

THE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGETOWN



FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

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On a crisp morning in early January 2007, Georgetown faced one of its biggest disasters in years. A five-alarm fire swept through one of the twenty-four unit buildings at the Longview Apartments. When it was over, fifty-eight people, including eight children, were left without their homes, and several of these families had lost all of their possessions to the fire. Yet, from that fire arose a phoenix. More than one hundred fire fighters responded from our town and the towns and cities around us, and put themselves to the task of saving all that they could. Thanks to their careful and hard work, not only was no one seriously hurt, but every pet (dogs, cats and one rabbit) were rescued. *Our fire-fighters became our heroes.* And even before the flames were put out, a town came together around our neighbors who had lost so much. Donations of food, clothing and linens, and monetary contribution to the local Red Cross and the Longview Apartments Relief Fund poured in at an almost overwhelming level. While many put much time and effort into this relief effort, the hard work of two residents, Robin O'Malley and Sandy Gerraughty, needs to be singled out and recognized. *They became our heroes.* And then the most miraculous of things happened. We began to see smiles on the faces our neighbors from Longview, as they took stock in all that they still had, a town that came to comfort and help them, and a new found resolve to rebuild their lives. *They became our heroes.*

While 2007 began with new heroes, the year ended with our celebrating the lives of several Georgetown heroes who, while having left us, nevertheless made lasting contributions to our town.

- In September, we lost Richie Clough, the past chairman of this board, our friend and our brother. Richie valued his family, friends and neighbors, but above all, he valued the gracious gift of his wife Nancy. Georgetown honors you, Nancy, for the loyalty and love you gave this man on a wonderful journey, and to that journey's end. The celebration of his life, which was held at the Erie Fire Station, was simply amazing. Many people, current and former residents of our town, came to pay their respects and to share their stories of life with Richie. We are left with the joyful hope and good nature he shared with all of us, and we resolve to carry on it that spirit.
- In October, we celebrated the life of Mike Donohoe. His generosity of spirit was known by this town, and his life serves as a model to all of us. To continue his legacy, Deb Johnson and Rich Laflamme, along with Donna Donohoe, organized the Mike Donohoe Memorial 5K Run/Walk for Melanoma. On a beautiful fall day, and astonishing 1,324 runners and walkers showed up to participate. This race raised more than \$43,000, to be split between the Mike Donohoe Memorial Scholarship and the Melanoma Foundation. Mike's lasting presence was clearly felt by us all.
- In November, we celebrated the grand reopening of our newly renovated library. Named after George Peabody, this library reminds of the value of investing in our own community. The first generation of our library was opened nearly 140 years ago, as a gift from George Peabody. Born in Danvers, George Peabody grew up in a family of modest means. Through self-

education and hard work, he achieved enormous international success as an investment banker. Without advantages of birth, or inheritance or public place, this unobtrusive straightforward man became preeminent among his peers. What he did with his success, though, is what makes him a truly great man. He never forgot the support he received from his community, and gave back his wealth back to the town he grew up in, and then continued to give to many towns and cities around the world. That insight and willingness to create a lasting legacy of education for the children and adults of this town was carried on by the Tenney family, who 100 years ago donated the land on which this library now sits. And today, that same inspiration has created this gift to the future generations of this town, through the hard work of the library trustees, the library building committee, the Goal 2000 committee, and the library staff – especially Library Director Ruth Eifert. We owe you all a debt of gratitude for your support, teamwork, and cooperation, and above all the many, many hours you put into making this renewed library a reality.

The Georgetown Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit to the residents of Georgetown our annual report for the fiscal year of 2007 (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007). The Board of Selectmen is composed of three elected individuals who are entrusted with the responsibility to set policy and oversee the management of the municipal functions of local government. The Board meets regularly on Monday evenings to conduct the business of the Town. Meetings are open to all interested citizens and are broadcast on cable television's community channel as well as reported by the local papers. Throughout this past year, the Board carried out the usual array of governance functions that occur in any year – personnel appointments, public safety promotions, resolutions to commemorate milestones, etc. Among some of the more noteworthy actions were:

- Special Town Meeting, July 2006. Georgetown residents voted at a July special Town Meeting to allocate to the school department \$77,402 of expected increases in Chapter 70 state aid. The money was to help fund two vacant teaching positions for the upcoming school year. At the special town meeting, we also voted to approve \$62,365.00 for Georgetown's share of the increase in assessed budget for the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2006.
- Special Town Meeting, November 2006. At the fall town meeting in November 2006, the town approved the lease of a new ladder truck for the fire department. As Captain Rusty Ricker wrote in the Georgetown Record, "Georgetown's first ladder truck was a homemade affair carrying a 50-foot spliced ladder, long and short hooks, eight leather buckets, four axes, one bar, one chain hook, ladder dogs and lanterns. This first truck of Georgetown had a pair of shafts that horses could haul and was light enough that a half dozen men could make fast time on drag ropes". The new, 107-foot ladder truck approved by voters at the November town meeting replaces a used ladder truck that had to be taken out service due to a cracked frame. This new aerial will give the fire department not only distance, but reach that they never have had before, which has become a growing necessity in our town due to the size of certain homes and buildings, and the placement of homes on hills where access to the roof or even second floor windows was tough using the old ladder truck. Captain Ricker, along with EMT Jeff Manning, spearheaded the efforts to "spec out" our new ladder truck. While the town approved spending up to \$750,000, the new ladder truck came in at \$622,000.
- Special Town Meeting, November 2006. Another important note from the fall town meeting in November 2006, was that Georgetown residents turned down a request by Topsfield developer Tom Kennedy for rezoning a National Avenue parcel being considered for a major retail plaza. While the vote was close, there was an overwhelming message from both supporters and

opponents to the rezoning that the town needed to find ways to increase revenue, including the thoughtful industrial development. Efforts by the Alliance for Georgetown and the development of a Master Plan by the Planning Board are beginning to focus on developing both the downtown and the industrial zoned corridor along Route 95 to expand and diversify the tax base of the town.

- Annual Town Meeting, May 2007. Like all other municipal governments, Georgetown continues to struggle with the Proposition 2-1/2 tax limit. Fixed cost items such as health insurance, retirement liabilities, property and casualty insurance, contractual obligations for collective bargaining, and the high cost of energy and petroleum-based products (such as asphalt) played a major role in determining budget priorities in FY2007. Town services that provide basic community needs were met, though scaled back in certain instances relative to the year before; but most new programs and initiatives were not funded. The Annual Town Meeting saw the town voting to approve a ballot question for a Proposition 2-1/2 override to fund a variety of services. However, the override was defeated at the ballot. Since then, the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Finance Advisory Board have concentrated on goal setting and budget priority, including for capital items for FY2008, to begin to address the Town's infrastructure and capital needs that will require substantial investment.
- Annual Town Meeting, May 2007. The Annual Town Meeting also produced votes from the town to approve several significant changes to the town's administrative structure. Of particular note was the approval by the town to expand the Board of Selectmen from three members to five. Subject to approval by the State Legislature and further ballot approval in Georgetown, the hope is that the additional seats will be added for the elections in May 2009. The town also approved changing the command structure of the Georgetown Fire Department from a Board of Fire Engineers model, to a "strong" Fire Chief model, which would place the command of the Fire Department clearly under the Fire Chief, who would be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The rationale underlying this change included the desire to consolidate the command structure in view of future need to have both career and volunteer fire fighters in the same department. State legislative approval is also required for this change, and that process is nearing completion.
- Annual Town Meeting, May 2007. Several other items of note from the 2007 Annual Town Meeting include:
 - The town voted to approve taking over Union Cemetery from the Union Cemetery Corporation, a group that was created to help preserve this historic cemetery.
 - At the suggestion of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), the town voted to approve the use CPC funds for preservation plans for the Union Cemetery and Harry Murch Park, including a management plan for the cemetery.
 - The town voted to approve spending up to \$200,000 for the reconstruction of the Bailey Lane Culvert Crossing over the Parker River.
 - The town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease or other contract for a period in excess of three years with National Grid Company. Work continues on the effort of the Recreational Path Committee to establish a recreational path that will connect Georgetown with many neighboring towns, and is under the excellent leadership of Chairman Dick Paganelli.

- Construction of the library got underway in earnest during FY2007. Ground breaking for the new library addition and renovation was Saturday, May 13, 2006, with the foundation being poured and completed over August and September of 2006.
- In April 2007, the Georgetown Council on Aging welcomed its new director Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello. Colleen has already shown us that she comes to this position full of energy and great ideas.
- The Traffic Committee became more active this past year, examining traffic related concerns. One item of review resulted in new truck restrictions on Tenney Street.
- Verizon was granted the license to offer CATV services in Georgetown. The cable Advisory Committee, under the direction of Stuart Egenberg, was instrumental in overseeing the negotiations.
- Georgetown Community Television welcomed Janet Morrissey as the new CATV Manager and Charles ("Charlie") Mendez as the new Content Coordinator. These two have advanced the reliability and programming of our local access channels, and have much more in store for our town.

In closing, we wish to express our deep appreciation to all departments, boards and commissions for their cooperation and dedication to the Town of Georgetown and its citizens.

Matthew Vincent
Lonnie Brennan
Philip Trapani

GEORGETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE Annual Report 2007-2008

Membership:

		<u>Term Expires</u>
George Moker, <i>Chairman</i>	3 Hickory Lane	352-6084 2008
Anne Donahue, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	14 Rainbow Ridge Road	352-2547 2009
Daryl Barta, <i>Clerk</i>	6 Monroe Street	352-8070 2008
David Bjork	8 Davis Lane	352-9032 2009
Anne Blythe	4 Pillsbury Lane	352-8345 2010

School Committee Representative to
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School:

Jo-Ann Testaverde	11 Lakeridge Drive	352-7015	2008
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<i>School Census ~ October 1, 2007</i>														
Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Totals	134	112	149	124	126	118	133	113	136	107	113	101	90	1556

Committee and Sub-Committee Appointments:

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
<u>Standing Committees</u>			
Finance and Budget	George Moker	Anne Blythe	David Bjork
Community Partnership	Anne Donahue	Daryl Barta	David Bjork
Student Activities & Affairs	David Bjork	Daryl Barta	Anne Donahue
Governance	George Moker	Anne Donahue	Anne Blyth
Legislative Liaison	Carol Jacobs		
PAC Representative	Anne Donahue		George Moker
PTA Representative	Daryl Barta		Anne Blythe

Negotiation Sub-Committees

GEA Negotiations	Daryl Barta	David Bjork	George Moker
Custodian Negotiations	Daryl Barta	David Bjork	George Moker
Cafeteria Negotiations	Daryl Barta	David Bjork	George Moker
Superintendent Negotiations	Daryl Barta	David Bjork	George Moker
GESA Negotiations	Daryl Barta	David Bjork	George Moker

Special Sub-Committees

Safety	Anne Donahue	David Bjork	Anne Blythe
School Building	David Bjork	Daryl Barta	Anne Blythe

In recognition of the important contributions of its faculty and support staff to the educational program for students, the Georgetown School Committee pays special tribute to individual members on an annual basis. This past year, the School Committee acknowledged those individuals who had achieved 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service. It is with much pride and appreciation that the following school department employees were specifically honored on September 4, 2007.

35 years

Dianne Spadafore

30 years

Frank Gately

25 years

Pauline Barber

Carole Young

Frank Goldberg

20 years

Paula Nazzaro

Patricia Chick

KAREN SARKISIAN
Superintendent

MICHAEL GILBERT
Chairperson/School Committee



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October 10, 2007

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BOARD OF SELECTMAN
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

TO: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

FROM: Dr. Jo-Ann Testaverde, Whittier Representative
Karen Sarkisian, Superintendent

Whittier offers 20 vocational technical career areas designed to provide the necessary training and skills for personal and work force success.

Whittier's academic program is designed to offer students a broad base in fundamental skills through its core curriculum in English, Math, Science and Technology, Social Studies, World Languages, Physical Education/Health, and Elective subjects and to afford students with varying abilities the opportunity to succeed.

Courses are designed in a sequential format and are integrated with the vocational-technical areas, wherever practicable and mutually beneficial. All academic courses offer advanced sections for students who desire to further their education. Moreover, a Tech Prep program is offered to eleventh and twelfth grade students which parallels the College Prep program and provides students with the opportunity for college credit and/or advanced college placement.

Since all programs are open to both females and males, we encourage our students to explore and to specialize in non-stereotyped, non-traditional vocational-technical areas and to strive for the maximum realization of their goals and potential.

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School is entering its thirty-fifth year. To date we have graduated 8,449 students from the day school.

The enrollment for the Evening School from Georgetown: 7

Honorable Board of Selectmen
October 10, 2007
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The October 1, 2006 Day School Enrollment:

	Boys	Girls
Grade 9	1	4
Grade 10	3	2
Grade 11	1	0
Grade 12	6	0

Total – 17

2007 Graduates – 6

The cost to Georgetown for the school year 2006-2007 was \$177,966.00.

Respectfully yours,

 *Dr. Jo-Ann Testaverde, Ed.D.*

Dr. Jo-Ann Testaverde
Georgetown Representative

 *Karen Sarkisian*

Karen Sarkisian
Superintendent

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**Town of Georgetown
Office of the Town Accountant
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007**

The following reports were submitted to the Town of Georgetown and are printed on the ensuing pages:

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2007
EXPECTED TO ACTUAL REVENUES
GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS EXPENDITURES
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS**

The "Combined Balance Sheet" and "Trial Balance" as of June 30, 2007, along with other supporting schedules and documents were submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services. Based upon this information, the amount of available funds or "Free Cash" as of July 1, 2007 was certified in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 23, as amended, in the amount of \$476,707 by Gerard D. Perry, Director of Accounts.

The Town of Georgetown is required to keep sufficient records to demonstrate compliance with the Annual Budget, the General Laws, and restrictions placed in grant agreements. By law, the Director of Accounts is required to collect annual financial reports from all communities. Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 58, Section 18F requires that the annual reports of cities and towns must be accepted by the Commissioner of Revenue and certified to the State Treasurer before and distribution of state funds to that community be made.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McMenemy
Town Accountant

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP

June 30, 2007

Governmental Fund Types

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

RECEIVABLES:

- Real estate and personal property taxes
- Tax liens
- Tax Foreclosures
- Deferred Taxes Receivable
- Excise taxes
- Water
- Electric
- Other
- Due to / Due From Town & Electric

AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIREMENT OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

Proprietary Fund Types

Municipal Light as of Enterprise

Water

8,548

2,022,564

\$

9,204,783

261,158

206,256

138,386

49,351

213,380

Account Group

General

Long-Term Obligations

Group

Trust and Agency

Fiduciary Fund Types

Capital Projects

Special Revenue

General

Water

Enterprise

Municipal Light as of

Enterprise

Water

Trust and Agency

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Proprietary Fund Types

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP

	June 30, 2007											
	Governmental Fund Types					Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Municipal Light	Enterprise	Water	Trust and Agency	General	Long-Term Obligations	(Memorandum only) Combined Totals		
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY												
LIABILITIES:												
Warrants payable	\$ 209											\$ (13,512)
Reserve for abatements	184,482											184,482
Other liabilities	993,300	282			2,219,665	420,650						3,633,897
Liabilities due depositors	684,365	22,248			880,677	67,156						1,654,446
Deferred revenues					1,695,000	2,399,012						23,847,912
Bonds and notes payable												
NET LIABILITIES	1,862,356	22,529	0		4,781,341	2,466,249	420,650					29,307,225
FUND EQUITY:												
Retained earnings												
Unreserved												0
Fund Balances:												
Reserved for:												
Deferral of Teachers Pay	(102,583)											(102,583)
Subsequent year expenditures	27,000											27,000
Encumbrances and continuing appropriation	21,303											21,303
Reserve for Free Cash	0											0
State & County Assessment	(100,618)											(100,618)
Nonexpendable trust	1,327,715	2,834,079	618,085		1,310,175	191,177	5,000					5,000
Unreserved							1,596,914					7,878,146
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,172,817	2,834,079	618,085		1,310,175	191,177	1,601,914	0				7,728,248
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 3,035,173	\$ 2,856,609	\$ 618,085		\$ 6,091,716	\$ 2,657,426	\$ 2,022,564	\$ 19,753,900				\$ 37,035,473

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts General Fund Appropriations Expenditures For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007													app2007
Line #	Acct #	Account Name	Proposed Budget	Total Appropriation	STIM	Transfers In/(Out)	Adjustment Indirect Costs	Revised Budget	Amount Expended	Encumbrances	Unexpended	Percent Expended	
1	11131	Town Meeting Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00		1,000.00		2,200.00	2,096.93		104.07	95.27%	
2	11221	Selectmen Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,500.00		0.00	100.00%	
3	11222	Selectmen Staff Salary	31,067.00	31,067.00	1,243.00			32,310.00	32,309.94		0.06	100.00%	
4	11224	Selectmen Office Operations	2,000.00	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,298.10		701.90	64.91%	
5	11225	Computer System Maint & Supplies	72,000.00	72,000.00				72,000.00	69,961.25		2,038.75	97.17%	
6	11226	Town Hall Operating Expense	64,000.00	64,000.00				77,198.21	77,198.21		26.79	99.97%	
7	11227	Town Administrator Salary	85,987.00	85,987.00				85,987.00	85,987.00		0.00	100.00%	
8	11229	Town Administrator Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00				3,000.00	2,687.02		312.98	89.57%	
9	11312	Fin/Adv Comm Expenses	200.00	200.00		130.00		330.00	330.00		0.00	100.00%	
10	11321	Salary Reserve Fund	183,708.00	183,708.00	(72,080.00)	(111,628.00)		0.00	0.00		0.00	#DIV/0!	
11	11351	Accountants Salary	75,000.00	75,000.00	(75,000.00)			60,320.00	59,015.00		1,305.00	97.84%	
12	11353	Accountants Expenses	58,000.00	58,000.00	2,320.00			3,700.00	3,648.75		51.25	98.61%	
13	11411	Assessors Salaries	3,700.00	3,700.00				900.00	900.00		0.00	100.00%	
14	11412	Assessors Asst Salary	60,000.00	60,000.00	2,400.00			62,400.00	62,400.00		0.00	100.00%	
15	11413	Assessors Staff Wages	37,137.00	37,137.00	1,485.00			38,622.00	38,622.22		(0.22)	100.00%	
16	11414	Assessors Expenses	39,250.00	39,250.00				39,250.00	39,083.39		166.61	99.58%	
17	11453	Tres-Col Expenses	26,470.00	26,470.00				26,470.00	24,560.65		1,909.35	92.79%	
18	11454	Tax Collector/Treasurer	58,000.00	58,000.00	2,320.00			60,320.00	60,320.00		0.00	100.00%	
19	11455	Asst Tax Collector Salary	33,956.00	33,956.00	1,358.00			35,314.00	35,314.00		0.00	100.00%	
20	11456	Asst Treasurer	39,479.00	39,479.00	1,578.00			41,058.00	41,058.00		0.00	100.00%	
21	11511	Town Counsel Expense	50,000.00	50,000.00		46,000.00		96,000.00	95,000.46		999.54	98.96%	
22	11521	Personnel Board Expenses	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00		0.00	#DIV/0!	
23	11581	Tax Title Foreclosure	12,500.00	12,500.00				12,500.00	11,826.77		673.23	94.61%	
24	11591	Town Audit	23,000.00	23,000.00		9,000.00		32,000.00	32,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
25	11611	Town Clerk Salary	30,775.00	30,775.00	1,231.00			32,006.00	32,006.00		0.00	100.00%	
26	11612	Town Clerk Staff Wages	16,289.00	16,289.00	652.00			16,941.00	16,639.12		301.88	98.22%	
27	11613	Town Clerk Expenses	6,500.00	6,500.00				6,500.00	4,772.32		1,727.68	73.42%	
28	11621	Elections Expenses	19,500.00	19,500.00				19,500.00	14,354.88		5,145.12	73.61%	
29	11631	Registrars Expenses	5,042.00	5,042.00				5,042.00	3,178.76		1,863.24	63.05%	
30	11711	Conservation Comm Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00				3,000.00	2,955.39		44.61	98.51%	
31	11712	Conservation Comm Salaries	54,080.00	54,080.00	2,163.00			56,243.00	48,962.94		7,280.06	87.06%	
32	11713	Conservation Comm Staff Salaries	4,368.00	4,368.00	175.00			4,543.00	4,180.48		362.52	92.02%	
33	11731	MVPC Assessment	2,316.00	2,316.00		34.00		2,350.00	2,349.63		0.37	99.98%	
34	11751	Planning Board Expenses	10,250.00	10,250.00				10,250.00	7,452.82		2,797.18	72.71%	
35	11752	Planning Board Salaries	41,615.00	41,615.00	1,665.00			43,280.00	43,282.61		(2.61)	100.01%	
36	11761	Z B Appeals Clerk Wages	9,778.00	9,778.00	391.00	(1,937.00)		8,232.00	4,970.52		3,261.48	60.38%	
37	11951	Reports, Town & Fin Comm	4,500.00	4,500.00				4,500.00	4,112.49		387.51	91.39%	
38	12111	Police Salaries	897,457.00	897,457.00	32,033.00			929,490.00	929,474.09		15.91	100.00%	
39	12115	Police School Crossing	13,579.00	13,579.00	543.00			14,122.00	12,719.86		1,402.14	90.07%	
40	12116	Police Cruiser	27,000.00	27,000.00				27,000.00	27,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
41	12118	Police Operating Expenses	79,200.00	79,200.00		3,186.00		82,386.00	82,350.67		35.33	99.96%	
42	12119	Traffic Lights Expense	3,200.00	3,200.00				3,200.00	1,514.77		1,685.23	47.34%	
43	12121	Comm Center Wages	182,911.00	182,911.00	7,316.00			190,227.00	186,240.12		3,986.88	97.90%	
44	12131	Public Safety Building-Utilities	30,000.00	30,000.00		5,000.00		35,000.00	34,080.77		919.23	97.37%	
45	12132	Public Safety Building-Maint	20,000.00	20,000.00				20,000.00	19,965.94		34.06	99.83%	
46	12211	Fire Salaries & Wages	41,676.00	41,676.00				41,676.00	41,676.00		0.00	100.00%	
47	12212	Fire Misc Wages	9,889.00	9,889.00				9,889.00	9,889.99		0.01	100.00%	
48	12213	Emerg Response Allow Exp	110,000.00	110,000.00		6,972.00		116,972.00	116,956.84		15.16	99.99%	
49	12214	Fire Operating Expenses	100,000.00	100,000.00		4,500.00		104,500.00	101,938.13		2,561.87	97.55%	
50	12311	Ambulance Retainer Asses	10,500.00	10,500.00				10,500.00	10,500.00		0.00	100.00%	
51	12321	Emer Med Tech Expenses	18,250.00	18,250.00				18,250.00	18,200.00		50.00	99.73%	
52	12444	Sealer Wgts/Meas Serv Fees	3,848.00	3,848.00				3,848.00	3,848.00		0.00	100.00%	
53	12921	Animal Control Off Salary	19,686.00	19,686.00	787.00			20,473.00	21,654.13		1,181.13	93.44%	
54	12922	Animal Control Off Expense	9,880.00	9,880.00				9,880.00	9,759.96		120.04	98.79%	

