous river herring population which is a historic natural resource of the Town River. Whereas the Town River is a major tributary to the Taunton River, the formation of the TRFC facilitates the stated goals of the local Open Space and Recreation Plans and the Wild and Scenic Taunton River Stewardship Council.

By statute, the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is responsible for securing the safe and efficient passage of these migratory fish. The DMF works cooperatively with communities in the discharge of their stewardship of this fishery. The DMF offers legal, technical, and substantive support to the fishery committees of these communities in order to achieve the goal of maintaining this fishery. In 2006, the National Marine Fisheries Service designated both Alewives and Blueback herring as species of special concern. The DMF then banned the harvest and possession of river herring until further notice and established the Diadromous Fish Project to facilitate the recovery of this fishery.

In compliance with the Operations and Management Plan for Herring in the Town River, the TRFC continues to oversee the fishway operation, maintenance, and repair on an annual basis at both the Bridgewater High Street Iron Works and the West Bridgewater War Memorial Park. A fish counter is installed and maintained during the spring run at the High Street fish ladder. Water levels at both locations are monitored and measured throughout the year to insure the unobstructed passage of both adult and immature river herring. In addition, with authorization of the respective Conservation Commissions of both towns, potential obstructions to fish passage in the river itself are monitored and removed as warranted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Benton, Secretary
Skip Copeland
Hank Estabrook, Chair
Bob Hanson

John Cruz
Don MacDonald
Jim Sniger
Jim Souza
REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater;

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In closing, I want to sincerely thank my Administrative Assistant Karen Lavin; Inspector of Wiring, David Bentley and Inspector of Plumbing & Gas, John Cruz for their continued effort and dedication.
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater,

The Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Chapter 40A, as amended, and the Town of West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws. Public hearings were held in the Town Hall Conference Room and were scheduled as hearing applications were received. Applications for appeals are available from the Town Clerks office.

During 2015, the Board of Appeals held 13 Public Hearings. Results of these hearings are as follows:

- Special Permits granted 6
- Special Permits denied 0
- Variances granted 1
- Variances denied 3
- Appeal decision of Building Inspector denied 1

The Board of Appeals would like to thank all town officials, as well as all town departments for their cooperation and continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

William Lucini, Chairman
James Henderson, Vice Chairman
Thomas Snell
Keith Porges, Clerk
Bruce Holmquist
Walter Thayer
Gayle Cipitelli
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

As your Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of West Bridgewater I offer the following report.

According to the records there are over 295 measuring devices in the town. Among them are gasoline and diesel pumps, spring water dispensers, supermarket scales, postal scales, loading dock scales and truck scales. It has been a very interesting job going about the town and learning about the variety of interesting businesses in town. These will all be examined again during 2016 along with any additional devices brought on line.

The rates for these services have been compared with surrounding communities and have been adjusted accordingly. I have made myself available for concerns of residents, directly through a call to the town’s telephone system or by calling my number on the inspections label. I look forward to serving the Town of West Bridgewater for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Moore
Sealer of Weights and Measures
ADA Compliance Committee Annual Report for 2015

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Contact: Eldon Moreira, Selectman, Town of West Bridgewater
65 North Main Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379
Tel: 508-894-1267

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990. Twenty-five years later it continues to protect people with disabilities from discrimination in private-sector employment and provides equal access to public accommodations, public services, transportation and communications.

The West Bridgewater ADA Compliance Committee has the mission of being an advocate for the rights and general welfare of persons with disabilities in order that both town-owned and private facilities offer them access and independence.

Toward this goal, committee members are serving as ADA representatives to other town entities: Beth Anderson to the Department of Conservation, Preservation and Recreation and Maria Baker to the REACH Committee at the First Church. Marilyn Raleigh continues as ADA representative to the School Building Committee, serving as liaison to the Massachusetts Office On Disability and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board.

This committee meets in the Town Hall at 2:30PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, with the exception of July, August and December.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. Perry, Chairperson ADA
Mary Petrie, Recording Secretary, ADA
Annual Report of the Veterans’ Services Officer

The department continues to provide information, guidance and assistance to veterans’ and families of veterans’. The 2014 Census shows 468 veterans in West Bridgewater. The veteran’s that are receiving Chp. 115 Cash Assistance/Medical Insurance benefits are to remain long term recipients. We have acquired two additional recipients, lost one and have two cases pending. Total benefits paid for FY’ 15 are $34,272.78. $25,704.60 (75%) will be reimbursed by Department of Veterans Services.

As last year, this year’s business has increased significantly due to the struggling economy. The actions that have been taken include annuities, awards & medals, burial information, Chapter 115 benefits, education benefits, elder services, employment, flags and markers, housing, medical assistance, pensions, DD-214’s, welcome home bonus, GI bill benefits, VA disabilities, home loan applications, VA disability applications, request military records, aid and attendance, and referrals.