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts													app2007
General Fund Appropriations Expenditures													
For the Fiscal Year Ended													
June 30, 2007													
Line #	Acct #	Account Name	Proposed Budget	Total Appropriation	STM	Transfers In/(Out)	Adjustment Indirect Costs	Revised Budget	Amount Expended	Encumbrances	Unexpended	Percent Expended	
55	12931	Parking Clerk Expenses	400.00	400.00				400.00	0.00		400.00	0.00%	
56	12951	Inspectors Service Wages	114,539.00	114,539.00	4,582.00			119,121.00	114,101.94		5,019.06	95.79%	
57	12952	Inspectors Service Expenses	11,600.00	11,600.00				11,600.00	10,153.49		1,446.51	87.53%	
58	13121	Whittier Reg'l Assess	115,601.00	115,601.00	62,365.00			177,966.00	177,966.00		0.00	100.00%	
59	13122	School Choice Assessment	168,911.00	168,911.00				168,911.00	334,222.00		(165,311.00)	197.87%	
60	14211	Highway Surveyor Salary	72,712.00	72,712.00	2,908.00			86,938.00	85,484.15		1,453.85	98.33%	
61	14212	Highway Wages	174,245.00	174,245.00	6,970.00			181,215.00	176,186.21		5,028.79	97.22%	
62	14213	Highway Operating Expenses	80,275.00	80,275.00		5,200.00		85,475.00	85,475.00		0.00	100.00%	
63	14215	Road Maint & Repairs	190,000.00	190,000.00				190,000.00	189,999.51		0.49	100.00%	
64	14221	Const/Maint Drain Expense	38,242.00	38,242.00				38,242.00	38,241.58		0.42	100.00%	
65	14222	Highway Sidewalks Expense	4,867.00	4,867.00				4,867.00	4,862.76		4.24	99.91%	
66	14231	Snow/ice Control Expense	104,000.00	104,000.00				104,000.00	182,425.44		(78,425.44)	175.41%	
67	14241	Street Light Assessment	48,865.00	48,865.00				48,865.00	48,685.00		180.00	99.63%	
68	14242	Traffic Lights Maintenance	10,000.00	10,000.00		(2,701.00)		7,299.00	2,575.10		4,723.90	35.28%	
69	14291	Tree Warden Salary	4,275.00	4,275.00	171.00			4,446.00	4,446.00		0.00	100.00%	
70	14292	Tree Warden Expenses	11,840.00	11,840.00				11,840.00	11,839.30		0.70	99.99%	
71	15111	Health Salary & Wages	66,395.00	66,395.00	2,658.00			69,051.00	55,829.44		13,221.56	80.85%	
72	15112	Health Dept Expenses	42,360.00	42,360.00				42,360.00	39,656.75		2,703.25	93.62%	
73	15411	Council on Aging Wages	59,059.00	59,059.00	2,362.00			61,421.00	48,372.80		13,048.20	78.76%	
74	15412	Council on Aging Expenses	21,828.00	21,828.00				21,828.00	18,175.20		3,652.80	83.27%	
75	15431	Veterans Services Expenses	17,000.00	17,000.00		17,000.00		34,000.00	29,653.92		4,346.08	87.22%	
76	15432	Veterans Graves Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00				4,000.00	3,040.00		960.00	76.00%	
77	15433	E Essex Vet Dist Assessment	23,100.00	23,100.00				23,100.00	22,391.82		708.18	96.93%	
78	15451	Comm for Equal Access Expenses	500.00	500.00				500.00	500.00		0.00	0.00%	
79	16111	Library Salaries & Wages	135,128.00	135,128.00	5,405.00			140,533.00	140,440.56		92.44	99.93%	
80	16112	Library Expenses	72,340.00	72,340.00				72,340.00	72,340.00		0.00	100.00%	
81	16311	Recreation Wages	14,260.00	14,260.00		150.00		14,410.00	14,354.16		55.84	99.61%	
82	16312	Park & Rec Expenses	26,900.00	26,900.00		(150.00)		26,750.00	26,949.12		100.88	99.62%	
83	16911	Historical Comm Expenses	100.00	100.00				100.00	100.00		0.00	100.00%	
84	16921	Memorial Day Remembrances Expense	1,300.00	1,300.00				1,300.00	1,298.57		1.43	99.89%	
85	17111	Public Safety Bldg Principal - Series B	50,000.00	50,000.00				50,000.00	50,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
86	17112	Landfill - Principal	75,000.00	75,000.00				75,000.00	75,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
87	17113	Elect Sub Station Principal-Series B	100,000.00	100,000.00				100,000.00	100,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
88	17114	Land Acquisition-Series C	15,000.00	15,000.00				15,000.00	15,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
89	17115	Teachers Pay Deferral	25,647.00	25,647.00				25,647.00	25,647.00		0.00	100.00%	
90	17116	School Renovations Principal - Series A	260,000.00	260,000.00				260,000.00	260,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
91	17118	Town Hall Reno Principal - Series C	10,000.00	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
92	17119	School Reno - Series C Principal	775,000.00	775,000.00				775,000.00	775,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
93	17120	Water Pollution Abatement Bond	10,401.00	10,401.00				10,401.00	10,400.36		0.64	99.99%	
94	17121	Town Hall Building Remodeling	80,000.00	80,000.00				80,000.00	80,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
95	17122	Public Works Building Addition	30,000.00	30,000.00				30,000.00	30,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
96	17123	Water Pollution Abatement Bond II	10,685.00	10,685.00				10,685.00	10,684.03		0.97	99.99%	
97	17125	Library Addition Principal	120,000.00	120,000.00				120,000.00	120,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
98	17126	Capital Equipment Principal	110,000.00	110,000.00				110,000.00	110,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
99	17127	Elect Sub Station Principal-Series B	80,000.00	80,000.00				80,000.00	80,000.00		0.00	100.00%	
100	17510	Landfill Closure Interest	40,167.00	40,167.00				40,167.00	40,166.25		0.75	100.00%	
101	17511	Public Safety Bldg Interest - Series B	3,068.00	3,068.00				3,068.00	3,067.50		0.50	99.98%	
102	17513	Elect Sub Station Interest - Series B	15,125.00	15,125.00				15,125.00	15,125.00		0.00	100.00%	
103	17516	School Renovations Interest - Series A	147,038.00	147,038.00				147,038.00	147,037.50		0.50	100.00%	
104	17518	School Renov. Int. - Series C	441,855.00	441,855.00				441,855.00	441,855.00		0.00	100.00%	
105	17519	Land Acquisition Int. - Series C	5,433.00	5,433.00				5,433.00	5,432.50		0.50	99.99%	
106	17520	Town Hall Renovations - Series C	800.00	800.00				800.00	800.00		0.00	100.00%	
107	17521	Short Term Loan Others	2,600.00	2,600.00				2,600.00	2,375.00		225.00	91.35%	
108	17523	Town Hall Building Remodeling	19,200.00	19,200.00				19,200.00	19,200.00		0.00	100.00%	
109	17524	Public Works Building Addition	6,300.00	6,300.00				6,300.00	6,300.00		0.00	100.00%	

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts General Fund Appropriations Expenditures For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007												
Line #	Acct #	Account Name	Proposed Budget	Total Appropriation	STM	Transfers In/(Out)	Adjustment Indirect Costs	Revised Budget	Amount Expended	Encumbrances	Unexpended	Percent Expended
110	17525	Library Addition Interest	80,400.00	80,400.00				80,400.00	80,400.00		0.00	100.00%
111	17526	Capital Equipment Interest	17,877.00	17,877.00				17,877.00	17,876.25		0.75	100.00%
112	17527	Elect Sub Station Interest	37,800.00	37,800.00				37,800.00	37,800.00		0.00	100.00%
113	19111	County Retirement	766,120.00	766,120.00				766,120.00	766,120.00		0.00	100.00%
114	19121	Workmen's Comp Insurance	62,400.00	62,400.00		7,000.00		69,400.00	69,338.48		61.52	99.91%
115	19131	Unemployment Insurance	104,000.00	104,000.00		(76,000.00)		28,000.00	15,397.34		12,602.66	54.99%
116	19141	Medical Insurance	1,746,030.00	1,746,030.00		50,000.00		1,796,030.00	1,788,790.85		7,239.15	99.60%
117	19151	Life Insurance	4,600.00	4,600.00				4,600.00	4,427.10		172.90	96.24%
118	19161	Medicare Insurance	159,666.00	159,666.00		10,000.00		169,666.00	168,280.14		1,385.86	99.18%
119	19171	Dental Insurance	137,530.00	137,530.00				137,530.00	121,638.90		15,891.10	88.45%
120	19951	Veh, Prop & Liab Insurance	161,200.00	161,200.00				161,200.00	160,823.81		374.19	99.77%
121	19959	Transfer to Capital Projects - Police Fire Arms	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00		0.00	100.00%
		Total General Fund Appropriation	10,092,727.00	10,092,727.00	16,200.00	0.00	0.00	10,108,927.00	10,213,253.35	0.00	(104,326.35)	101.03%
		Total General Fund	10,092,727.00	10,092,727.00	16,200.00	0.00	0.00	10,108,927.00	10,213,253.35	0.00	(104,326.35)	101.03%
119		Water Department Expenses:										
120	74501	Salaries & Wages	396,546.00	396,546.00				396,546.00	376,172.51		18,373.49	95.37%
121	74502	Expenses & Rent	292,568.00	292,568.00				292,568.00	291,107.61		1,460.39	99.50%
122	74503	Water Department Direct Costs	195,255.00	195,255.00				195,255.00	195,255.00		0.00	100.00%
123	74504	Water Treatment Plant Principal	72,628.00	72,628.00				72,628.00	72,627.21		0.79	100.00%
124	74505	Water Treatment Plant Interest	28,096.00	28,096.00				28,096.00	26,811.04		1,284.96	95.43%
125	74506	Operating Reserve Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00				25,000.00	0.00		25,000.00	0.00%
126	74507	ART#5 ATM 5/02 Dual Trans Loop	0.00	0.00				0.00	33,871.49		(33,871.49)	0.00%
127	74509	Water Transmission Loop Interest	17,549.00	17,549.00				17,549.00	17,548.75		0.25	100.00%
128	74511	Water Transmission Loop Principal	15,000.00	15,000.00				15,000.00	15,000.00		0.00	100.00%
129	745011	Treatment Plant Admin Fees	6,000.00	6,000.00				6,000.00	0.00		6,000.00	0.00%
130	745011	ART # 29 ATM 5/05 Land Purchase	1,048,642.00	1,048,642.00				1,048,642.00	100,730.75		947,911.25	100.00%
74512		Total Water Department Expenses	1,048,642.00	1,048,642.00				1,048,642.00	1,131,124.36	0.00	18,248.39	107.87%
		Total Water Fund & Special Articles	1,048,642.00	1,048,642.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,048,642.00	1,131,124.36		(82,482.36)	107.87%
		Grand Total	11,141,369.00	11,141,369.00	16,200.00	0.00	0.00	11,157,569.00	11,344,377.71	0.00	(186,808.71)	101.67%
		Grand Total Of ATM - General-Water	11,141,369.00	11,141,369.00	16,200.00			11,157,569.00	11,344,377.71		(186,808.71)	102%

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT JULY 1, 2006 THRU JUNE 30, 2007

	Balance 6/30/06	Commitment	Refunds or audit adj.	Collections	Abatements	Tax Title Defer/Adjust	Re-dist.	Balance 6/30/07
1996 M.V. Excise	2,982.10			(9.69)				2,972.41
1997 M.V. Excise	2,872.82			(38.75)				2,834.07
1998 M.V. Excise	1,100.22							1,100.22
1999 M.V. Excise	2,407.11							2,407.11
2000 M.V. Excise	5,930.84			(26.25)				5,904.59
2001 M.V. Excise	3,373.95			(52.71)				3,321.24
2002 M.V. Excise	3,918.85			(150.94)				3,767.91
2003 M.V. Excise	6,640.37			(311.88)				6,328.49
2004 M.V. Excise	9,863.18		258.41	(1,155.01)	(613.33)			8,353.25
2005 M.V. Excise	41,003.50	192.50	1,555.33	(26,600.00)	(1,117.60)			15,033.73
2006 M.V. Excise	175,679.46	197,092.34	8,631.13	(316,941.67)	(21,758.80)			42,702.46
2007 M.V. Excise		939,384.30	3,651.83	(811,638.46)	(12,678.56)			118,719.11
2006 Farm & Animal		231.34		(231.34)				-
2006 Forest Prod.		933.52		(933.52)				-
1998 Pers. Prop	1,856.07							1,856.07
1999 Pers. Prop.	1,481.61							1,481.61
2000 Pers. Prop.	1,823.92			(605.60)				1,218.32
2001 Pers. Prop.	1,069.37			(569.76)				499.61
2002 Pers. Prop.	595.20			(125.77)				469.43
2003 Pers. Prop.	1,556.34			(478.80)				1,077.54
2004 Pers. Prop.	4,552.40			(383.41)				4,168.99
2005 Pers. Prop.	865.29		34.98	(337.96)				562.31
2006 Pers. Prop.	2,069.27		24.49	(1,018.47)				1,075.29
2007 Pers. Prop.		146,584.23	129.85	(144,049.57)	(104.98)			2,559.53
2000 Real Estate	(27.06)							(27.06)
2002 C P A Surchar	59.48							59.48
2003 Real Estate	535.50							535.50
2003 C P A Surchar	(109.02)							(109.02)
2004 Real Estate	5,078.54			(995.23)		(4,083.31)		-
2004 C P A Surchar	61.92					(61.92)		-
2005 Real Estate	6,238.97			(2,214.49)		(4,048.86)		(24.38)
2005 C P A Surchar	82.64			(34.48)		(65.01)		(16.85)
2006 Real Estate	265,842.23	232.68		(198,627.76)	(170.08)	(65,831.79)		1,445.28
2006 C P A Surchar	5,500.13			(4,500.82)		(999.31)		-
2007 Real Estate		11,497,274.31	12,444.35	(11,224,299.06)	(33,243.37)	(5,431.37)	(1,533.53)	245,211.33
2007 C P A Surcharge		270,830.47	6,329.80	(270,406.85)	(2,015.14)	(45.14)		4,693.14
In lieu of taxes		2,717.65		(2,717.65)				-
	554,905.20	13,055,473.34	33,060.17	(13,009,455.90)	(71,701.86)	(80,566.71)	(1,533.53)	480,180.71

**Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services
Bureau of Accounts ~ Automated Statement of Indebtedness**

City/Town/District of : Georgetown

FY2007

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2006	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2007	Interest Paid in FY2007
Buildings	3,156,000.00	0.00	294,000.00	2,862,000.00	110,203.50
Departmental Equipment	345,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	300,000.00	10,953.75
School Buildings	44,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	33,000.00	1,199.00
School - All Other	195,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	145,000.00	5,287.50
Sewer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Solid Waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Inside	130,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	115,000.00	5,432.50

SUB - TOTAL Inside	\$3,870,000.00	\$0.00	\$415,000.00	\$3,455,000.00	\$133,076.25
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Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 2006	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2007	Interest Paid in FY2007
Airport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gas/Electric Utility	1,510,000.00	0.00	180,000.00	1,330,000.00	52,925.00
Hospital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Buildings	13,345,000.00	0.00	1,035,000.00	12,310,000.00	588,892.50
Sewer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Solid Waste	785,000.00	0.00	75,000.00	710,000.00	40,166.25
Water	2,291,556.00	0.00	110,091.00	2,181,465.00	43,004.87
Other Outside	315,814.61	0.00	21,084.39	294,730.22	0.00

SUB - TOTAL Outside	\$18,247,370.61	\$0.00	\$1,421,175.39	\$16,826,195.22	\$724,988.62
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TOTAL Long Term Debt	\$22,117,370.61	\$0.00	\$1,836,175.39	\$20,281,195.22	\$858,064.87
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Please complete all sections of this report and return it to the Public Finance Section no later than September 30, 2007.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that this information is complete and accurate as of this date.

Treasurer: _____

Date: _____

I certify that long and short term debt as identified in this Statement of Indebtedness is in agreement with the general ledger controls in my department and are also reflected on the balance sheet.

Accounting Officer: _____

Date: _____

Delivery By U.S. Mail	Phone/Fax	FedEx, UPS, Other Delivery
Public Finance Section	(617) 626-2399	Public Finance Section
Division of Local Services	(617) 626-2382	Division of Local Services
PO Box 9569	(617) 626-4110	100 Cambridge St.
Boston MA 02114-9569	Fax (617) 626-3916	Boston MA 02114

Short Term Debt	Outstanding July 1, 2006	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2007	Interest Paid in FY2007
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RANs - Revenue Anticipation				0.00	
BANs - Bond Anticipation:					
Buildings				0.00	
School Buildings				0.00	
Sewer				0.00	
Water				0.00	
Other BANs				0.00	
SANs - State Grant Anticipation				0.00	
FANs - Federal Gr. Anticipation				0.00	
Other Short Term Debt				0.00	

TOTAL Short Term Debt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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GRAND TOTAL All Debt	\$22,117,370.61	\$0.00	\$1,836,175.39	\$20,281,195.22	\$858,064.87
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Authorized and Unissued Debt					
Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescined	= Unissued 6/30/2007
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					\$0.00

SUB - TOTAL from additional sheet(s)					\$0.00
TOTAL Authorized and Unissued Debt					\$0.00

Please Complete Additional Sections if Needed

Authorized and Unissued Debt - Additional Sheet(s)					
Purpose	Date of Vote	Article Number	Amount Authorized	- Issued - Retired - Rescined	= Unissued 6/30/2007
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00

SUB -TOTAL Additional Sheet(s)					\$0.00
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BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS, STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS DETAIL

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2006	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2007	Interest Paid in FY2007
Building Construction-Fire Ref	95,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	45,000.00	3,067.50
Building Remodel-Town Hall	20,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	800.00
Building Remodel-Town Hall	560,000.00	0.00	80,000.00	480,000.00	19,200.00
Building Addition-Public Works	185,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	155,000.00	6,300.00
Building Addition-Library	2,280,000.00	0.00	120,000.00	2,160,000.00	80,400.00
Building Remodel-Public Sfty	16,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	12,000.00	436.00
Land Acquisition	130,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	115,000.00	5,432.50
Dept Equipment-Fire Engine	315,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	280,000.00	10,176.25
Dept Equipment-Highway Sander	30,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	777.50
Building Remodel-School Security	20,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	545.00
Building Remodel-School Tiles	24,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	654.00
Dept Equipment-School Textbooks	75,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	55,000.00	2,017.50
Data Processing Equip-Sch. Computers	120,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	90,000.00	3,270.00
				0.00	
				0.00	
TOTAL	3,870,000.00	0.00	415,000.00	3,455,000.00	133,076.25
				Must equal page 1 subtotal	

Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2006	+ New Debt Issued	- Retirements	= Outstanding June 30, 2007	Interest Paid in FY2007
School Project	3,075,000.00	0.00	260,000.00	2,815,000.00	147,037.50
Electric-Refunding	390,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	290,000.00	15,125.00
School Project	9,270,000.00	0.00	775,000.00	8,495,000.00	393,105.00
School Project	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	48,750.00
Water	485,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	470,000.00	17,548.75
Electric	1,120,000.00	0.00	80,000.00	1,040,000.00	37,800.00
Landfill Area-Close Out	785,000.00	0.00	75,000.00	710,000.00	40,166.25
Water-WPAT	1,806,556.00	0.00	95,091.00	1,711,465.00	25,456.12
Septic System-WPAT	155,801.64	0.00	10,400.36	145,401.28	0.00
Septic System-WPAT	160,012.97	0.00	10,684.03	149,328.94	0.00
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
TOTAL	18,247,370.61	0.00	1,421,175.39	16,826,195.22	724,988.62
				Must equal page 1 subtotal	

FISCAL YEAR 2008

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN OFFICIALS

Term ending

ASSESSORS

Elected Officials

John Enos	2008
David A. Bogdan	2009
Thomas Berube	2010

ADA Coordinator

Stephen L. Delaney	2008
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Affordable Housing Task Force

Louis Mammolette	2010
Barbara Hart	2010
Paul Nelson	2009
Susan Miller	2009
Rory Gustison	2010

BOARD OF HEALTH

Christopher Rich	2009
Joseph Wurzel	2010
Joseph Crane	2008

Animal Inspector

Holly Willard	2008
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Health Director/Agent

Deborah Rogers	2010
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Health Inspector

Virginia Bacon	2010
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Board of Health Nurse

Judy Anderson	Contracted through Board of Health
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Elected Officials

Lawrence Brennan	2008
Matthew Vincent, Chairman	2009
Philip J. Trapani, Clerk	2010

Town Administrator

Stephen Delaney	2011
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BUILDING INSPECTION

Inspector of Buildings

John Q. Caldwell	2008
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Alternate Inspectors of Buildings

Glen Clohecy	2008
David F. Lovering	2008

Gas/Plumbing Inspector

William Gianacoples	2008
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Alternate Gas/Plumbing Inspector

Stanley Kulacz 2008
Wire Inspector
 Mark Unger, Sr. 2008
Alternate Wire Inspectors
 Robert Brown 2008
 Charles Gansenberg 2008

Cable TV Manager/Coordinator

Janet Morrissey

Cable TV Content/Coordinator

Charles Mendez

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Stuart Egenberg, Stephen Melofsky, Nora Cannon, Charles Davis, John Salvaggio 2008

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

1-Finance & Advisory Board Member (Appointed by the Finance & Advisory Board)

Mark Hall (Fin Com) 2010

6 Citizens of the Town of Georgetown

2-Board of Selectmen Appointments

James Dan Tollman 2009

Donald Cudmore 2010

1-Finance & Advisory Board Appointment

Raymond Snyder 2010

1-Moderator Appointment

Edward Dobie 2006

1-Planning Board Appointment

Mike Howard 2009

1-School Committee Appointment

Carol Esposito *school com* 2010

Ex-Officio Members

Stephen L. Delaney, Town Administrator For Duration of Employment

Wayne Snow, Light Department Manager For Duration of Employment

Jonathan Goldfield, School Business Manager For Duration of Employment

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Conservation Agent Steven Przyjemski

Conservation Commission Members

John Bell 2009

Carl Shreder 2009

Michael Birmingham 2010

Paul Nelson 2010

Thomas Howland 2010

John J. Lopez 2008

Charles Waters 2008

Conservation Sub-Committees (Appointments by Conservation Commission)

Camp Denison Committee

Robert Gorton, Robert N. Morehouse, Keith Reardon, Robert J. Apprich

Hampshire Woods Stewardship Committee

Joanne Sonia, Gale Bell, Daniel Dineen, John Bell, Jon S. Crosbie, John J. Flaherty

Open Space Committee

Charles E. Blanchard, Christine E. Comisky, Harry D. LaCortiglia, Richard E. Talbot

Laura Repplier, Richard Talbot, Peter Burns

Pentucket Pond Committee

William Dudley, Eric Waybright, Elizabeth Rose

Stewardship Program for the Conservation Land Off of Old Jacobs Rd.

Christine Comiskey, David Lankshear, Tom Howland, Timothy Vaters

Stewardship Committee for the Conservation Land off of Bailey Lane

Linda Curtin, Anne Marie Curtin, Kelly Ferretti, Eric Sotnek, Nicole Gagne
Jim Gagne, Jane E. Gagne, Ian Sotnek

Stewardship Committee for the Conservation Land off Littles Hill

Elizabeth Tollman, Laurie Bryce, John Giarratana, George Dow
Megan Wheeler, Chad Wheeler

Community Preservation Committee

Harry LaCortiglia (Planning Board Appointment)	2008
James DiMento (Park & Rec. Appointment)	2009
Richard E. Talbot (Open Space Appointment)	2008
Carl Shreder (ConCom Appointment)	2007
Elizabeth Davidson (Housing Authority)	2009
Louis Mammolette (Affordable Housing Task Force Appointment)	2007
Ida Wye (Historical Commission)	2009

COUNCIL ON AGING

Marian Jordan	2010
Joseph Young	2008
Bertha Foster	2008
Virginia Ryder	2008
MaryLou Rentschler	2010
Diane Prescott	2010
Corona M. Magner	2008
Barbara H. Miller	2009

Alternate Members

Claire Maimone	2008
Rosemary Morse	2008

COA Director:

Colleen Ranshw-Fiorello

Cultural Council

Nora Cannon	2010
Elizabeth Pare	2008
Mary Paganelli	2008
Katharine Hanlon	2009
Susan Madigan	2009
Faith Adams Johnson	2010
Lou Ann Graffam	2009

Emergency Management Director

James Mulligan, Police Chief 2008

Assistant Director

Michael Anderson, Fire Chief	2007
Thomas E. Dejoy	2008

Emergency Management Team

Peter Durkee, Highway	2008
Deborah Rogers, Health Agent	2008

Alfred DePietro, Citizen 2008

Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA)

Assitant Director

Michael Anderson, Fire Chief 2007

Team Member

Thomas Dejoy 2007

Finance & Advisory Board

Reginald Tardif 2008

Jack L'Hommedieu 2009

James Lacey 2010

Mark Hall 2009

Jonathan Ayres 2010

Robin O'Malley 2010

David Surface(unexpired term) 2008

Sandra Gerraughty 2008

Timothy Ruh 2009

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Acting Finance Director

Stephen Delaney 2007

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief

Michael C. Anderson 2007

Board of Fire Engineers

Central

Christopher Dubois 2007

John Durkee 2007

Erie

Michael Anderson 2007

Brian Coolidge 2007

Member at Large

Glen Sillva 2007

Elected Officers-Erie

President: Daniel Brodie

Vice President: Michael Anderson

Treasurer: Aubrey Bishop

Clerk: Bradford Legere

Hazardous Materials Coordinator

Andrew Herendeen 2007

Forest Warden

Michael Anderson 2007

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Surveyor

Elected Official

Peter J. Durkee, Superintendent 2010

Historical Commission

George Perkins	2009
Frederic Detwiler	2010
Joseph Knapp	2010
Ida Wye	2010
Nora Cannon	2008
Edward Desjardins	2009
Thomas F. Mahlstedt	2009

HOUSING AUTHORITY**Elected Officials**

Elizabeth A. Davidson (State Appointment)	2008
Elizabeth L. Harper	2011
Martha Robertson (Vice Chairman)	2012
Bertha Foster (Vice Treasurer)	2008
Vivian A. Rasmussen	2010

Insect Pest Control Superintendent

Deborah Rogers	2010
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LIGHT DEPARTMENT**Department Head**

Wayne Snow, Manager

Light Commissioners**Elected Officials**

Arthur Rauseo	2008
Peter D. Dion	2009
Scott Edwards	2010

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (Planning Board Member)

Sarah Buck, Town Planner

Alternate

Tillie Evangelista

MODERATOR**Elected Official**

Beverly Enos	2010
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North East Mosquito Control *(Designated Liaisons by Board of Selectmen on 5/26/99)***Mosquito Larviciding and Spraying**

Deborah Rogers	2008
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Park & Recreation Commission

Richard M. Aberman, James DiMento, Chair, Elizabeth Wade, Peter Durkee, Steve Ziolkowski, Sean Curtin, Carol F. Fitzpatrick	2007
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PEABODY LIBRARY**Elected Trustees**

Thomas F. Falzareno	2010
Susan L. Clohecy	2010
Mary Saunders	2008
Ronald Chorzewski	2008

Walter Chris Laut 2009
Laura Zalewski 2009

Library Building Committee

Nancy S. Aberman, John Anderson, Mary Saunders, Gloria M. Maina, W. Christopher Laut,
Bob Dillon 2008

Non-voting

Ruth Eifert, Library Director, Stephen L. Delaney, Town Administrator

Personnel Board

Christopher Rich 2010
Deb Rogers (Town Employee) 2010
Robin O'Malley (FinCom Member) 2009
Anne Blythe 2009
Vacant 2008

Personnel Director

Stephen Delaney

PLANNING

Town Planner

Sarah Buck

Planning Board Committee Members

Elected Officials

Rob Hoover 2008
Hugh Carter 2010
Timothy Howard 2009
Harry LaCortiglia 2011
Matilda Evangelista 2012

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief

James Mulligan

Lieutenant

David F. Thomson

Sergeant

David Armstrong

Donald C. Cudmore

Kevin M. DeFeo

Detective Supervisor

Thomas E. Dejoy

Detective

James Rodden

Master Patrolmen

Michael P. Goddu

Scott Hatch

Patrolman

Dennis Sullivan

Garrett Barber

Derek Jones

Reserve Officers

Mark Anderson

Eric Cochrane

Tyler Dechene

Timothy P. McGuire

Bonnie Silva

Joanne Vallone

Neil Turmenne

Harold J. Schwartz

Dean A. Julien

Joanne Ballard

Keith Grant

Jay Martel

Animal Control Officer

Keith D. Deguio

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Reed Wilson

Constables

James Mulligan

Arthur Murphy, Jr.

Harbormasters

John Bell (Rock Pond)
Vacant (Pentucket Pond)

School Crossing Guards

Jim McLaughlin, Jon Crosbie, Ellen L. Thornton, George Comisky, Joanne Rivera,
Philip Tomarchio, Kenneth Woodbury, Charlotte A. Battle 2008

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Stephen L. Delaney 2008

SATURN (Statewide Anti-Terrorism Unified Response Network)

James Mulligan, Thomas Dejoy, Michael Anderson 2008

Registrar of Voters

DEMOCRAT

Robert F. Gorton 2010

REPUBLICAN

Virginia Adams 2009

Richard Boucher 2008

Janice McGrane as Town Clerk Tenure

Recreational Path Committee

Bill Monroe, Richard Paganelli, Bill Hastings, Jeff Wade 2008

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Superintendent of Schools

Carol Jacobs

School Committee

Elected Officials

Daryl Barta 2008

George Moker 2008

David P. Bjork 2009

Anne Elise Donahue 2009

Anne S. L. Blythe 2010

Scholarship Committee

Carol Jacobs By Virtue of Employment
Kenneth G. Woodbury, Pamela G. McKay, Deborah Mulligan 2008

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, District Committee Representative

Dr. Jo-Ann Testaverde 2008

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Robert Rose 2008

Stormwater Management Committee

Deborah Rogers, Health Agent, Steven Przyjemski, ConsCom Agent, Sarah Buck, Town Planner,
John Moultrie, Highway Surveyor, Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator 2008

TAX COLLECTION**Tax Collector**

Jacqueline Cuomo 2008

Asst. Tax Collector

A. Elaine Hatch 2008

Town Accountant

Mary McMenemy 2009

TOWN CLERK**Elected Official**

Janice McGrane 2010

Asst. Town Clerk

Kathleen Roche 2008

TOWN COUNSEL

Kopelman & Paige 2007

TREASURY**Treasurer/Tax Collector**

Jacqueline Cuomo 2008

Assistant Treasurer

Pam Rogers 2008

Tree Warden

Peter Durkee 2010

VETERANS'**Veterans' District Representative**

Philip Trapani 2008

Veteran's District Agent

Terry Hart

WATER DEPARTMENT**Elected Water Commissioners**

William P. Ricker 2009

James Viera 2008

Reidar W. Bomengen 2010

Water Superintendent

Glenn Smith

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Paul F. Taraszuk 2009

Matthew Lewis 2012

Joseph Young 2008

Michael Muller 2010

Vacant

Alternate Members of Zoning Board of Appeals

Scott D. MacDonald 2008

Jeffrey Moore 2008

Jon Pingree 2008

The Board of Assessors Town Report

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

The Georgetown Assessors' Office would like to acknowledge Cynthia Bateman who did not run for re-election. The Town of Georgetown would like to take this opportunity to thank Cynthia for her 14 years as Assistant Assessor and 6 years on the Board of Assessors. She was very valuable to this office and Town Hall she will be deeply missed. Thomas J. Berube was elected to fill her position for a three year term.

The fiscal year 2008 has been a very busy and productive year. The Interim Year Adjustment Report to the Bureau of Local Assessment showed that our real estate values did not decline overall in this declining market. This analysis was based upon all properties sold in 2006. Fiscal year 2009 may prove to be a different story where we will be using 2007 sales data.

The Fiscal Year 2008 tax rate as certified by the Department of Revenue is \$9.30. New Growth was calculated at \$223,000.00. Below is a table with the parcel counts, values and taxes distributed by their tax classification.

Tax Classification	# Parcels	Total Value by Class	Tax Rate	Tax by Class
Residential	2933	1,191,666,502	9.30	11,082,498.47
Commercial	94	48,512,313	9.30	451,164.51
Industrial	57	51,801,785	9.30	481,756.60
Personal	252	16,415,803	9.30	152,666.97
Total	3336	1,308,396,403		12,168,086.55

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents of Georgetown for their continued support during the past year. The board continues its commitment to the high standards of customer service, accurate reporting methods, cooperation with other Town departments and boards and maintaining equitable assessments.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Assessors

Dave Bogdan, Chairman
John Enos
Thomas Berube

Conservation Commission

The early settlers of New England regarded wetlands as dark and dangerous, disease-ridden pestilential swamps to be drained and avoided at all cost. In the years since their arrival over 50% of wetland areas have been lost to agricultural, commercial & residential development. So why are we now so eager to protect something that many people would say gives us nothing but mosquitoes? We know now, through experience and scientific studies, that wetlands protect our health, safety, and property. In their natural state, wetlands provide essential services to the community including flood control, groundwater protection, drinking water purification and habitat for wildlife.

Flood Control

Wetlands act as a natural sponge, temporarily soaking up flooding from rain and spring snow-melt, allowing floods to recede slowly and recharge rivers, ponds and groundwater aquifers. Naturally forested riverfront areas slow flood waters and trap sediment and debris that might otherwise flow unobstructed into our drinking water areas. Wetland plants also slow the flow of water. This delaying action prevents flood waters from rising rapidly and threatening lives and property. In contrast, paved areas cannot absorb water and sometimes can increase storm damage by providing a smooth, impervious surface for water to flow over, which increases the speed of flood waters.

Many Georgetown residents have stories of how their properties began to flood for the first time after nearby wetlands were compromised.

Drinking Water Protection

Wetlands are natural water filters. The trees, shrubs and native plants in and around the wetland provide a filtering zone, soaking up run-off from lawns, roads, roofs, and driveways that could contaminate our water with chemicals, fertilizers, oils, heavy metals, salts or solvents. When you remember that our wetland waters are linked to the quality of our drinking water you'll understand how essential this filtering system is. Some pollutants are held for years in the roots of plants such as arrowhead, cattails, and reed canary grass. Some wetland soils have beneficial bacteria that capture other pollutants like nitrates. Wetland plants also filter sediments and recycle important nutrients. The degradation and loss of wetlands can also impact the supply of water, resulting in water shortages that require water-use restrictions.

Wildlife Habitat

Many creatures and plants depend on wetlands for their survival. Birds find food and shelter in wetlands during their seasonal migrations. Mammals depend on wetland trees and plants for food and shelter all year round. In winter you can see the tracks of coyotes, foxes, fisher and other larger predators who visit the ice-covered wetland in

search of prey. And in spring we delight in the calls of frogs that have awakened from their hibernation while turtles migrate to nest in the sandy wetland boundaries. Here in Georgetown we are host to a number of endangered species who depend on the wetlands for their survival, including the Spotted Turtle, Wood Turtle, Blandings Turtle, Blue-spotted Salamander, and the Four-toed Salamander, as well as a number of wetland plants.

The Wetland Protection Act

The Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act was adopted by the Massachusetts Legislature in the early 1960s out of concern about the degradation and loss of wetlands. Today, Georgetown's wetlands are protected by state and federal laws as well as the local Georgetown Wetland Protection Bylaw.

The Commission is responsible for administering the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Georgetown Wetlands Protection Bylaw. These laws are intended to protect wetlands, ponds, lakes, brooks, streams, rivers, and any land subject to flooding and their resource areas. The resource areas include land within 200 feet of perennial rivers, streams and brooks, and within 100 feet of all wetland areas. In these “resource areas”, the Commission is charged with controlling activities that could degrade water quality, increase flooding, impair wildlife habitat or have any other adverse impacts.

The Georgetown Conservation Commission meets on Thursday nights in the Town Hall. Exact dates and times for public hearings or public meetings are posted outside the Assessor’s Office in Town Hall. You may also view our meeting agenda on our newly updated web site. The main web site page also has a calendar of all departmental meetings. All required forms for filing with the Commission are also available on the Georgetown web site. Included with the printable forms are instructions and check lists to aid in the application process. We welcome and encourage the public to attend meetings.

Throughout the year, the Conservation Commission has worked with numerous applicants to develop alternatives that ensure that interests of the community and our wetlands are considered. The communications with all town departments have been essential to establish the expertise needed to work as a community to preserve Georgetown’s resources. There are plans in the making for more educational outreach on behalf of the commission. As well as, updates on our web site.

The Commission oversees a number of subcommittees, such as the “Open Space Committee”, “Camp Denison Committee” and Little’s Hill Stewardship Committee”. All of the above mentioned committees have worked hard to communicate with the commission and to preserve and protect the properties they represent.

The Camp Denison Committee has been planning to build a pole barn to store equipment used to maintain the property off Nelson Street. With the help of many

wonderful volunteers, Camp Denison is continuing to make improvements to allow visitors an enjoyable setting to take a walk on the beautiful trails, go boating on Baldpate Pond, or have a birthday party. Coupled with the many volunteers, the “Bobs” have dedicated their time and effort to make Camp Denison a pleasurable location for the people of Georgetown to spend time. A trail map is available to anyone interested in walking the trails.

Through the Open Space Committee, the Georgetown Open Space Plan is complete in a draft version pending some revisions. The Open Space Plan aids the commission plan acquisitions and management of Georgetown’s open space. This year we have acquired two new parcels of land. Establishing a Conservation Restriction for these parcels is in the works. The Open Space Committee is helping the Conservation Commission become proactive by acquiring ecologically sensitive and upland resource areas for the passive recreational enjoyment of all Georgetown citizens. Their effort will help preserve Georgetown character, environment and natural heritage for our future generations.

The Littles Hill Stewardship Committee is working closely with the Conservation Commission with plans to create trails for residents to enjoy. The committee has put together over 100 surveys to allow the residents of Georgetown to comment on the proposed trails. They have worked hard to plan the trail system with the least amount of impact to the surrounding resources and to involve the citizens in the surrounding area.