We have had several interviews with veteran’s inquiring about cash assistance benefits however the majority haven’t met the income guidelines. At this point we refer them to the appropriate agency for potential Food Stamps, fuel assistance, Mass Health, SSI, VA Hospital, etc.

We are active members of the Massachusetts Veterans Service Officers Association (MVSOA) and the Southeastern Massachusetts Service Officers Association (SMVSOA) and attend all meetings to keep abreast of current Directives, changes in income guidelines and political issues that might affect Veterans’ Services. We have attended two week long training conferences given by the Department of Veteran’s Services as well as training given by MVSOA. We have taken and passed the newly required DVS exams for certification.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Thayer
Veterans’ Services Office
January 5, 2016
2015 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cable Advisory Committee is in charge of making decisions related to PEG Access in the town of West Bridgewater. PEG Access is the local television programming for the Public, Education, and Government in town.

The Cable Advisory Committee was put back into action in 2007 with the responsibility of negotiating a new contract between the Town and Comcast Cable. This contract would not only allow for more funds to be put into PEG Access, but would also set the table for a fair relationship in regard to cable channel selection and rates with Comcast Cable. The new contract is available for residents to review at Town Hall.

With these funds, the Committee is continuing its efforts to improve Public Access television in the Town of West Bridgewater. This year the new West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School was completed and WBCAT transitioned into their new studio in the school. The new studio has 5 rooms including a classroom/studio set with mobile tables and curtain tracks for quick setup. An editing lab, storage room, office space and control room. This upgrade provides a more professional television studio setting for staff, students and community members who wish to utilize this space for television production.

Multiple data plugins have also been installed throughout the school using fiber optic cables. This allows for staff, students and volunteers to film events throughout the school with minimal setup and have the video signal sent back to the studio’s control room. These spots include the gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria and library. This year WBCAT has filmed school committee, girls varsity basketball playoffs and special town meetings using this setup.

Coinciding with the opening of the new school, channel 98 the Education channel or WildCat Television as it is referred was launched. This provided a designated channel for content related to the West Bridgewater Public school system. Including coverage of school sports, performances by drama and music, guest lecturers, graduations and other events. This opened up more time slots on the Public Channel for increased airings of municipal meetings and Public Access programming. West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School television teacher Scott Cray also began a in-school morning announcement news program hosted and produced by the school’s students.
In April Station Manager Benjamin Smith announced he would be leaving West Bridgewater Community Access Television to continue working in Community Media in the town of Hingham, MA. Thaddeus Stephanak was hired in May as Benjamin’s replacement. In December Thaddeus announced he would be leaving West Bridgewater Community Access Television and Benjamin who had re-applied for his old position was rehired as Station Manager of WBCAT. The West Bridgewater Cable Advisory Committee also welcome new member Jason Ross onto its board. Jake Corbet former student of Scott Cray has also been recruited as videographer for town municipal meeting coverage.

WBCAT continued to be part of community by participating in events such as Park Day and providing coverage of events including Town Meeting, Candidates Night, Memorial Day Service, Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade & the Summer Concerts in the Park. And we continue to partner and collaborate with town boards and organizations such as the First Church of West Bridgewater, Council on Aging, Historical Commission and the Public Library. We maintain our coverage of the town municipal meetings, such as Board of Selectmen, School & Finance Committee and the Conservation Commission.

We must also thank our members like Timothy Churchill host of Tim Talk who’s interest in literature and film has helped WBCAT provide more local content on its public channel. Tim has also assisted in hosting events such as Tri-Town’s Veterans Day Parade and has expanded his show to include local business and organizations.

The Committee is looking forward to another year with a more robust studio setup we look to provide more opportunities for the community to be involved with WBCAT. We plan on producing more shows with important town officials, including the town administrator, school superintendent and the town’s police and fire department. With our new facility we also are planning on providing classes to residents and members on video production, editing and more. Finally, our mission is to provide a designated media outlet for the town & continue emphasis on making residents aware of what local community media programming is and how residents in town can get involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Smith
West Bridgewater Community Access Television Station Manager
REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