In working with the Department of Environmental Protection and Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program with the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Commission strives to continually educate themselves and the community about the importance on preserving our valuable resources. As we work together as a community to protect, preserve and conserve we will continue to establish a town that has a tremendous sense of pride.

On behalf of the Commission, we would like to thank the community of volunteers who continually support and contribute in making Georgetown a better place. Other town boards and staff have been wonderful in aiding the Commission by sharing their expertise and experience.

Feel free to contact us in the office at (978) 352-5712.

Carl Shreder – Chairman

Mike Birmingham – Commissioner

Paul Nelson – Commissioner

John Lopez – Commissioner

Charles Waters – Commissioner

Steve Przyjemski - Agent

Tom Howland – Commissioner

Sharon Munro – Assistant Agent/

John Bell – Commissioner

Administrative Assistant

Georgetown Council on Aging
FY 07 Annual Report

Committed to the mission of supporting elders in their goal to successfully age in place, the Georgetown Council on Aging (COA) offered a wide variety of cultural, social, health and informational programs to local elders and their families during the past year. Although several personnel changes took place during the year, Georgetown COA continued to expand programs and services designed to meet the health, social, economic and cultural needs of elders and their families. Along with weekly programs and activities, the COA staff continue to offer assistance and referrals regarding health insurance, home health services, meals on wheels, legal services, caregiver support, medical equipment, food and housing programs.

Changes in staff and board membership have marked the past year. Director Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello was appointed to her position in April after former director Elizabeth Pettis resigned to take a similar position in another town. Outreach Worker Alice Girroir resumed her position in May. Van Driver David Hall was named to his position in June after former Van Driver Joan Rollins resigned from her position to begin a new career path in another town.

During the past fiscal year, board members and their positions included: Joseph Young, Chair; Bertha Foster, Vice Chair; Diane Prescott, Secretary; Marion Jordan, Corona Magner, Mary Lou Rentschler and Virginia Ryder. Alternates included Rosemary Morse and Alice Girroir. During the year, Alice Girroir resigned from her position as an alternate board member.

Making use of a variety of facilities, the Council on Aging provided programs and activities at town hall, the First Congregational Church, St. Mary's Church and Trestle Way during the past year. Serving as the COA meal site, hot lunches were served Monday – Wednesday at the First Congregational Church. Virginia Ryder serves as the Meal Site Supervisor and Phyllis Bourque is the Meal Site Server. A wide variety of craft, social, educational and health screening programs were also offered Monday – Wednesday at the First Congregational Church. During the past fiscal year, exercise based programs including line dance, strength training and yoga were held at St. Mary's Church. A well-attended series of health prevention programs was also held at St. Mary's Church. Chair exercise and a monthly men's breakfast program were held at Trestle Way. The COA van provided weekly shopping trips and recreational outings. Volunteer drivers serving through Northern Essex Elder Transportation Program provided elders with out-of-town medical appointments.

To increase community outreach, a change of newsletter publishers in May allowed the COA to resume printing and mailing monthly newsletters. Funded through a state incentive grant, two additional computers were purchased for the COA office and a web-based statistics management program was installed in June.

The COA thanks the Kiwanis, Rotary Club, Georgetown High School, Georgetown Cultural Council, Georgetown Country Gardeners Club, Georgetown Women of Today, St. Mary's Women's Club, the Over the Hill Gang, and town departments including the Georgetown Housing Authority, the Georgetown Police and Fire Department for their continued support during the past fiscal year. With deep appreciation, the COA thanks the more than 113 volunteers who provided almost 3,000 hours of volunteer service during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello
Director

Office of the
Chief of the Fire Department
and
Board of Fire Engineers



Fire Business: 978 352-5757

Fire Facsimile: 978 352-5741

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
Fire Department Headquarters
47 Central Street
Georgetown, Massachusetts 01833-2408

For fiscal year 04 we had a budget of \$128,755.50 for fire salaries and wages. An operating expense budget of \$81305.00 and paid \$10,500.00 for Byfield ambulance service.

The fire department responded to 579 total calls in fiscal year 2004.

Rescue one responded to 360 calls
Ladder one responded to 56 calls
Engine one responded to 38 calls
Engine four responded to 102 calls
Engine five responded to 197 calls
Combination four responded to 109 calls
Forestry two responded to 6 calls
Boat responded to 1 call

For fiscal year 05 we had a budget of \$128,760.00 for fire salaries and wages. An operating expense budget of \$81305.00 and paid \$10,500.00 for Byfield ambulance service.

The fire department responded to 702 total calls in fiscal year 2005.

Rescue one responded to 411 calls
Ladder one responded to 74 calls
Engine one responded to 36 calls
Engine four responded to 155 calls
Engine five responded to 235 calls
Combination four responded to 130 calls
Forestry two responded to 5 calls
Boat responded to 1 call

For fiscal year 06 we had a budget of \$147,000.00 for fire salaries and wages. An operating expense budget of \$102,025.00 and paid \$10,500.00 for Byfield ambulance service.

The fire department responded to 704 total calls in fiscal year 2006.

Rescue one responded to 430 calls
Ladder one responded to 84 calls
Engine one responded to 84 calls
Engine four responded to 133 calls
Engine five responded to 188 calls
Combination four responded to 92 calls
Forestry two responded to 8 calls
Boat responded to 1 call

For fiscal year 07 we had a budget of \$198,684.00 for fire salaries and wages. An operating expense budget of \$214,060.00 and paid \$10,500.00 for Byfield ambulance service.

The fire department responded to 725 total calls in fiscal year 2007.

Rescue one responded to 480 calls
Ladder one responded to 19 calls
Engine one responded to 171 calls
Engine four responded to 152 calls
Engine five responded to 147 calls
Combination four responded to 99 calls
Forestry two responded to 11 calls
Boat one responded to 1 call

The Georgetown fire department has had a lot of accomplishments and changes in the last few years. In 2005 we purchased Engine one an E-One Cyclone with 1000 gallons of water and a 1500 gallon per minute pump. In 2006 we acquired a command vehicle from the generous police department. It is a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria with all needed equipment to run an emergency scene. In 2007, we purchased a 2006 Ferrara 107 foot ladder truck. We started the transition from the Board of Fire Engineers to Strong chief. In the upcoming year we will be looking to hire two full time fire fighters to handle emergency calls during daytime hours and complete the transition to strong chief.

I would like to thank the fire department review committee for all there hard work for making difficult decision and pushing the fire department forward.

I would also like to thank the support of the Board of Engineer members over these four years: John Durkee, Brian Coolidge, Chris Dubois, Russ Moyer, Glen Silva, and Lonnie Brennan.

And a special thanks to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator for all their support and help along the way.

Respectfully,

Fire Chief Michael Anderson



REPORT OF THE GEORGETOWN HISTORICAL COMMISSION JULY 1, 2006 – JUNE 30, 2007

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen & Citizens of Georgetown

The goal of the Georgetown Historical Commission (GHC) is to undertake a number of activities for the purpose of preserving, protecting, developing and documenting all of the Historic and Archaeological assets of the Community in accord with regulations established by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Relative to this goal, the GHC accomplished the following during this year:

- The GHC performed its first review action under the authority of the Town's Demolition-Delay By-Law that it was successful at getting approved at the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting (ATM). In this action, the GHC reviewed a request to demolish a potentially historic old house and barn at 94 Elm St and concluded that the property was beyond saving.
- The GHC continued to support the newly formed Union Cemetery Corporation (UCC) in its effort to have the Town take over this historic cemetery. As a result, the Selectmen issued a request to take over the ownership and responsibility of the Union Cemetery at the May 2007 ATM. The Town approved and the legal process to achieve this goal is underway.
- In order to update its local records, the GHC reviewed the current Inventory of Surveyed Buildings and Sites that are listed in the official MHC records at the Massachusetts State Archives in Boston.
- Met with Rec-Path Committee regarding how to identify and plan for the installation of Historic Markers that could be installed along the Trail.
- GHC started compiling the data needed to provide the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission with the updated data that it would need for the new Historical & Cultural Sites Map to be provided in 2008.
- Completed the First Phase (1st 2/3rds) of historic fencing for the Union Cemetery along East Main St. per earlier CPA Funding.

- Invited Chris Skelly of the MHC for a historic tour of Georgetown in order to get the MHC's recommendations for proposed future Historic Districts.

- Submitted the following (6) requests for CPA Funds to:
 1. Complete Phase 2 (final 1/3) of the historic Union Cemetery fence installation. Approved at May 2007 ATM.
 2. Reinstitute the generation of an Annual Town Report (starting with FY2007) and gather information that is currently available to create a file for the previous 5 years (2002- 2006) Approved at May 2007 ATM.
 3. Purchase products to help preserve and make more accessible to the public the historical documents and artifacts held by the Georgetown Peabody Library. Approved at May 2007 ATM.
 4. Employ a Landscape Consultant to develop a Landscape / Preservation Plan for historic Harry Murch Park. Approved at May 2007 ATM.
 5. Hire a Consultant to develop a Preservation / Management Plan for Union Cemetery. Approved at May 2007 ATM.
 6. Provide a Georgetown historical guide map and a starter set of 5 interpretive markers to begin identifying Historic Sites in Town. Approved at May 2007 ATM.

- Worked with and recommended that the at Peabody Library's request for a CPA grant to fund the Restoration of the 1904 Interiors section of the Library be granted. Approved at May 2007 ATM.

- Continued the historic tradition of presenting a symbolic 1909 Boston Post Cane to the Town's oldest citizen.

The GHC holds its meetings on the third Thursday of each month in the Town Hall Basement at 7:30 pm. The public is invited.

Respectfully submitted,


Edward Des Jardins - Chairman

Historical Commission Members:

Ida Wye – Vice Chairperson,	Nora Cannon – Recording Secretary
Joseph Knapp – Treasurer,	Rick Detwiller
George Perkins,	Thomas Mahlstedt

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Fiscal Year 2007 was a very busy year for the Inspections Department, which consists of the Building, Wiring, and Plumbing and Gas Departments.

Fiscal Year 2007 Building Permits issued:

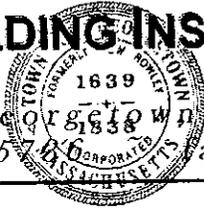
Single family residences	12
Condos / Apartments	2
Demolition Permits	6
Pools	13
Additions / Renovations / Repairs	191
Solid fuel stoves	13
Safety inspections	<u>18</u>
Total Permits Issued	255
Denials	8

I would like thank the other Town Departments, Boards, Commissions, and Town employees for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
John Q. Caldwell, Jr.
Building Commissioner / Zoning Enforcement Officer / ADA Coordinator

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Inspections are done on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

The Wiring Inspector is in the office on Tuesday morning, 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

Phone Numbers: Office: 978-352-5736
FAX: 978-352-5725

The Alternate Wiring Inspectors are Robert Brown and Charles Gansenberg.

In Fiscal Year 2007 there were 230 Electrical Permits issued.

Wiring inspections are part of your overall fire and safety protection plan. Residents should take responsibility to ensure that their electricians obtain permits and inspections.

Electrical permits can not be issued to electricians who do not have the proper and current insurance coverage. The homeowner may waive the electrician's insurance coverage and supply their own coverage.

Massachusetts does not prohibit homeowners of single family or owner-occupied multi families from doing the electrical work on their own residences, except for service work. Work on electrical services is not allowed.

The Wiring Inspector's Policy: If a non-licensed person wishes to do electrical work on his own residence in accordance with the above referenced regulation, the Inspector and the Office will not get involved. An electrical permit will not be issued and there will not be any inspections conducted. If the homeowner wishes to put his family and property at risk to non-qualified workmanship, this Office will not be a party to it, and this Office will not allow the Town to assume any responsible liability or risk through an Inspector's sign off.

In order for a homeowner's work to be inspected, a licensed electrician will have to be hired by the homeowner to inspect the homeowner's work and to tie in to the homeowner's service panel.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Unger
Town of Georgetown Wiring Inspector

GEORGETOWN BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

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The Plumbing and Gas Inspector is in the office on Tuesday morning, 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

Phone numbers;	Inspections:	978-352-2349
	Inspections FAX:	978-352-2113
	Office:	978-352-5736
	Office FAX:	978-352-5725

The Alternate Plumbing and Gas Inspector is Stan Kulacz.

In Fiscal Year 2007 there were 104 Plumbing Permits and 129 Gas Permits issued.

Plumbers and Gas Workers must have the proper and current insurance coverage. The homeowner may waive the plumber's and gas worker's insurance coverage and assume the coverage themselves.

Massachusetts prohibits homeowners from doing plumbing and gas work on their own residences.

Residents should take responsibility to ensure that their plumbers and gas workers obtain permits and inspections

Respectfully submitted,
William Gianacoplos
Town of Georgetown Plumbing and Gas Inspector

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET Assets and Other Debits				
Line No.	Title of Account (a)	Balance Beginning of Year (b)	Balance End of Year (c)	Increase or (Decrease) (d)
1	UTILITY PLANT			
2	101 Utility Plant - Electric (P.17)	6,774,093.96	7,024,880.63	250,786.67
3	101 Utility Plant - gas (P.20)			
4	123 Investment in Associated Companies			
5	Total Utility Plant	6,774,093.96	7,024,880.63	250,786.67
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11	FUND ACCOUNTS			
12	125 Sinking Funds			
13	126 Depreciation Fund (P. 14)	853,765.70	1,117,737.75	263,972.05
14	128 Other Special Funds	457,559.91	0.00	(457,559.91)
15	Total Funds	1,311,325.61	1,117,737.75	(193,587.86)
16	CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS			
17	131 Cash (P. 14)	(611,061.15)	154,917.91	765,979.06
18	132 Special Deposits			0.00
19	132 Working Funds	500.00	500.00	0.00
20	141 Notes Receivable			
21	142 Customer Accounts Receivable	933,660.85	921,237.52	(12,423.33)
22	143 Other Accounts Receivable	84,323.93	34,465.19	(49,858.74)
23	146 Receivables from Municipality	3,235.37	4,057.02	821.65
24	151 Materials and Supplies (P.14)	29,771.28	29,771.28	0.00
25	134 Consumer Deposits			0.00
26	165 Prepayments	824,531.57	796,939.49	(27,592.08)
27	174 Miscellaneous Current Assets			0.00
28	Total Current and Accrued Assets	1,264,961.85	1,941,888.41	676,926.56
29				
30	181 Unamortized debt Discount			
31	182 Extraordinary Property Losses			
32	185 Other Deferred Debits	34,999.76	26,249.72	(8,750.04)
33	Total Deferred Debits	34,999.76	26,249.72	(8,750.04)
34				
35	Total Assets and Other Debits	9,385,381.18	10,110,756.51	725,375.33

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET Liabilities and Other Credits				
Line No.	Title of Account (a)	Balance Beginning of Year (b)	Balance End of Year (c)	Increase or (Decrease) (d)
1	APPROPRIATIONS			
2	201 Appropriations for Construction			
3	SURPLUS			
4	205 Sinking Fund Reserves			
5	206 Loans Repayments	1,798,000.00	1,798,000.00	0.00
6	207 Appropriations for Construction Repayments			0.00
7	208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (P.12)	3,237,411.00	4,221,494.21	984,083.21
8	Total Surplus	5,035,411.00	6,019,494.21	984,083.21
9	LONG TERM DEBT			
10	221 Bonds s (P.6).....	1,510,000.00	1,330,000.00	(180,000.00)
11	231 Notes Payable (P.7)			
12	Total Bonds and Notes	1,510,000.00	1,330,000.00	(180,000.00)
13	CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES			
14	232 Accounts Payable	1,009,076.31	881,150.28	(127,926.03)
15	229 Provision for Rate Return			0.00
16	235 Customer Deposits	70,359.50	92,078.00	21,718.50
17	236 Taxes Accrued			
18	237 Interest Accrued			0.00
19	242 Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities	109,108.98	136,608.53	27,499.55
20	Total Current and Accrued Liabilities	1,188,544.79	1,109,836.81	(78,707.98)
21	DEFERRED CREDITS			
22	251 Unamortized Premium on Debt			
23	252 Customer Advances for Construction			
24	253 Other Deferred Credits			
25	Total Deferred Credits			
26	RESERVES			
27	260 Reserves for Uncollectable Accounts	3,259.58	3,259.68	0.10
28	261 Property Insurance Reserve			
29	262 Injuries and Damages Reserves			
30	263 Pensions and Benefits			
31	265 Miscellaneous Operating Reserves			0.00
32	Total Reserves	3,259.58	3,259.68	0.10
33	CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION			
34	271 Contributions in Aid of Construction	1,648,165.81	1,648,165.81	0.00
35	Total Liabilities and Other Credits	9,385,381.18	10,110,756.51	725,375.33

State below if any earnings of the municipal lighting plant have been used for any purpose other than discharging indebtedness of the plant, the purpose for which used, and the thereof.

STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR			
Line No.	Account (a)	Total	
		Amount for Year (b)	Incr/Decr Preceding Year (c)
1	OPERATING INCOME		
2	400 Operating Revenues (P.37 and 43)	7,907,875	1,570,805
3	Operating Expenses:		
4	401 Operation Expense (P.42 and 47)	6,449,928	112,918
5	402 Maintenance Expense (P.42 and 47)	240,037	2,106
6	403 Depreciation Expense	218,948	(65,719)
7	407 Amortization of Property Losses		
8			
9	408 Taxes (P.49)		
10	Total Operating Expenses	6,908,914	49,304
11	Operating Income	998,961	1,521,501
12	414 Other Utility Operating Income (P.50)	0	0
13			
14	Total Operating Income	998,961	1,521,501
15	OTHER INCOME		
16	415 Income from Merchandising, Jobbing and Contract Work (P.51)	33,499	(108,649)
17	419 Interest Income	69,724	11,598
18	421 Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income		0
19	Total Other Income	103,223	(97,051)
20	Total Income	1,102,184	1,424,450
21	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME DEDUCTIONS		
22	425 Miscellaneous Amortization		
23	426 Other Income Deductions		
24	Total Income Deductions	0	
25	Income Before Interest Charges	1,102,184	#VALUE!
26	INTEREST CHARGES		
27	427 Interest on Bonds and Notes	65,170	(1,328)
28	428 Amortization		
29	429 Amortization of Premium on Debt-Credit		
30	431 Other Interest Expense	1,562	(2,493)
31	432 Interest		
32	Total Interest Charges	66,732	(3,821)
33	Net Surplus / (Loss)	1,035,452	1,428,271
EARNED SURPLUS			
Line No.		Debits	Credits
34	208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at beginning of period)		3,237,411
35	Adjustments to beginning balance		
36			
37	433 Balance Transferred from Income		1,035,452
38	434 Miscellaneous Credits to Surplus		
39	435 Miscellaneous Debits to Surplus (P.21)	51,369	
40	436 Appropriations of Surplus (P.21)		
41	437 Surplus Applied to Depreciation		
42	208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at end of period)	4,221,494	
43			
44	Totals	4,272,863	4,272,863

TOTAL COST OF PLANT - ELECTRIC (Continued)

Line No.	Account (a)	Balance Beginning of Year (b)	Additions (c)	Retirements (d)	Adjustments (e)	Transfers (f)	Balance End of Year (g)
1	4. DISTRIBUTION PLANT						
2	360 Land and Land Rights	300,171					300,171
3	361 Structures and Improvements	379,066	109,797				488,863
4	362 Station Equipment	2,587,601	233,468				2,821,069
5	364 Poles, Towers and Fixtures	1,060,908	12,945				1,073,853
6	365 Overhead Conductors and Devices	3,025,666	79,504				3,105,170
7	366 Underground Conductors	209,818	126				209,944
8	367 Underground Conductors & Devices	821,286	4,784				826,070
9	368 Line Transformers	1,155,159	17,218				1,172,377
10	369 Services	241,566	11,629				253,195
11	370 Meters	319,886	2,477				322,363
12	371 Installation on Cust's Premises	13,470					13,470
13	372 Leased Prop. on Cust's Premises	1,685					1,685
14	373 Street Light and Signal Systems	357,943					357,943
15							0
16	Total Distribution Plant	10,474,225	471,948	0	0	0	10,946,173
17	5. GENERAL PLANT						
18	389 Land and Land Rights	47,990					47,990
19	390 Structures and Improvements	77,095	965	5,500			72,560
20	391 Office Furniture and Equipment	498,062					498,062
21	392 Transportation Equipment	2,047					2,047
22	393 Stores Equipment	127,396			39		127,434
23	394 Tools, Shop and Garage Equipment	0					0
24	395 Laboratory Equipment	0					0
25	396 Power Operated Equipment	0					0
26	397 Communication Equipment	26,207					26,207
27	398 Miscellaneous Equipment	0					0
28	399 Other Tangible Property						
29	Total General Plant	778,796	965	5,500	39		774,300
30	Total Electric Plant in Service	11,253,021	472,913	5,500	39	0	11,720,473
31					Total cost of Plant		11,720,473
32							
33					Less Cost of Land, Land Rights Rights of Way		300,171
34					Total cost upon which depreciation is based		11,420,302

The above figures should show the original cost of the existing property. In case any part of the property is sold or retired, the cost of such property should be deducted from the cost of the plant. The net cost of the property, less the land values, should be taken as a basis for figuring depreciation.