As your representative to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), I am pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2015.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the seventeen-member community region. OCPC is designated as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed the Old Colony Regional Transportation Plan (Moving U 2040); the 2015 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Old Colony Region; the 2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan; the FFY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Brockton Area Transit Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan; the Plymouth Special Events Traffic Analysis and Management Plan; the Old Colony Regional Freight Study; and provided numerous Road Safety Audits, Intersection Analyses, and Transportation Technical Studies to the member communities; and, continued participation in the South Coast Commuter Rail Task Force. The Council also provided technical assistance to member communities under the District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program. The DLTA funding was used in such areas as regionalization, including the investigation of water, wastewater, and the aggregation of electricity, as well as conducting a number of land use analyses, neighborhood economic and transportation analyses, the development of Community Business Guides, providing a variety of economic development technical assistance as well as Green Communities Designation and Grant Program technical assistance. The Old Colony Area Agency on Aging (AAA) during the past year, with assistance and guidance from member community advisory committee members, has continued the ongoing administration of over $1.5 million dollars of Federal and State funding for elder services. The OCPC-AAA administers and oversees funding for services like nutrition, transportation, day care, legal services, and others to the more than 95,000 persons age 60 and over in the region. The OCPC-AAA continues to advocate on behalf of older persons from throughout the region. The OCPC-AAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program continues its efforts, with over 1,300 visits to nursing and rest homes, investigating over 309 issues of concern from residents or families. In addition, OCPC continues to administer the Septic Loan Program for the Towns of Avon, Cohasset, Hanson, Kingston and Stoughton. During 2015 the Council processed approximately $408,500 in loans for both septic systems and sewer connection for the communities under the Septic Loan Program.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2015, the Council elected Lee Hartmann, of Plymouth as Council President; Fred L. Gilmetti of Whitman as Council Treasurer; and, Frank P. Stuffer of Avon as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O’Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Richard Whitney for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the past year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate
Troy E. Garron, Delegate At Large
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP
Moira Rouse, Regional Administrator

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) serves member communities with joint procurement and other services and has done so since 1993. There are now twenty member communities served by one SERSG Regional Administrator. Moira Rouse began in this role in February of 2015. Annual dues from member communities support this work and have remained at $4,100 for three years.

Cooperative procurements were held in the spring of 2015 for paper, office supplies, DPW supplies and water and sewer treatment chemicals. In the fall, twenty-four categories of DPW Service work were available for bid, with contracts being written as this Annual Report goes to print.

As a participant in SERSG’s office supply contract, West Bridgewater has enjoyed a discount of 61.17% off non-excluded office supplies in the United Stationer’s Supply wholesaler’s catalog and 36.17% off ink and toner cartridges since July of this year. Although this new discount is not as beneficial as the previous two-year contract discount, it is still very favorable. Based on first quarter FY16 figures, West Bridgewater could save more than $42,000 annually off list prices for office supplies through the SERSG contract. The Town and schools also pay a competitive fixed price for cartons of paper through the SERSG paper contract.

For the West Bridgewater Department of Public Works, SERSG procured DPW Supply and Water Treatment Chemical contracts with 13 vendors for 20 items. The estimated value of these supply contracts is over $236,000. DPW Services recently procured for next year are based on over $281,000 in estimates from West Bridgewater. These services include both new and renewed contracts.

In addition to the savings of time due to SERSG handling the procurement until contract execution, additional savings per year result from favorable contract pricing. SERSG contract pricing is equal to or lower than state contract prices and requires less time and effort for departments to use.

West Bridgewater joined other SERSG communities in a Community Incentive Grant (CIC) applied for and received in 2014 for regional Stormwater work. During 2015 SERSG remained involved in the statewide dialogue, although no new funding was available. The SERSG Administrator attended a regional meeting on Stormwater needs and funding, and supported a letter to the state about municipalities’ needs going forward. With new MS4 regulations due out this month, SERSG will remain engaged in this issue.

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

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REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2015.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2015 season began dry with a low water table, dry conditions increased into the summer season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground larvicided 4,500 acres and aerial larvicided 12,327 acres and this was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on June 1, 2015 and ended on September 12, 2015. The Project responded to 16,344 requests for spraying and breeding checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Based on guidelines defined by the “Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan” in Massachusetts, three Plymouth County towns, Bridgewater, W. Bridgewater, and Kingston, were “Moderate Level” of EEE Risk for the season. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project were at the “Low Level Risk” category. We are pleased to report that in 2015 there were no human, mosquito, or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus was also found within the district. A total of 6 mosquito pools tested positive for WNV in the following towns: (1) Abington, (1) Whitman, (2) Bridgewater, (1) Kingston, (1) Lakeville. All towns within the districts remained at the “Low Level Risk” category for West Nile Virus. We are also pleased to report that in 2015 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County Mosquito Control district. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 21,336 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The Health threat of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website.

The figures specific to the town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

Insecticide Application. 509 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvanced the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

During the summer 424 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of Culex pipiens, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2015 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,290 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or
stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we larvicided 1,508 acres.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than three days with more than 283 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally Aedes vexans and Coquillettidia perturbans. In the Town of West Bridgewater the three most common mosquitoes were Aedes vexans, Ochlerotatus Canadensis, and Ochlerotatus aurifer.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.org or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Anthony Texeira
Superintendent

Commissioners:
John Kenney, Chairman
Michael F. Valenti, Vice-Chairman/Secretary
Kimberley King
Cathleen Drinan
John Sharland
# Town Offices Telephone Numbers

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