UTILITY PLANT - ELECTRIC (Continued)							
Line No.	Account (a)	Balance Beginning of Year (b)	Additions (c)	Depreciation (d)	Other Credits (e)	Adjustments Transfers (f)	Balance End of Year (g)
1	4. DISTRIBUTION PLANT						
2	360 Land and Land Rights	300,171					300,171
3	361 Structures and Improvements	238,500	109,797	4,280			344,017
4	362 Station Equipment	1,520,610	233,468	29,220			1,724,858
5		0					0
6	364 Poles, Towers and Fixtures	618,809	12,945	11,980			619,774
7	365 Overhead Conductors and Devices	1,840,343	79,504	34,166			1,885,681
8	366 Underground Conduits	159,304	126	2,369			157,061
9	367 Underground Conductors & Devices	497,234	4,784	9,274			492,744
10	368 Line Transformers	595,805	17,218	13,044			599,979
11	369 Services	62,528	11,629	2,728			71,429
12	370 Meters	161,527	2,477	3,612			160,392
13	371 Installation on Cust's Premises	6,058		152			5,906
14	372 Leased Prop. on Cust's Premises	2,160		19			2,141
15	373 Street Light and Signal Systems	144,825		4,042			140,783
16	Total Distribution Plant	6,147,874	471,948	114,887	0	0	6,504,935
17	5. GENERAL PLANT						
18	389 Land and Land Rights						
19	390 Structures and Improvements	28,139		542			27,597
20	391 Office Furniture and Equipment	67,216	965	13,335			54,846
21	392 Transportation Equipment	432,671		80,913			351,758
22	393 Stores Equipment	1,925		23			1,902
23	394 Tools, Shop and Garage Equipment	72,421		1,439			70,982
24	395 Laboratory Equipment						0
25	396 Power Operated Equipment						0
26	397 Communication Equipment	20,827		7,809			13,018
27	398 Miscellaneous Equipment						0
28	399 Other Tangible Property						0
29	Total General Plant	623,199	965	104,061	0	0	520,103
30	Total Electric Plant in Service	6,771,073	472,913	218,948	0	0	7,025,038
31	104 Utility Plant Leased to Others						
32	105 Property Held for Future Use						
33	107 Construction Work in Progress						
34	Total Utility Plant Electric	6,771,073	472,913	218,948	0	0	7,025,038

MUNICIPAL REVENUES (Account 482,444)
(K.W.H. Sold under the provision of Chapter 269, Acts of 1927)

Line NO.	Acc't No.	Gas Schedule (a)	Cubic Feet (b)	Revenue Received (c)	Average Revenue Per M.C.F. (\$0.0000) (d)
1					
2					
3					
4					
		Electric Schedule (a)	K.W.H. (b)	Revenue Received (c)	Average Revenue Per K.W.H. (Cents) (0.0000) (d)
5	445	Municipal: (Other Than Street Lighting)	2,282,269	365,781.52	0.1603
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12			2,282,269	365,781.52	0.1603
13		Street Lighting:	365,750	43,754.70	0.1196
14					
15					
16					
17					
18			365,750	43,754.70	0.1196
19			2,648,019	409,536.22	0.1547

PURCHASED POWER (Account 555)

Line No.	Names of Utilities from Which Electric Energy is Purchased (a)	K.W.H. (c)	Amount (d)	Cost per K.W.H. (cents) (0.0000) (e)
20				
21	NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY	2,177,072	24,271.14	0.0111
22	MASS MUNICIPAL WHOLE ELECTRIC	13,372,069	1,444,058.53	0.1080
23	ISO INTERCHANGE	14,877,290	1,041,353.73	0.0700
24	WISCONSIN POWER	24,312,000	2,133,590.41	0.0878
25				
26				
27				
28				
29		54,738,431	4,643,273.81	0.0848

SALES FOR RESALE (Account 447)

Line No.	Names of Utilities from Which Electric Energy is Sold (a)	(b)	K.W.H. (c)	Amount (d)	Revenue per K.W.H. (0.0000) (e)
30					
31					
32					
33					
34					
35					
36					
39			0	0.00	

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ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUE (Account 400)

Line no	Last Year Revenue	Current Year Revenue	Increase (Decrease)	Last Year K.W.H.	Current Year K.W.H	Increase (Decrease)	# CUSTOM Last Year	# CUSTOM This Yr.	Inc/ (Dec)
1									
2	3,868,731.61	4,852,422.69	983,691.08	30,579,537	30,057,634	(521,903)	2987	3018	31
3									
4	629,606.95	723,354.22	93,747.27	3,644,114	3,532,743	(111,371)	264	269	5
5	1,689,567.27	2,107,859.02	418,291.75	14,238,052	13,817,218	(420,834)	40	43	3
6	346,679.76	409,536.22	62,856.46	2,822,254	2,648,017	(174,237)	27	28	1
7	14,610.30	21,204.54	6,594.24	84,996	107,568	22,572	25	35	10
8									
9	(230,201.91)	(225,054.60)	5,147.31						
10									
11	6,318,993.98	7,869,322.09	1,570,328.11	51,368,953	50,163,180	(1,205,773)	3,343	3,393	50
12									
13	6,318,993.98	7,889,322.09	1,570,328.11	51,368,953	50,163,180	(1,205,773)	3,343	3,393	50
14									
15			0.00						
16			0.00						
17									
18	6,273.00	6,273.00	0.00						
19	11,802.33	12,279.52	477.19						
20									
21									
22									
23									
24									
25	18,075.33	18,552.52	477.19						
26	6,337,069.31	7,907,874.61	1,570,805.30						

Includes revenues for application of purchase Power adj. Charges \$3,726,553.88

Total KWH to which applied.....49,687,385

ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES - Continued			
Line No.	Account (a)	Amount for Year (b)	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year (c)
1	HYDRAULIC POWER GENERATION - Continued		
2	Maintenance:		
3	541 Maintenance supervision and engineering		
4	542 Maintenance of structures		
5	543 Maintenance of reservoirs, dams and waterways		
6	544 Maintenance of electric plant		
7	545 Maintenance of miscellaneous hydraulic plant		
8	Total maintenance		
9	Total power production expenses - hydraulic power		
10	OTHER POWER GENERATION		
11	Operation		
12	546 Operation supervision and engineering		
13	547 Fuel		
14	548 Generation Expenses		
15	549 Miscellaneous other power generation expense		
16	550 Rents		
17	Total Operation		
18	Maintenance:		
19	551 Maintenance supervision and engineering		
20	552 Maintenance of Structures		
21	553 Maintenance of generating and electric plant		
22	554 Maintenance of miscellaneous other power generation plant		
23	Total Maintenance		
24	Total power production expenses - other power		
25	OTHER POWER SUPPLY EXPENSES		
26	555 Purchased power	4,643,273.81	(311,087.50)
27	556 System control and load dispatching		
28	557 Other expenses	37,728.49	8,667.83
29	Total other power supply expenses	4,681,002.30	(302,419.67)
30	Total power production expenses		0.00
31	TRANSMISSION EXPENSES		
32	Operation:		
33	560 Operation supervision and engineering		
34	561 Load dispatching		
35	562 Station expenses		
36	563 Overhead line expenses		
37	564 Underground line expenses		
38	565 Transmission of electricity by others	1,087,692.07	390,995.62
39	566 Miscellaneous transmission expenses		
40	567 Rents		
41	Total Operation	1,087,692.07	390,995.62
42	Maintenance:		
43	568 Maintenance supervision and engineering		
44	569 Maintenance of structures		
45	570 Maintenance of station equipment		
46	571 Maintenance of overhead lines		
47	572 Maintenance of underground lines		
48	573 Maintenance of miscellaneous transmission plant		
49	Total maintenance	0.00	0.00
50	Total transmission expenses	1,087,692.07	390,995.62

ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES - Continued			
Line No.	Account (a)	Amount for Year (b)	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year (c)
1	DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES		
2	Operation:		
3	580 Operation supervision and engineering	14,751.72	11,771.02
4	581 Load dispatching.....	73,607.10	9,568.71
5	582 Station expenses.....	591.32	103.64
6	583 Overhead line expenses	0.00	0.00
7	584 Underground line expenses	0.00	0.00
8	585 Street lighting and signal system expenses	514.75	514.75
9	586 Meter expenses	2,377.44	818.59
10	587 Customer installations expenses	0.00	0.00
11	588 Miscellaneous distribution expenses	25,476.14	(4,702.25)
12	589 Rents		
13	Total operation	117,318.47	18,074.46
14	Maintenance:		
15	590 Maintenance supervision and engineering	2,297.33	(716.85)
16	591 Maintenance of structures	0.00	0.00
17	592 Maintenance of station equipment	4,760.23	(6,455.74)
18	593 Maintenance of overhead lines	187,528.97	14,681.12
19	594 Maintenance of underground lines	4,826.80	(1,437.74)
20	595 Maintenance of line transformers	2,740.08	(120.10)
21	596 Maintenance of street lighting and signal systems	2,541.36	(533.34)
22	597 Maintenance of meters	1,546.66	(3,921.22)
23	598 Maintenance of miscellaneous distribution plant	3,824.68	2,855.73
24	Total maintenance	210,066.11	4,351.86
25	Total distribution expenses	327,384.58	22,426.32
26	CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS EXPENSES		
27	Operation:		
28	901 Supervision	0.00	0.00
29	902 Meter reading expenses	28,767.44	1,063.70
30	903 Customer records and collection expenses	88,922.55	10,982.15
31	904 Uncollectable accounts	0.00	0.00
32	905 Miscellaneous customer accounts expenses		
33	Total customer accounts expenses	117,689.99	12,045.85
34	SALES EXPENSES		
35	Operation:		
36	911 Supervision		
37	912 Demonstrating and selling expenses	0.00	0.00
38	913 Advertising expenses	515.27	(465.22)
39	916 Miscellaneous sales expenses	0.00	
40	Total sales expenses	515.27	(465.22)
41	ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES		
42	Operation:		
43	920 Administrative and general salaries	102,585.92	(825.67)
44	921 Office supplies and expenses	58,024.03	(7,246.42)
45	922 Administrative expenses transferred - Cr		
46	923 Outside services employed	27,568.85	(34,171.10)
47	924 Property insurance	25,033.21	12,533.23
48	925 Injuries and damages	0.00	0.00
49	926 Employee pensions and benefits	231,123.98	23,195.54
50	928 Regulatory commission expenses	0.00	0.00
51	929 Duplicate charges - Cr		
52	930 Miscellaneous general expenses	1,374.38	1,201.10
53	931 Rents	0.00	0.00
54	Total operation	445,710.37	(5,313.32)

ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES - Continued			
Line No.	Account (a)	Amount for Year (b)	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year (c)
1	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
2	Maintenance:		
3	932 Maintenance of general plant	1,697.13	879.75
3	933 Transporation Expenses.....	28,274.14	(3,125.88)
4	Total administrative and general expenses	475,681.64	(7,559.45)
5	Total Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses	921,271.48	26,447.50

SUMMARY OF ELECTRIC OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES				
Line No.	Functional Classification (a)	Operation (b)	Maintenance (c)	Total (d)
6	Power Production Expenses			
7	Electric Generation			
8	Steam power			
9	Nuclear power			
10	Hydraulic power			
11	Other power			
12	Other power supply expenses	4,681,002.30	0.00	4,681,002.30
13	Total power production expenses	4,681,002.30	0.00	4,681,002.30
14	Transmission Expenses	1,087,692.07		1,087,692.07
15	Distribution Expenses	117,318.47	210,066.11	327,384.58
16	Customer Accounts Expenses	117,689.99		117,689.99
17	Sales Expenses	515.27		515.27
18	Administrative and General Expenses	445,710.37	29,971.27	475,681.64
19	Total Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses	6,449,928.47	240,037.38	6,689,965.85

21	Ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues (carry out decimal two places, e.g.:0.00%_ _____%) Compute by dividing Revenues (acct 400) into the sum of Operation and Maintenance Expenses (Page 42, line 20 (d), Depreciation (Acct 403) and Amortization (Acct 407).....			87.37%
22	Total salaries and wages of electric department for year, including amounts charged to operating expenses, construction and other accounts.....			\$571,466.99
23	Total number of employees of electric department at end of year including administrative, operating, maintenance and other employees (including part time employees)			8

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT
DEPARTMENT

Financial Statements

December 31, 2006

(With Accountants' Report Thereon)

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Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts

Municipal Electric Light Department

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITORS' REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -
TOWN OF THE GEORGETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS, MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT
DEPARTMENT

Board of Commissioners and Board of Selectmen
Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
94 Searle Street
Georgetown, MA 01833

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts Electric Light Department ("the Department") (and enterprise fund of the Town of Georgetown), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006 which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Department's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Department follows accounting principles prescribed by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy, which differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles. The primary difference relates to the charging of depreciation expense at a fixed percentage of Department assets. The effects of this difference on the accompanying financial statements has not been quantified.

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial statement of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts, Electric Light Department at December 31, 2006, and the results of its operations and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 24, 2007 on our consideration of the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts, Municipal Electric Light Department's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules listed in the table of contents as supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts, Municipal Electric Light Department. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, accordingly we express no opinion on it.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding methods of measurement and presentation of supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Sincerely,

Giusti, Hingston and Company

Giusti, Hingston and Company
Certified Public Accountants
August 24, 2007

Georgetown Municipal Electric Light Department
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Required Supplementary Information
December 31, 2006

As management of the Georgetown Municipal Electric Light Department, we offer readers of these financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Georgetown Municipal Electric Light Department for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Georgetown Municipal Electric Light Department exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$7,547,444 (*net assets*).
- The Department's total net assets increased by \$885,864. The increase was the result of significant rate increases made by management to offset the cost of purchasing power.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the balance in the unrestricted net assets account was \$707,616, or 10 percent of total expenses.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction of the Georgetown Municipal Electric Light Department' basic financial statements.

Proprietary funds. The Georgetown Municipal Electric Light Department maintains one proprietary fund type. The Georgetown Municipal Electric Light Department uses an enterprise fund to account for its electric operations.

Financial Analysis

Net Assets

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following table reflects the condensed net assets for the past two years.

Net Assets
December 31, 2006

	Business-Type Activities	Business-Type Activities
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 3,011,395	\$ 2,576,207
Capital Assets	7,025,840	6,770,915
Total Assets	<u>10,037,235</u>	<u>9,347,122</u>
Current Liabilities	1,357,291	1,381,792
Long Term Liabilities	1,132,500	1,303,750
Total Liabilities	<u>2,489,791</u>	<u>2,685,542</u>
Net Assets:		
Invested in Capital Assets		
Net of Related Debt	5,722,090	5,556,802
Restricted for Depreciation Fund	1,117,738	1,055,396
Unrestricted Net Assets	707,616	49,382
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 7,547,444</u>	<u>\$ 6,661,580</u>

The net assets of the Department increased by 13.3% during fiscal year 2006.

Changes in Net Assets

The following condensed financial information was derived from the Department's Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets. It reflects how the Department's net assets have changed during the past two fiscal years.

	Business-Type Activities	Business-Type Activities
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Revenues		
Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 7,889,322	\$ 6,318,994
Miscellaneous Operating	45,778	153,949
Earnings on Investments	69,724	58,127
Miscellaneous Other	6,273	6,273
Total Revenues	<u>8,011,097</u>	<u>6,537,343</u>

Changes in Net Assets (Continued)

	Business-Type Activities 2006	Business-Type Activities 2005
Expenses:		
Operations	6,570,791	6,371,339
Maintenance	218,956	205,714
In Lieu of Tax Payments	51,369	47,613
Depreciation	218,947	284,666
Interest on Long Term Debt	65,170	66,498
Total Expenses	7,125,233	6,975,830
 Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 885,864	\$ (438,487)

Light rates are structured to cover all operating costs related to the activity. The increase in charges for services revenue was generated by rate increases implemented to offset prior year losses due to significant increases in the cost of power.

Financial Analysis of the Department's Funds

Proprietary Fund

Electric Enterprise Fund – The following table reflects the trend in all the components of net assets for the past four years.

Changes in Net Assets

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	Invested in Capital Assets	Restricted	Total		
	Net of Related Debt	for Depreciation Fund	Unrestricted	Net Assets	
2003	\$ 4,350,961	\$ 1,670,705	\$ 690,846	\$ 6,712,512	
2004	5,286,023	1,153,874	660,170	7,100,067	
2005	5,556,802	1,055,396	49,382	6,661,580	
2006	5,722,090	1,117,738	707,616	7,547,444	

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Georgetown Municipal Electric Light Department's investment in capital assets as of December 31, 2006, amounts to \$7,025,840 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, infrastructure, equipment and vehicles.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Station Equipment (\$233,710).
- Overhead Conductors and Equipment (\$79,504).
- Poles, Towers and Fixtures (\$12,945).
- Line Transformers (\$17,218).
- Structures and Improvements (\$109,797).

Capital Assets at December 31, 2006 (Net of Depreciation)

	Business-Type Activities <u>2006</u>	Business-Type Activities <u>2005</u>
Land	\$ 300,171	\$ 300,171
Distribution and Plant	6,303,765	5,946,144
Structures and Improvements	28,168	28,710
Office Equipment	38,141	50,111
Transportation Equipment	275,188	356,101
Stores Equipment	1,927	1,950
Tools	72,485	73,924
Communication Equipment	5,995	13,804
	\$ 7,025,840	\$ 6,770,915
Total	\$ 7,025,840	\$ 6,770,915

Debt

The Department's outstanding debt for the past two years is as follows:

Outstanding Debt at December 31, 2006

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Business-Type Activities		
Electric Light Department	<u>\$ 1,303,750</u>	<u>\$ 1,475,000</u>

The Departments long term debt decreased by 12% during fiscal year 2006.

Fiscal Year 2007 Budget

The Department's fiscal year 2007 budget will be funded primarily by electric rates. Significant increases in power costs are anticipated. However, the Department has the ability and intent to increase rates in order to offset the additional power costs.

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2006
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Assets

Current Assets:

Petty Cash	\$	500
Unrestricted Operating Cash		109,947
Restricted Depreciation Fund Cash		1,117,738
Accounts Receivable:		
Customer (Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts)		917,978
Municipal		4,057
Other		34,465
Plant Inventory		29,771
Purchased Power Prepayments		796,939
Total Current Assets		3,011,395

Noncurrent:

Fixed Assets:

Utility Plant in Service		11,721,433
Less - Reserve for Depreciation		(4,695,593)
Total Noncurrent Assets		7,025,840

Total Assets		\$ 10,037,235
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Current:

Accounts Payable	\$	881,123
Sales Tax Payable		2,998
Customer Deposits		92,078
Bonds Payable		171,250
Accrued Sick and Vacation Leave Payable		76,205
Accrued Employee Benefits Payable		133,637
Total Current Liabilities		1,357,291

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2006
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Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Bonds Payable	1,132,500
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>1,132,500</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,489,791</u>
Net Assets:	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	5,722,090
Restricted for Depeciation Fund	1,117,738
Unrestricted	707,616
Total Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 7,547,444</u></u>

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Proprietary <u>Fund Type</u> Electric <u>Enterprise</u>
Operating Revenues:	
User Charges	\$ 7,889,322
Miscellaneous	45,778
Total Operating Revenues	7,935,100
Operating Expenses:	
Operations	6,570,791
Maintenance	218,956
In Lieu of Tax Payments	51,369
Depreciation	218,947
Total Operating Expenses	7,060,063
Operating Income (Loss)	875,037
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	
Interest Income	69,724
Miscellaneous	6,273
Interest on Long Term Debt	(65,170)
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	10,827
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	885,864
Net Assets, January 1, 2006	6,661,580
Net Assets, December 31, 2006	\$ 7,547,444

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006
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	<u>Electric Light</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Receipts from Customers	\$ 7,994,782
Payments to Employees and Vendors	(6,838,024)
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	1,156,758
Cash Flows from Non Capital Related Financing Activities:	
Miscellaneous	6,273
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Non Capital Related Financing Activities	6,273
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(473,872)
Principal Payments on Bonds	(171,250)
Interest Expense	(65,170)
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(710,292)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Earnings on Investments	69,724
Net Cash Flows Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	69,724
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	522,463
Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1, 2006	705,222
Cash and Cash Equivalents, December 31, 2006	\$ 1,227,685

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006
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	<u>Electric Light</u>
Reconciliation of Net Income to Net Cash Provided (Used)	
by Operating Activities:	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 875,037
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash	
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	218,947
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	59,682
(Increase) Decrease in Prepayments	27,593
Increase (Decrease) in Payables	(24,501)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 1,156,758</u>

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2006

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies of the Electric Light Department are as follows:

(a) Reporting Entity

The Georgetown Municipal Electric Light Department is a component unit of the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts. The Light Department purchases power from various sources and sells it to the ultimate customer at rates submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy. The Board of Commissioners is an elected Town Board that has full charge of operations and management of the Plant. There are no entities which are component units of the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts, Municipal Electric Light Department.

(b) Regulation and Basis of Accounting

The Light Department maintains its books in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE). The Department's policy to prepare its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles except that depreciation is charged at a fixed percentage rate (in accordance with practices approved by the DTE). Under the GAAP basis of accounting depreciation is charged over the useful life of the asset.

Under Massachusetts law, the electric rates of the Light Department are set by the Municipal Light Board and may be changed once every three months. Rate schedules are filed with the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy. While the DTE exercises general supervisory authority over the Light Department, the Light Department's rates are not subject to DTE approval.

(c) Depreciation

The general laws of Massachusetts allow utility plants in service to be depreciated at an annual percentage rate. In order to change this rate, approval must be obtained from the Department of Telecommunications and Energy. Changes in annual depreciation rates may be made for financial factors relating to cash flow rather than for engineering factors relating to estimates of useful lives. The Light Department used a depreciation rate of 2% for fiscal year 2006.

(d) Revenues

Revenues from the sale of electricity are recorded on the basis of bills rendered from monthly readings taken on a cycle basis. The revenues are based on rates approved by the Board of Commissioners and filed with the Department of Public Utilities.

II. Unbilled Revenue

No recognition is given to the amount of usage by customers which is unbilled at the end of the accounting period.

III. Retirement System

(a) Plan Description

The Electric Light Department (as a component unit of the Town of Georgetown) is a member of the Essex Retirement System, an employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The system provides retirement benefits, cost of living adjustments, disability benefits and death benefits. The system is a member of the Massachusetts Contributory System and is governed by Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws (MGL). The authority to establish and amend benefit provisions requires a statutory change to Chapter 32. The Essex Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and the required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to Essex Retirement System, County Office Building, 36 Federal Street, Room 210, Salem, Massachusetts 01970-3483.

(b) Funding Plan

Active members contribute either 5, 7, 8 or 9% of their gross regular compensation depending on the date upon which their membership began. An additional 2% is required from employees for earnings in excess of \$30,000. The Light Department is required to pay an actuarially determined rate. The contribution requirements of plan members is determined by M.G.L. Chapter 32. The Department's contribution requirement is established and may be amended by the Essex Retirement System with the approval of the Public Employee Retirement Administration.

The Department's contributions for the years ending December 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$62,800, \$64,698 and \$59,716, respectively, equal to the required contributions each year.

IV. Purchased Power Prepayments

The balance represents various purchased power prepayments for the period ended December 31, 2006.

V. Deposits and Investments

a. Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Department's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk. Although the deposit risk is to the Department, the Town manages the Department's bank accounts and investments. Since the deposits are pooled with the Town's deposits, the Department's exposure to custodial credit risk could not be determined.

b. Investments

i) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Town does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

ii) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Town does not have a formal policy relating to credit risk.

iii) Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The Town does not have a formal policy that limits the amount it may invest in a single issuer.

iv) Depreciation Fund Cash

Pursuant to provisions of the Commonwealth's General Laws, cash in an amount equivalent to the annual depreciation expense is transferred from unrestricted funds to the depreciation fund. Other amounts may be transferred to the depreciation fund at the direction of the Board of Commissioners. Interest earned on the balance of the fund must remain in the fund. Such cash may only be used to pay for additions to the utility plant.

VI. Long Term Debt

Bonds payable outstanding at December 31, 2006, consist of general obligation bonds of the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts. The Electric Light Department submits payments to the Town for principal and interest payments as they become due. The refunded bond relates to the construction of the substation and bears an average interest rate of 4.29%.

A. Changes in Long Term Debt

The following is a summary of bond transactions for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Balance 01/01/2006	\$1,475,000
Add: New issues	
Less: Maturities	(171,250)
Balance 12/31/2006	<u>\$1,303,750</u>

B. Summary of Debt Service to Maturity

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007	\$171,250	\$58,180	\$229,430
2008	166,250	51,380	217,630
2009	166,250	44,753	211,003

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010	80,000	29,080	109,080
2011	80,000	26,440	106,440
2012 - 2016	400,000	87,900	487,900
2017 and After	<u>240,000</u>	<u>17,820</u>	<u>257,820</u>
	<u>\$1,303,750</u>	<u>\$315,553</u>	<u>\$1,619,303</u>

C. Bond Authorization

There were no bonds authorized and unissued as of December 31, 2006.

D. Refunding of Long Term Debt

On May 7, 1998, the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts issued General Obligation Bonds with an average interest rate of 4.29% to advance refund \$1,500,000 (of \$1,850,000) of outstanding 1989 Series bonds with an average interest rate of 7.1%. The net proceeds of \$1,598,676 (after payment of underwriting fees, insurance and other issuance costs) were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the refunded 1989 Series bonds. As a result, the 1989 Series bonds are considered to be defeased. The advance refunding and defeasance of debt by fund type is as follows:

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Refunding Amount</u>	<u>Defeased Amount</u>
Town's General Fund	\$545,000	\$500,000
Electric Light Enterprise Fund	<u>1,105,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total	<u>\$1,650,000</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

(a) Changes in Cash Flow Requirements

The following is an analysis of the changes in the cash flow requirements for the Electric Light Department only:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	Defeased & Non Refunded Series 1989 Debt Principal & Interest	Refunding Bonds Principal & Interest	Difference Favorable (Unfavorable)
2007	\$129,300	\$117,300	\$12,000

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	Defeased & Non Refunded Series 1989 Debt Principal & Interest	Refunding Bonds Principal & Interest	Difference Favorable (Unfavorable)
2008	122,050	112,950	9,100
2009	<u>114,750</u>	<u>103,550</u>	<u>11,200</u>
Total	<u>\$366,100</u>	<u>\$333,800</u>	<u>\$32,300</u>

(b) Economic Gain from Refunding Issue

The net present value of the debt service savings as a result of the entire \$1,650,000 refunding issue is \$114,329. Approximately 67% or \$76,540 relates to the Electric Light Department.

VII. Litigation

No provision for loss on litigations and/or claims has been made. It is the opinion of management that the disposition of any claims against the Department will not materially affect the financial statements.

VIII. Accounts Receivable Customer - Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts

The Electric Department has established a reserve for uncollectable accounts as indicated below:

Accounts Receivable - Customer	\$921,238
Reserve for Uncollectable	<u>(3,260)</u>
Accounts Receivable - Customer Net	<u>\$917,978</u>

IX. Compensated Absences

Vacation Leave - Employees of the Department earn vacation leave based on length of services as follows:

After six months	1 Week
After one year to five years	2 Weeks
After five years to ten years	3 Weeks
After ten years	4 Weeks

Sick Leave - Employees of the Department are allowed fifteen sick days per year. Sick leave may be accumulated to 150 days. Upon retirement, employees may receive a buy back of 50% of their accumulated sick leave at their current rate of pay.

X. Contingent Liabilities

The Town of Georgetown acting through its Light Department is a Participant in certain Projects of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC).

MMWEC is a public corporation and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, created as a means to develop a bulk power supply for its Members and other utilities. MMWEC is authorized to construct, own or purchase ownership interests in, and to issue revenue bonds to finance, electric facilities (Projects). MMWEC has acquired ownership interests in electric facilities operated by other entities and also owns and operates its own electric facilities. MMWEC sells all of the capability (Project Capability) of each of its Projects to its Members and other utilities (Project Participants) under Power Sales Agreements (PSAs). Among other things, the PSAs require each Project Participant to pay its *pro rata* share of MMWEC's costs related to the Project, which costs include debt service on the revenue bonds issued by MMWEC to finance the Project, plus 10% of MMWEC's debt service to be paid into a Reserve and Contingency Fund. In addition, should a Project Participant fail to make any payment when due, other Project Participants of that Project may be required to increase (step-up) their payments and correspondingly their Participant's share of that Project's Project Capability to an additional amount not to exceed 25% of their original Participant's share of the Project's Project Capability. Project Participants have covenanted to fix, revise, and collect rates at least sufficient to meet their obligations under the PSAs.

MMWEC has issued separate issues of revenue bonds for each of its eight Projects, which are payable solely from, and secured solely by, the revenues derived from the Project to which the bonds relate, plus available funds pledged under MMWEC's Amended and Restated General Bond Resolution (GBR) with respect to the bonds of that Project. The MMWEC revenues derived from each Project are used solely to provide for the payment of the bonds of any bond issue relating to such Project and to pay MMWEC's cost of owning and operating such Project and are not used to provide for the payment of the bonds of any bond issue relating to any other Project.

MMWEC operates the Stony Brook Intermediate Project and the Stony Brook Peaking Project, both fossil-fueled power plants. MMWEC has a 3.7% interest in the W.F. Wyman Unit No. 4 plant, which is operated and owned by its majority owner, FPL Energy Wyman IV, a subsidiary of FPL Energy, Inc. and a 4.8% ownership interest in the Millstone Unit 3 nuclear unit, operated by Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (DNCI), the majority owner and a subsidiary of Dominion Resources, Inc. DNCI also owns and operates Millstone Unit 2 nuclear unit. In November 2005, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) renewed the operating licenses for the Millstone Unit 2 and Unit 3 nuclear units for an additional twenty years. The license for Unit 2 was extended to July 31, 2035 and the license for Unit 3 was extended to November 25, 2045.

A substantial portion of MMWEC's plant investment and financing program is an 11.6% ownership interest in the Seabrook Station nuclear generating unit operated by FPL Energy Seabrook, LLC (FPLE Seabrook), the majority owner and an indirect subsidiary of FPL Group, Inc. In December 2005, the NRC issued an amendment to the operating license that extends the expiration date from October 2026 to March 2030, to recapture the period from 1986 to 1990 during which time Seabrook Station had an operating license, but did not operate. FPLE Seabrook has stated its intention to request an extension of the Seabrook Station operating license beyond March 2030.

Pursuant to the PSAs the MMWEC Seabrook and Millstone Project Participants are liable for their proportionate share of the costs associated with decommissioning the plants, which costs are being funded through monthly Project billings. Also the Project Participants are liable for their proportionate share of the uninsured costs of a nuclear incident that might be imposed under the Price-Anderson Act (Act). Originally enacted in 1957, the Act has been renewed several times. In July 2005, as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Congress extended the Act until the end of 2025.

Georgetown Municipal Light Department has entered into PSAs and Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with MMWEC. Under both the PSAs and PPAs, the Department is required to make certain payments to MMWEC payable solely from Department revenues. Under the PSAs, each Participant is unconditionally obligated to make all payments due to MMWEC whether or not the Project(s) is completed or operating and notwithstanding the suspension or interruption of the output of the Project(s).

MMWEC is involved in various legal actions. In the opinion of MMWEC management, the outcome of such actions will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the company.

As of December 31, 2006, total capital expenditures for MMWEC's Projects amounted to \$1,529,950,000, of which \$12,014,000 represents the amount associated with the Department's share of Project Capability of the Projects in which it participates, although such amount is not allocated to the Department. MMWEC's debt outstanding for the Projects includes Power Supply System Revenue Bonds totaling \$714,635,000, of which \$5,256,000 is associated with the Department's share of Project Capability of the Projects in which it participates, although such amount is not allocated to the Department. As of December 31, 2006, MMWEC's total future debt service requirement on outstanding bonds issued for Projects is \$869,179,000, of which \$6,413,000 is anticipated to be billed to the Department in the future.

The estimated aggregate amount of Georgetown Municipal Light Department's required payments under the PSAs and PPAs, exclusive of the Reserve and Contingency Fund billings, to MMWEC at December 31, 2006 and estimated for future years is shown below.

		<u>ANNUAL COSTS</u>
For years ended December 31,	2007	\$785,000
	2008	736,000
	2009	656,000
	2010	596,000
	2011	590,000
	2012 to 2016	2,709,000
	2017 to 2019	<u>341,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$6,413,000</u>

In addition, the Department is required to pay its share of the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs of the Projects in which it participates. The Department's total O&M costs including debt service under the PSAs were \$1,480,000 and \$1,427,000 for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

GEORGETOWN ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006

PROJECTS	PERCENTAGE SHARE	TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES TO DATE	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE	DEBT ISSUED & OUTSTANDING 12/31/2006	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE ON BONDS OUTSTANDING	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE
Stony Brook Peaking Project	1.0144	\$ 57,828	\$ 587	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
Stony Brook Intermediate Project	0.8105	164,916	1,337	17,240	140	12,530	102
Nuclear Mix No. 1 -SBK	0.6956	15,360	107	8,061	56	9,139	64
Nuclear Mix No. 1 -MLS	0.6956	112,822	785	59,209	412	67,132	467
Nuclear Project No.3 - MLS	0.3020	140,830	425	133,365	403	163,659	494
Nuclear Project No. 4 -SBK	0.7180	322,530	2,316	144,705	1,039	177,564	1,275
Nuclear Project No. 5 -SBK	0.3490	87,949	307	42,720	149	52,288	182
Wyman Project	-	7,675	-	1,105	-	885	-
Project No. 6 -SBK	0.9919	620,040	6,150	308,230	3,057	385,982	3,829
TOTAL		\$ 1,529,950	\$ 12,014	\$ 714,635	\$ 5,256	\$ 869,179	\$ 6,413

PROJECTS	PERCENTAGE SHARE	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE 12/31/2005	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE 12/31/2006	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE
Stony Brook Peaking Project	1.0144	\$ 8,404	\$ 85	\$ 5,481	\$ 56
Stony Brook Intermediate Project	0.8105	39,960	324	45,651	370
Nuclear Mix No. 1 -SBK	0.6956	1,730	12	1,753	12
Nuclear Mix No. 1 -MLS	0.6956	13,785	96	14,928	104
Nuclear Project No.3 - MLS	0.3020	23,255	70	24,658	74
Nuclear Project No.4 - SBK	0.7180	31,137	224	32,414	233
Nuclear Project No.5 - SBK	0.3490	9,290	32	9,383	33
Wyman Project	-	2,960	-	1,631	-
Project No. 6 - SBK	0.9919	58,867	584	60,326	598
TOTAL		\$ 189,388	\$ 1,427	\$ 196,225	\$ 1,480

GEORGETOWN ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006
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PROJECTS	PERCENTAGE SHARE	2007		2008		2009	
		ANNUAL COST	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE	ANNUAL COST	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE	ANNUAL COST	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE
Stony Brook Peaking Project	1.0144	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stony Brook Intermediate Project	0.8105	9,262	75	3,268	26	-	-
Nuclear Mix No. 1 -SBK	0.6956	1,369	10	1,369	10	1,333	9
Nuclear Mix No. 1 -MLS	0.6956	10,059	70	10,059	70	9,790	68
Nuclear Project No.3 - MLS	0.3020	16,972	51	16,986	51	16,474	50
Nuclear Project No. 4-SBK	0.7180	19,939	143	19,962	143	18,471	133
Nuclear Project No. 5-SBK	0.3490	6,107	21	6,108	21	5,534	19
Wyman Project	-	586	-	299	-	-	-
Project No. 6-SBK	0.9919	41,845	415	41,845	415	37,961	377
TOTAL		\$ 106,139	\$ 785	\$ 99,896	\$ 736	\$ 89,563	\$ 656

PROJECTS	PERCENTAGE SHARE	2010		2011		2012 to 2016	
		ANNUAL COST	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE	ANNUAL COST	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE	ANNUAL COST	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE
Stony Brook Peaking Project	1.0144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stony Brook Intermediate Project	0.8105	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuclear Mix No. 1 -SBK	0.6956	1,254	9	1,201	8	2,613	18
Nuclear Mix No. 1 -MLS	0.6956	9,214	64	8,821	61	19,189	133
Nuclear Project No.3 - MLS	0.3020	16,009	48	15,941	48	73,806	223
Nuclear Project No.4 - SBK	0.7180	16,658	120	16,418	118	80,237	576
Nuclear Project No.5 - SBK	0.3490	4,825	17	4,742	17	22,703	79
Wyman Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project No. 6 - SBK	0.9919	34,078	338	34,081	338	169,344	1,680
TOTAL		\$ 82,038	\$ 596	\$ 81,204	\$ 590	\$ 367,892	\$ 2,709

PROJECTS	PERCENTAGE SHARE	2017 to 2019	
		ANNUAL COST	PARTICIPANT'S SHARE
Stony Brook Peaking Project	1.0144	\$ -	\$ -
Stony Brook Intermediate Project	0.8105	-	-
Nuclear Mix No. 1 -SBK	0.6956	-	-
Nuclear Mix No. 1 -MLS	0.6956	-	-
Nuclear Project No.3 - MLS	0.3020	7,471	23
Nuclear Project No.4 - SBK	0.7180	5,879	42
Nuclear Project No.5 - SBK	0.3490	2,269	10
Wyman Project	-	-	-
Project No. 6 - SBK	0.9919	26,828	266
TOTAL		\$ 42,447	\$ 341

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Schedule of Utility Plant in Service
December 31, 2006

Assets	Cost		Dispositions	Accumulated Depreciation January 1, 2006	Reversed Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation December 31, 2006	Net Book Value
	January 1, 2006	December 31, 2006					
Electric Utility Plant in Service							
Distribution Plant:							
Land and Land Rights	\$ 300,171	\$ 300,171	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,171
Structures and Improvements	379,065	488,862	-	136,431	4,280	140,711	348,151
Station Equipment	2,587,600	2,821,310	-	1,046,772	29,220	1,075,992	1,745,318
Poles, Towers and Fixtures	1,060,907	1,073,852	-	429,935	11,980	441,915	631,937
Overhead Conductors and Equipment	3,025,666	3,105,170	-	1,151,670	34,566	1,186,236	1,918,934
Underground Conductors	209,818	209,944	-	49,639	2,369	52,008	157,936
Underground Conductors and Devices	821,286	826,787	-	318,456	9,274	327,730	499,057
Line Transformers	1,155,158	1,172,376	-	548,249	13,044	561,293	611,083
Services	241,567	253,196	-	176,224	2,728	178,952	74,244
Meters	319,885	322,362	-	154,904	3,612	158,516	163,846
Installations on Customers' Premises	13,470	13,470	-	7,252	152	7,404	6,066
Leased Property on Customers' Premises	1,686	1,686	-	465	19	484	1,202
Street Lighting	357,944	357,944	-	207,911	4,042	211,953	145,991
Total Distribution Plant	10,474,223	10,947,130	-	4,227,908	115,286	4,343,194	6,603,936
Structures and Improvements	47,990	47,990	-	19,280	542	19,822	28,168
Office Equipment	71,595	72,560	-	21,484	12,935	34,419	38,141
Transportation Equipment	498,062	498,062	-	141,961	80,913	222,874	275,188
Stores Equipment	2,048	2,048	-	98	23	121	1,927
Tools, Shop and Garage Equipment	127,435	127,435	-	53,511	1,439	54,950	72,485
Communications Equipment	26,207	26,207	-	12,403	7,809	20,212	5,995
Total General Plant	773,337	774,302	-	248,737	103,661	352,398	421,904
Total Utility Plant in Service	\$ 11,247,560	\$ 11,721,432	\$ -	\$ 4,476,645	\$ 218,947	\$ 4,695,592	\$ 7,025,840

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Schedule of Electric Operating Revenues
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Electric Operating Revenues:

User Charges:

Residential	\$4,852,423
Commercial	2,831,213
Private Lighting	21,205
Municipal	409,536
Less Discounts	<u>(225,055)</u>
Total User Charges	7,889,322
Miscellaneous	<u>45,778</u>
Total Electric Operating Revenues	<u><u>\$7,935,100</u></u>

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Schedule of Electric Operations and Maintenance Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

	<u>Amount</u>
Operations Expenses:	
Power Costs	
Purchase Power	\$ 4,643,274
Transmission	1,087,692
Other Purchase Power	37,728
Distribution Expenses:	
Miscellaneous Distribution	117,655
Customer Accounts:	
Customer Record	92,202
Meter Reading	29,908
General and Administration Expenses:	
Employee Pensions and Benefits	315,456
Administration and General Salaries	102,586
Transportation	28,513
Outside Services	27,569
Office Supplies	58,024
Property Insurance	25,033
Advertising	515
Miscellaneous General	4,636
Total Operations Expenses	\$ 6,570,791
Maintenance Expenses:	
Maintenance of Overhead Lines	\$ 194,852
Maintenance of Line Transformers	2,740
Maintenance of Underground Lines	4,827
Maintenance of Equipment	5,477
Maintenance of Street Lights	3,138
Maintenance of Distribution Plant	3,825
Maintenance Superintendent and Engineer	2,550
Maintenance of Meters	1,547
Total Maintenance Expenses	\$ 218,956

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Board of Commissioners
Georgetown Electric Light Department
94 Searle Street
Georgetown, Massachusetts 01833

We have audited the financial statements of the Georgetown Electric Light Department as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated August 24, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Georgetown Electric Light Department's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Georgetown Electric Light Department's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Georgetown Electric Light Department's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting (2006-1 and 2006-2).

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we consider items 2006-1 and 2006-2 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Georgetown Electric Light Department's financial statements are free of material misstatements, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, Superintendent, others within the entity, and the Board of Commissioners and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Giusti, Hingston and Company

Giusti, Hingston and Company

Certified Public Accountants

August 24, 2007

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006
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Finding

Number Cash Reconciliation

- 2006-1 Maintaining strong internal controls over the cash reconciliation process provides assurance that all receipts and warrants have been properly recorded by the Town and the Department.

During fiscal year 2006, procedures were not performed to reconcile the Department's cash balances to the Town's cash balances. As a result, a posting error related to a payroll warrant was not detected. Errors of this type could cause the year end financial statements to be materially misstated.

We recommend that the Department perform procedures to reconcile cash to the Town's general ledger balances on a monthly basis. The reconciling procedures will allow the Department to detect errors in a timely manner.

Management Response:

Georgetown Municipal Light Department (GMLD) has completed the cash reconciliation to the Town of Georgetown General Ledger through the period ending May 30, 2007. This is the most updated financial data provided by the Town Accountant.

GMLD has plans to complete cash reconciliation on a monthly program on the 20th of each month to the Town's most up-dated Trial Balance.

Example: GMLD receives Town Trial Balance July 17, 2007 for the month ending May 31, 2007; the Department will reconcile cash and report to the Board of Commissioners the findings, by the 20th of July (or first business day after, should the 20th fall on a non business day).

If no Town Trial Balance is available from the Town this will be documented and reported to the Board of Commissioners as above.

- 2006-2 The Department has a sufficient level of understanding to comprehend the financial statements and related notes to the financial statements when complex issues are explained. However, the Department does not have the ability to independently prepare or review the financial statements and related footnote disclosures in order to prevent and detect misstatements.

Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts
Municipal Electric Light Department
Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006
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Finding

Number Cash Reconciliation

2006-2 Since the financial statements are the responsibility of management (the opinion letter is our
(Cont) responsibility) it is important that someone in every entity have the ability to prepare or
independently review all financial statements and related footnotes. The Department can also use
an outside party other than the audit firm to review the financial statements and notes.

We recommend that the Department designate an individual to become more familiar with
generally accepted accounting principles or discuss the review process with a qualified external
party.

Management Response:

Georgetown Municipal Light Department review of all financial statements and related footnotes by
a qualified accounting firm will be reviewed by the department management and reported back to
the Board of Commissioners in the near future.

Georgetown Peabody Library
FY 07 Annual Report
July 2006 – June 2007

This year marks our second year of occupying 5 Elm Street while the library is undergoing renovation and expansion at Lincoln Park. We anticipate moving into the newly renovated and expanded library in early Fall 2007.

Library Budget from Municipal Appropriation:

Expenses	\$72,340	
Salaries	\$140,533	
State Aid to Public Libraries Received:		\$9,104.94

Circulation : reflects lower numbers from previous years due to having a smaller collection available and occupying a temporary facility.

Circulation	33,406 items
Items loaned to other libraries	5120
Georgetown residents borrowed from other libraries	29,994
Georgetown Peabody Library loaned to out of town residents	2,506

As of June 30, 2007 there are 3,864 registered borrowers.

Library received Small Libraries in Networks Grant of \$2,500 to help offset annual network charges. We received a grant from the Georgetown Cultural Council of \$800 for the New England Aquarium Pass and a partial payment towards the Boston Museum of Fine Arts pass. The Friends of the Georgetown Library gave the remainder of the MFA pass cost as well as membership to the Children's Museum of Portsmouth. The Georgetown Women of Today purchased the \$600 pass to the Museum of Science.

Balances of Library Trust Funds June 30, 2007

Michele Patten Fund	\$3,584.19
Memorial Gift Fund	\$27,323.67
Sawyer Fund Interest	\$1,114.97
Building Fund	\$5,384.36
Peabody Fund	\$152,428.42

A brief explanation about the Library Trust Funds and their use under the direction and approval of the Board of Library Trustees.

The **Michele Patten Fund** was established in 2003 given in memory of former Children's Librarian, Michele Patten. These monies are designated to be spent on materials for the children's room.

The **Memorial Gift Fund** is an account that holds monies given in memory of a loved one or gifts in general given to the library without designation. These funds can be used to purchase anything for the library.

The **Sawyer Fund Interest** is the interest generated from an initial gift of \$5,000 given to the Georgetown Peabody Library in 1975 with the stipulation that the interest be used to purchase materials suitable for children age 10.

The **Building Fund** is a fund that was established in 2000 to help offset the cost of the future building project. This account must be used on the building for the plant itself.

The **Peabody Fund** is the interest generated since George Peabody's initial gift of \$3,000 in 1869 for the "care and furnishing" of a new library. He later expanded his gift up to \$12,000. The specific terms of his gift have been fulfilled leaving this fund for the continued "care and maintenance" of the library.

Georgetown Police Department
Accomplishments 2003 to 2005 Goals and Objectives 2006 to 2007 Town Report

This report updates the accomplishments made during the time I have been Chief of Police, they are many. The accomplishments have been a result of team building and participation from each member of our agency. The Georgetown Police Department is today the finest Police Department in Essex County due to the dedication of the men and women who serve and protect the citizens of Georgetown.

Uniforms

We worked with the officers to change the uniform of the day to a traditional navy blue uniform with two matching arm patches and GPD collar brass, from, in my opinion an old fashion uniform. This was done at no cost to the public since the changes were made on the existing clothing allowance the officers had. Each officer paid to update their uniform. I also worked with the officers to design and bring to Georgetown a custom police badge. This badge was designed by me and has the Georgetown Town Hall in the center of the badge. This was done to make our local badge unique and to instill more pride in being a member of the GPD. Once again this was done at no additional cost to the tax's payers, because the Georgetown Police Association a non profit group purchased the first round of badges and the officers bought the others out of their clothing allowance. I have received many compliments on the appearance of our officers and the badge they wear, since I have been chief.

Police Units

We changed the markings on the police units from a white police car with a blue stripe across the doors to a traditional black and white police car with updated contemporary markings to make the police vehicles more visible to the public. Many studies have been done that indicate the public will notice a black and white police car more often than other colors. We added a four wheel drive SUV vehicle to the fleet due to the fact that on bad weather snow and ice days our officers had a difficult time making it up some of the hills in Georgetown. In order to save money when changing the fleet's color I went to Whittier Voc Tech and the kids in the auto body class painted our units, at a very low cost. We hosted a party for them to say thanks.

Police Units

In the last four year we had added a complete new lighting package to each police unit and this was done with the safety of the officers in mind. These changes were done within our budget or through community policing grants that we sought out. Most recently I received a donation of replacement grills for the Fords from the manufacturer. Each grill has a cutout for two lights. I again asked our non profit Georgetown Police Association to pay for LED lights and to install these grills and lights into the police units and this was done at no cost the town. I feel we have one of the best lit police units in the area and this is for the safety of the officers and the public.

Mobile Computers in Police Units

One of my first tasks upon joining GPD was to use grant money to place mobile computers in each unit. This allows our officers in the field to run license plates and wanted person checks from the police unit. Working with the Essex County Sheriff's Office who systems we are tied into. These computers have been a great asset to our officers and dispatchers. Many of the area police departments still do not have mobile computers in their police units.

Police Motorcycle

Using community policing grants money, we added a leased police motorcycle to the fleet, the first year we sent three officers to be trained in the use of this motorcycle. The three officers are the only one authorized to use this vehicle. It has proved to be a great motor vehicle enforcement tool, it is equipped with radar. It is very popular with the public and I receive positive feed back on the motorcycle weekly. In 2006 we leased a motorcycle from community policing funds which we will own in 2009.

Rules and Regulations & Standard Operation Procedures

Once I was hired I discovered that the Georgetown police Departments did not have a rules and regulation manual or SOP manual specific to the Georgetown Police Department. The manual in use was from 1992, and was the Mass Chief's Manual. I researched and found the most up to date rules and regulations and standard operating procedures available for Massachusetts Police Departments and I worked with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to print the new rules and regulations and SOP's at no cost to the Town of Georgetown. They were presented to the Board of Selectmen in 2004 and were accepted and are in place. Each officer has been provided with a copy of each. Copies are also located at Town Hall. These rules and regulations and policies were completely updated in 2007 to achieve State Certification.

Field Training Officers

We also discovered that training for new officer was a hit and miss proposition. New officers were placed with senior officers without any guidelines or standards how they should be trained. As a result we once again researched and located the most up to date Field Training Officer Program and also worked with the Sheriff's office to have this printed at no cost. Today this program is used to train each new officer who is hired by GPD. It guarantees that each officer has a broad training experience prior to being released to deal with the public. This also gives us time to make sure the new officer is the right fit for the department and town. In 2007 we updated to an electronic version of the Field Training Manual that is completed on our computer system, streamlining the process.

Department Reorganization

We reorganized the department with the permission of the Board of Selectmen we promoted a Sergeant to a Lieutenant second in command; we promoted an Acting Sergeant to a full time Sergeant. We promoted two Master Patrolman to the rank of Sergeant. We tested each full time patrolman for the position of Master Patrol Officer, after the test we promoted two patrolmen to the rank of Master Patrol Officers, who would be the officer in charge when the supervisors were not on duty. We promoted an Inspector to Detective Supervisor, into the Command Staff Union. This allows him to do background and internal affairs investigations as well as criminal investigations. I have worked hard with the officers to create a strong chain of command so that each person knows their place in the organization. In 2007 we added the position of Detective to the Detective Division to work second shift. For the first time in the history of the Georgetown Police Department there are two Detectives to follow up investigations. This will be a major benefit for victims of crimes.

School Resource Officer

We applied for and received a grant to hire a School Resource Officer for three years this was done with the permission of the Board of Selectmen. This officer was hired and trained and has been in the schools for over one year. This position has proved to be one of the most important positions in our police department. It provides for the security and safety of each student. It also allows the police department to know what is happening on a daily basis at the schools. We know right away if there is a problem that should involve the police. This was not always the case. We have been able to intervene to stop problems before they become major problems. As I write this we have an emergency operation plan for each school and we have run drills with the staff, teachers and students of each school. I feel confident that any problems that should occur at the three schools in Georgetown your police department is ready to handle them in a coordinated professional manner.

Police Training

One of the most important aspects of being a police officer is training. When an emergency happens an officer or dispatcher will rely on their training to do the right thing. A lack of training also opens a community up to liability. During my time as Chief we have increased training in all areas. First aid, fire arms defensive tactics, and so on. Time or space does not allow me to mention all the training our officers and dispatchers have received. I can say today you have one of the best trained police departments in the area. If there are any questions about specific training please let me know.

Hiring New Officers

We have instituted a physical fitness standard that must be passed before the applicant can move on to an extensive background investigation. We will not hire any one who has had any issue in the past. The best indication of future behavior is past behavior. I have worked very hard with my staff to bring only the finest individuals into the Georgetown Police Department. I want the residents to be confident that the officers hired to protect them are truly Georgetown's finest.

Communication Center

During the first year I was Chief our Communication Center was hit by lightning and knocked out. It was repaired but I was informed it was only a temporary fix and it would have to be replaced. Insurance would not cover complete replacement. I found a Motorola Communication System in the Merrimack Police Department in New Hampshire. This was donated to the Town of Georgetown to replace our old system. This Motorola system would have cost the town in replacement value approximately \$100,000.00. We got it at no cost. I along with some volunteers traveled to Merrimack to dismantle the system and carry it back to Georgetown. I worked with a communication specialist to install and set up the communication system at our police department at a total cost of \$8,500.00 which was covered by insurance. During this time the state 911 System heard we had a new communication system and contacted me to inform me this would allow them to install the new 911 system into our communication system. As I write this Georgetown Police Department is one of sixteen communities that have the most enhanced emergency communication systems, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I have worked with the dispatchers and the communication specialist to have an up to date and professional communication center.

A Child is Missing Program

In 2006 we felt there was a need to institute a reverse 911 system to alert our citizens about emergencies however, we did not have the \$10,000.00 in our budget or the town's budget. We had heard of a program that was free to all communities called "A Child is Missing" Based in Florida this group has one thousand telephone lines. In the event that a child or senior citizens is reported missing to the Georgetown Police Department, we phone "A Child is Missing" give them a description of the person and the last known location and they look at satellite maps and will call all homes in the area and ask them to look for the missing person. This in affect has our entire community helping to find the person. On January 6th 2007 we used "A Child is Missing" to alert residents in Georgetown of the large fire at Longview Apartment Complex, the apartment residents were asked to leave their apartment and area residents were warned of the smoke plume. The Georgetown Police Department could not have done this alone!

Senior Relations Officer

In order to better serve the senior citizens of Georgetown I named Reserve Officer Mark Anderson and Reserve Officer Bonnie Silva as our Senior Relations Officers. They are assigned to visit the seniors at Trestle Way, as well as working with the Georgetown Counsel on Ageing, visiting many senior shut-ins. To date we have started a wellness and safety check program available for all our older citizens. We have worked with the Sheriff's Department to bring a TRIAD program to Georgetown, which provides a number of services to the seniors at no cost to the seniors or the Town. I wanted this position so that our senior citizens would have officers they knew and felt comfortable contacting if they needed any assistance. I have been told by many seniors that Officer Anderson and Silva are wonderful and how much they have helped them over the time they have been in this position. This position has been paid for out of Community Policing Grants.

Community Relations

As Chief I thought it was important to join a Service Organization. In 2003 joined the Greater Georgetown Rotary. Today I am the President for the 2007 to 2008 year. I suggested and implement the "Everyday Hero" program; we have honored in the last two years two police officer, two fire fighters and two school employee from the four communities we represent. We have given out eight hundred dictionaries to third graders in those same communities. In 2005 I was honored by the Rotary International for my service to the community by being named a "Paul Harris Fellow"

I have spoken to the majority of service groups in Georgetown and advised them of the changes and updates in their Police Department. Using community policing grants we sponsored a baseball camp for over 200 children. This is the high light of the year for many of those kids. During 2006 & 2007 we sponsored a talent show for local talent. We will hold a 2007 Christmas Party for our senior citizens working with other service organizations in Georgetown.

Emergency Management Director

I was asked by the selectmen to take over the position of Emergency Management Director. I accepted this appointment, and have worked in that capacity for the last four years overseeing flooding and monitoring other possible disasters major snowstorms and so on. I have come in during my scheduled days off, as well as many after regular duty hours to deal with these issues. I have been working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency compiling emergency management's plans and answering surveys for both agencies.

Due to the issues which have arisen since September 11th 2001. This position has taken on a new and more important role in every community. It now covers a daily briefing on the web as well as the responsibility of reporting to the MEMA and FEMA. I have attended trainings at the state level for comprehensive emergency planning as well as working on a new and revised "Emergency Operation Plan" for Georgetown for 2005 to 2009.

Emergency Operation Center

Working with Town Administrator Stephen Delaney, we were able to take the former Training Room, and transform it into a work area for GPD officers as well as a training area for Fire Department and Police Department personnel. Complete with phones and internet connections at each work station. This was accomplished by using grant money from the State and a community project donation. The Sheriff's Department brought in low security risk inmates to paint the room, we purchased new window blinds and had laminate floor installed. This room now appears to be a contemporary office and training area. We have used Community Policing Funds to supplement the furniture and other equipment. We have also received funding from the Health Department for technical aid. The comment I have heard most from citizens when they enter this room is "Wow".

Goals and Objectives 2007 to 2010

In the next three years we have set a number of goals and objectives. I want to add an additional officer on the 1800hrs to 0200hrs as a full time officer. I will start the Georgetown Police Department on the road to State Certification and then State Accreditation. During this three year period I also hope to create a second shift detective position to conduct follow-up investigations and support the Detective Supervisor, this should reduce overtime and improve the process of criminal investigations. As you can see we have already archived some of the listed goals already.

Certification/ Accreditation

On the September, 2007 the Georgetown Police Department was awarded State Certification, from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. This is the first step in the process of achieving Accreditation from the above name commission. This assures the citizens of Georgetown that we adhere to the highest standards of our profession. Our goal is to reach full State Accreditation in 2008.

Promotions

During 2007 we promoted a Master Patrol Officer to Sergeant Patrol Commander of the third shift. This allows each shift to have a Shift Commander responsible of all activities on that shift who reports up the chain of command to the Chief of Police. This was mentioned in our goals and objectives in 2006. (See organization chart attached)

Animal Control Officer

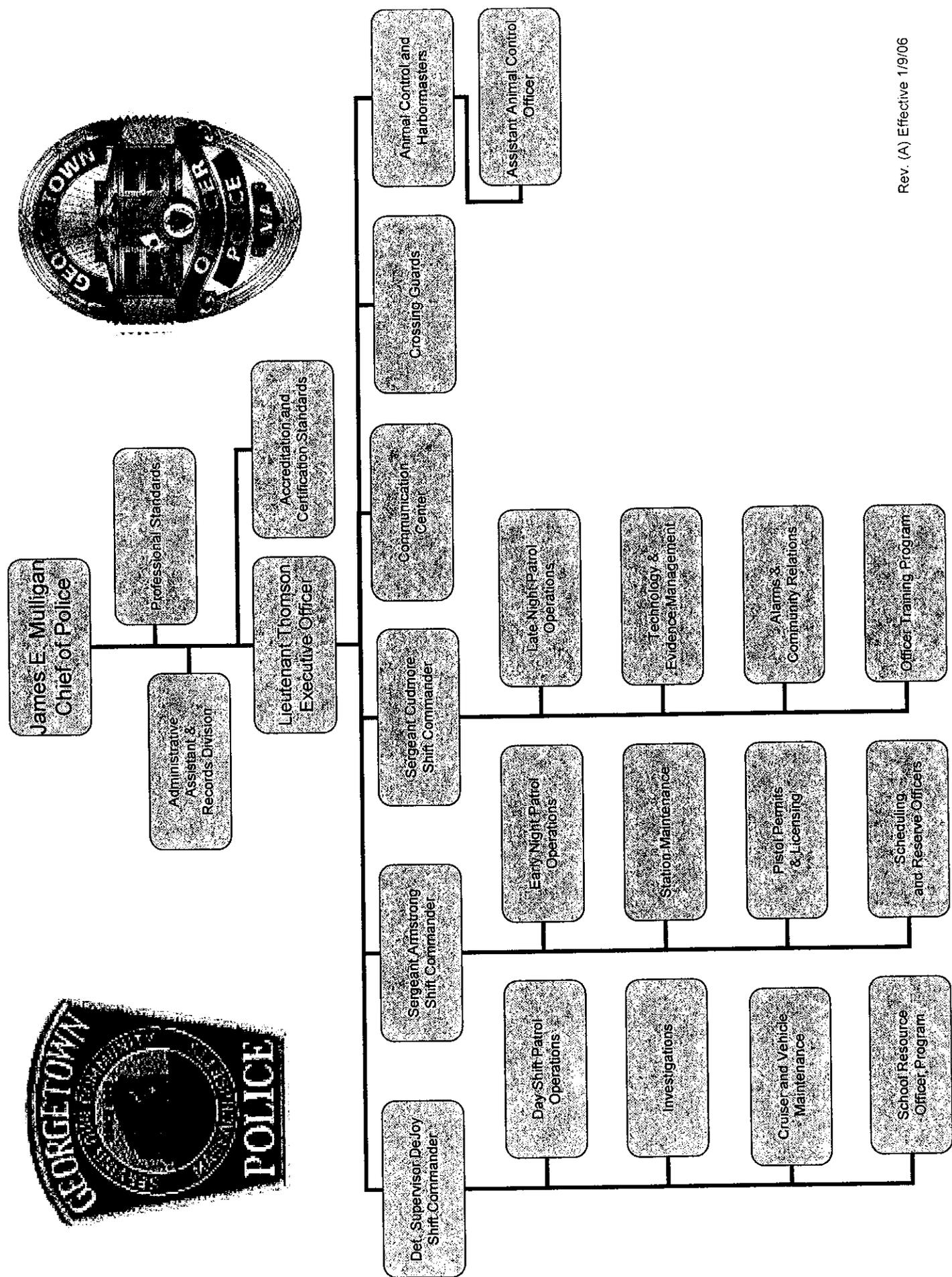
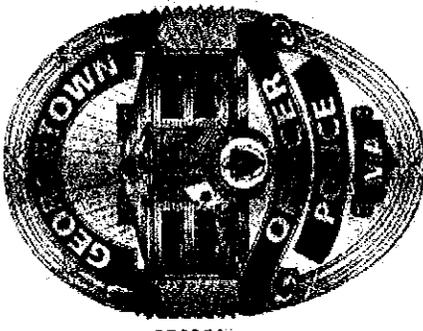
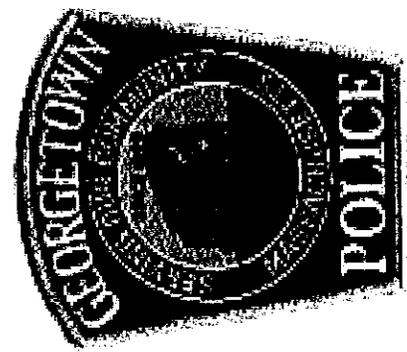
During 2007 we went from a part time Animal Control Officer who worked for two communities. Boxford and Georgetown. We felt we could better serve our community if we had a dedicated Animal Control Officer who served only Georgetown. We sent a Reserve Police Officer to an Animal Control Officer Academy and had him

certified. This officer serves a dual purpose as an Animal Control Officer and Reserve Police Officer. We did not increase the budget for this position. This officer reports up the chain of command and we feel that we are providing a better service to Georgetown at no extra cost.

Honor Guard

In order to better serve our community; in 2007 we created The Georgetown Police Department Honor Guard. This group is made up of full time and reserve officers who wear custom made police uniform. They have attended in line of duty death for police officers, local dignitaries, appeared at the Memorial Day parade and the Veterans Day Official Ceremony. On December 22, 2007 they will represent Georgetown during the National Anthem at the Boston Bruins Hockey Game. The members of our Honor Guard donate their time to represent Georgetown. This is a group our police department and citizens can take pride in.

Respectfully submitted, Police Chief James E. Mulligan



Recreational Path Committee

FY2007 Town Report

July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007

The proposed Georgetown Recreational Path is a 4.5 mile non-motorized shared use recreational and alternative transportation pathway utilizing the abandoned railway corridor extending from Boxford to Newbury. The trail will provide wonderful, safe, and healthful outdoor recreational activities for all ages. It will provide public access to a scenic and tranquil natural resource that is now closed. This section will be a key part of the 30 mile Border to Boston (B2B) Trail that will eventually run from Danvers north through Wenham, Topsfield, Boxford, Georgetown, Newbury, Newburyport, and Salisbury to the New Hampshire border. Additionally, New Hampshire owns 6 miles of adjacent, abandoned corridor and is studying feasibility.

The vision that was born in 1994 is coming closer to reality. The Georgetown Recreational Path Committee has been working hard towards the realization of this objective. Milestones and key events completed so far are:

- Community Preservation Grant of \$30,000 – fund used for Title research and Conceptual Design & Feasibility Study
- Favorable town wide survey
- Inclusion in the Open Space Plan, Community Development Plan, and past and present Master Plans
- Trail Neighbor meetings
- Working relationships with Town Planner, Highway Surveyor, and Merrimack Valley Planning Commission
- Trail safety talk by Police Chief Jim Mulligan
- Meetings with National Grid toward license/lease agreement
- Liability Analysis - National Grids liability issues can be met with town insurance
- Received National Park Service Rivers and Trails Grant through an effort coordinated by the National Essex Heritage Commission
- Resolution by selectmen to participate in B2B Coalition.
- Title Research contract awarded to Salem Law Office in April 2006 to characterize ownership. Additional research & title opinion needed. (Legal work had to cease because lack of funds but is commencing effective 7-1-2007)
- Fay, Spofford, and Thorndike Engineering firm contracted to provide a conceptual design and feasibility study. After several iterations of the report it has been finalized. Media is being prepared and public presentation and discussion is planned in Sept. 2007.
- Contributing member of the B2B Coalition resulting in a comprehensive Border to Boston Trail Implementation Plan.
- Mass Highway B2B Task Force --- Mass Highway Commissioner Luisa Paiewonsky announced the creation of a Mass Highway Border to Boston Task Force based on the presentation of the B2B Implementation Plan on January 21, 2007. Georgetown is represented on this Task Force and so far there have been several productive monthly meetings at Mass Highway headquarters in Boston.
- Lease vs. License – National Grid is willing, pending agreement on the plans, to approve a long term license. Federal Transportation Enhancement rules require a long term lease. A resolution of the overall lease vs. license issue is being sought by the Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation. It also affects other Rail-Trail projects within the state.
- SAFTEA-LU Funds – Mass Highway B2B Task force has agreed spend some of the \$800,000 of this federal earmark on the 25% design for the all of the B2B towns.
- Scope of Work for the 25% Design is underway by the retained consulting company, Transystems to develop a scope of work and obtain cost estimates.
- Two Recreational Path articles were approved at the May 7, 2007 town meeting warrant: Article 26 - request to authorize selectman to negotiate agreements for rights to the railroad corridor; and Article 28k - a Community Preservation Committee request for funds for expenses to obtain ROW ownership and local match for the 25% design.

Financial Plan – It became apparent early in the process that it would be difficult to obtain state and federal funding as a standalone 4 ½ mile segment. This is what supported active involvement with other adjacent towns with common aspirations for a regional approach. The Recreational Path Committee financial plan to fund the recreational path is:

1. Federal SAFETEA-LU earmark (80%/20%-federal/local) for preliminary (25%) design; at this point in time, the match may not be required.
2. Transportation Enhancement Funds for construction and design (80% Fed; 10 State/ 10%Local);
3. The local match for the 25% design, due diligence, title research, conceptual design and feasibility study, legal and miscellaneous development expenses is covered by the Community Preservation Articles of FY2005 and FY2008.
4. The local match for final design & construction can be covered by future CPC requests, including CPC bonding if necessary.

In this process, it is incumbent on the town to acquire rights to the right-of-way (ROW) corridor. The Fay, Spofford, & Thorndike July 2007 estimate for cost of construction for the 4 ½ miles of a 10 foot wide paved surface is \$4.4 million. This estimate includes a 5 year 3% annual inflation rate and a 15 % contingency. Also, an FST ballpark estimate for permitting, 25% design, and final design is \$550K: \$220K for 25% design and \$300K for permitting and final design. Additionally funding sources which offset local contribution could possibly be from additional state and /or federal earmarks.

Next Steps - 1) obtain title opinion from RR ROW legal experts on certain parts of the ROW; 2) complete remaining title research and have title finding certified; 3) finalize easements from non-National Grid owners; 4) agree in principle for 99 year agreement from National Grid; and 5a) complete (25%) rail-trail preliminary design of 4 ½ mile section and public hearing; 5b) Complete the approval of the Project Notification Form & Project Initiation Form.; 6) Final signing of 99 year agreement; 7) Qualify for Federal Transportation Enhancement Funding; and 8.) Commence with Phase 3 – Final design & Construction

The Committee feels that this is a doable project. It is especially enhanced with the creation of the Mass Highway task force. This same type of task force is being used on the Blackstone River Trail and is successful in moving a multi-town trail towards completion.

Current Committee – The current committee is Richard M. Paganelli, Chairman, William Hastings, Jeffery Wade, and William Monroe. Mr. Robert Morehouse did not accept the appointment for F2007 but we thank him for the vision and foresight to be the main proponent in the creation of the Recreational Path committee during his term as a Selectman. (Note: Kelly Lombardo became a member for FY2008)

Special Thanks - The chairman extends his appreciation to the hardworking members of the committee both past and present. It is a very difficult project which demands much of volunteers. Kudos and thanks to Mr. William Steelman, National Essex Heritage Commission for his invaluable support and creation of the B2B coalition which provides important cohesion for all the towns. And lastly, kudos and thanks to Mr. Steve Golden of the National Park Service for his knowledgeable guidance bringing the project to its current state.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard M Paganelli, Chairman

TOWN CLERK

There were two Town Meetings this year; the Annual Town Meeting on May 7, 2007 and the Special Town Meeting on November 13, 2007. There was one election this year, the Annual Town Election on May 14, 2007. The election resulted in a recount on the override question. The recount was held on June 6, 2007 and there was no change in the final result after the hand count. Election results were as follows:

MODERATOR
Beverly A. Enos*

SELECTMAN
Richard P. Clough
Philip J. Trapani*

TOWN CLERK
Janice M. McGrane*

ASSESSORS
Thomas J. Berube* (Write In)

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR
John W. Moultrie
Peter J. Durkee*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Anne S.L. Blythe*

LIGHT COMMISSIONER
Scott E. Edwards*

WATER COMMISSIONER
Reidar W. Bomengen*

PLANNING BOARD
Matilda Evangelista* (Write In)

PEABODY LIBRARY TR
Susan L. Clohecy*
Thomas F. Falzarena*

GEO. HOUSING AUTHORITY
Martha A. Robertson*
Edward F. Kiley
Suzanne B. Lind

QUESTION #1 OVERRIDE
Yes 1267
No 1284 *

The total of registered voters as of 12/31/2007 is 5385.

Democrats	1288
Green-Rainbow	6
Libertarian	20
Reform	3
Republican	1028
Unenrolled	3039
Working Families	1

Total Residents as of 12/31/2007: 8052

Vital Statistics for the year 2007 are as follows:

Total Number of Births Reported 60

Total Number of Marriages Reported 19

Total Number of Deaths Reported 42

Vital records are on file at the Town Clerks Office.

Total Number of dogs licensed 989.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice M. McGrane
Town Clerk

Town of Georgetown
Annual Town Meeting
May 7, 2007

The Annual Town Meeting was held on May 7, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Georgetown Middle/High School Auditorium.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. There was a quorum. The return of the warrant showed that it was properly served.

The Moderator, Beverly Enos, thanked Charlie Mendez for setting up all of the rooms for sound.

The Moderator thanked Robin O'Malley and Sandy Gerraughty for their volunteer work assisting those affected in the Longview Apartment fire and asked all who volunteered and helped with the Fire Relief efforts to stand.

The Moderator awarded Certificates of Achievement to Jim Horner and Tom Leeman for recently earning Eagle Scout.

To lead the Pledge of Allegiance were Eagle Scouts: Jim Horner, Tom Leeman, Robin O'Malley and Sandy Gerraughty.

Father James Carroll from Saint Mary's Church gave the invocation.

Kathy Sachs was introduced as the Assistant Town Moderator.

The Moderator recognized the non-voting members in the audience.

The Moderator entertained a motion to adopt as a rule of the meeting, a three-minute speech limit during the discussion period for each article.

MOTION: Sandy Gerraughty moved and Christopher Rich seconded to adopt as a rule of the meeting, a three-minute speech limit during the discussion period for each article.

DISCUSSION:

Steve Epstein, 55 West Street asked if the three minutes includes the time it takes for a member of a board to answer a question and if all of the questions have to be made at once.

The Town Moderator responded that all of the questions should be asked at once.

Selectman Lonnie Brennan asked if there could be an amendment to the motion granting the Moderator the authority to give an extra two minutes.

Moderator stated the motion is for three minutes and there is a portable microphone, which will enable people to speak from their seats if they wish to do so.

ACTION:

By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion passed by a 2/3 vote.

Article 1: Annual Town Election

To vote by ballot for the following officers: one Selectman, one Moderator, one Town Clerk, one Highway Surveyor, one Assessor, two Library Trustees, one Light Commissioner, one School Committee member, and one Water Commissioner each for three years; one Planning Board Member and one member of the Georgetown Housing Authority each for five years; one Housing Authority for three years.

MOTION:

Richie Clough moved and Lonnie Brennan seconded to vote by ballot for the following officers: one Selectman, one Moderator, one Town Clerk, one Highway Surveyor, one Assessor, two Library Trustees, one Light Commissioner, one School Committee member, and one Water Commissioner each for three years; one Planning Board Member and one member of the Georgetown Housing Authority each for five years; one Housing Authority for three years.

DISCUSSION:

None

ACTION:

By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority.

Begin Consent Calendar Articles 7-13 -- Majority vote on all articles in consent calendar

Article 7: Water Department Operating Budget

To see if the Town will appropriate the receipts and available funds of the Water Department Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Water Department under the direction of the Water Commissioners for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007, or take any other action in relation thereto.

DISCUSSION: Robert Kelly, 20 Cedar Lane asked why the Water Department has a 7% year over year raise on salaries.

Glenn Smith, Water Superintendent, responded the increase is for the Operators and Step Rates. Step Rates are increases for Operators who get additional licenses.

Article 8: Municipal Light Department Continuation of Operation

To see if the Town will appropriate receipts of the Municipal Light Department for the operation of said Department under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, as defined in Section 34, Chapter 164, General Laws, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 9: Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will vote to continue the Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by applicants' fees to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of application review including, but not limited to review services, clerical, legal expenses, equipment and office supplies. The Zoning Board of Appeals may expend from this account an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10: Road Machinery Fund

To see if the Town will vote to continue the Road Machinery Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by payments for rental of Highway machinery and shall be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of purchasing highway equipment. The Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, may expend from this account an amount not to exceed \$10,000, or the balance in the account, whichever is lesser, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 11: Conservation Commission Revolving Fund for Camp Denison

To see if the Town will vote to continue a Conservation Commission Revolving Fund for Camp Denison as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by program fees, facility use charges and outside vendor charges to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of maintaining the support of the land and facilities including, but not limited to utilities, seasonal staff, legal expenses, equipment and office supplies. The Conservation Commission may expend from this account an amount not to exceed \$7,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007; or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval of this Article.

Article 12: Local Access Programming

To see if the Town will vote to establish and continue a Cable Television Revolving Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by the Annual License Fee and the PEG Capital Funding (Section 7.4 of the contract) paid by Comcast and Verizon to the Town to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of Local Access Programming, including but not limited to, utilities, salaries, equipment, maintenance and office supplies. The Cable Advisory Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may expend from this account an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007; or take any other action in relation thereto.

DISCUSSION: Steve Epstein, 55 West Street states he doesn't understand why the town is only spending no more than \$80,000.

Article 13: Chapter 90 Reimbursement, Transportation Bond

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$220,238, or any other sum to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Transportation Bond issue, to be spent by the Highway Surveyor, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

END CONSENT CALENDAR

As there is no hold, the Town Moderator will take Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as one motion.

MOTION: Christopher Rich moved and Sandy Gerraughty seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, Articles 7-13 as printed in the warrant.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority. The Consent Calendar is passed.

Article 2: Town Officers and Committee Reports

To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

The Town Moderator declared that there is no motion required because this pertains to reports from town offices or town committees.

Report from the Finance Committee

Tim Ruh a member of the Finance and Advisory Board provided an overview of the process for Town Budget, expected revenue for Fiscal Year 2008, expenses that were requested, the amount of the override and the details that make up the override.

Report from the School Committee

George Moker, a member of the Georgetown School Committee states the School Committee is going to ask for approval of three articles (Articles 3, 4 and 5), that have to do with School Department funding.

Article 3: General Operating Budget/Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest and including support of the schools, to fix salaries of the several elected offices of the Town, as provided by section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, and to provide for a reserve fund for the ensuing year, as set forth in the Finance and Advisory Board Proposed Budget and Town Meeting Warrant for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007, or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Reginald Tardif moved and Sandy Gerraughty seconded that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,466,319.00, to appropriate by transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund the sum of \$200,923.00, to transfer from Septic Betterment the sum of \$21,086.00, for a total appropriation of \$20,688,328.00, to defray charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, including support of the Town's public schools and Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, to fix salaries of the several elected offices of the Town, and to provide for a reserve fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007, in accordance with the line items and Finance Committee and Advisory Board's report to the May 7, 2007, Annual Town Meeting.

Fin Com recommended approval of this article 6-0

DISCUSSION: Chris Rich moved and Dick Boucher seconded the following amendment to the motion:

To amend Article 3 by adding thereto: Town Meeting shall establish a committee to investigate and report back to the next regularly scheduled Town Meeting the following: Creation and further funding of the position of Finance/Fiscal Director whose duties shall be to centralize the management and expenditure of ALL monies for ALL town agencies, boards, departments and committees, whether elected or appointed, including but not limited to centralization of purchase power (with savings therefore) and centralization of management with accountability of all funds. The Committee shall further recommend as to whether the said Director shall be appointed or elected position and the term thereof. This Town Meeting Committee shall consist of not less than 5 or more than 9, odd in count, with at least one member being a declared representative of School Committee interest, one representing town employee interests, at least one from the business community and any such person as the Moderator whose appointments shall include the Chairperson thereof. This Committee shall issue a formal written response to Town Meeting with its recommendation. This Town Meeting Committee shall serve without compensation from the Town of Georgetown.

CLARIFICATION: The Town Moderator asked who would appoint the committee members.

Mr. Rich responded that the Town Moderator would appoint the committee.

The Town Moderator stated that if the committee is formed, the committee would report next year to the Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT: James Tollman of 21 Londonderry Lane stated let's put this off for another time. We have too many committees already.

Steve Epstein stated that for four years the town has done without a Finance Director as a separate entity. There is a lot to be said about having a Finance Director who is focused on finance and inventory control. It is time that a Citizen's Committee is put together to investigate this body & to investigate this position and asks everybody to vote 'yes'.

The Moderator clarified that the amendment is proposing a Town Meeting Committee. It is not a town board or committee. It would be formed and report only to the Town Meeting next May and until then the town would continue, business as usual.

Richard Paganelli asked if the committee is a non-paid committee.

The Moderator responded that the committee would be a non-paid committee.

Harry LaCortiglia asked if a member or members of the Finance Committee would be on this committee.

The Town Moderator responded that it would not make any sense to put a Committee together without a member of the Finance Committee.

Lonnie Brennan, 9 Hamilton Terrace asked the Moderator if she wants the responsibility of this Committee.

The Town Moderator responded that if it is something that the town wants, she wouldn't mind doing it at all.

VOTE ON THE SUBSIDIARY MOTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the subsidiary motion does not carry.

DISCUSSION: There is no discussion on the main motion.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority.

Article 4: School Department Budget

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the School Department Operating Budget as approved under Article 3 above.

MOTION: Robin O'Malley moved and Lonnie Brennan seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the School Department Operating Budget as approved under Article 3 above.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article 8-0.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Town Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority.

Article 5: Proposition 2 ½ override

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds an additional amount of \$1,061,822 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the general operating budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 as recommended by the Finance and Advisory Committee in its proposed operating budget for departmental operating purposes, debt service and other town expenses, provided that the amount authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Tim Ruh moved and Sandy Gerraughty seconded to raise and appropriate an additional amount of \$1,061,822 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the general operating budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 as recommended by the Finance and Advisory Committee in its proposed operating budget for departmental operating purposes, debt service and other town expenses, provided that the amount authorized herein shall be contingent upon the vote at the Town election to assess additional real estate and personal property taxes in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called.

The Finance and Advisory Board voted 7-0 (1 abstain) and recommended approval of this article.

DISCUSSION: Al Belisle stated that the increase in taxes is enough to oppose the override and expressed concern that if the override were to pass, there would be no control of how the money would be spent.

Phil Cannon asked if the override fails, do the teachers still get their raises. He expressed concern that there is not enough revenue coming in and about funding basic expenses.

George Moker stated that the teachers would get their raises. They are contractual.

Sue Daigle asked how much her personal property taxes would go up.

Rose Provencher from the Assessors Office responded it's the same tax rate as real estate.

Scott Jones, 9 Davis Lane stated that ten years ago there were less than 1,200 kids in the school system. Today there are almost 1,650. Despite the growth of the population in the schools, we now spend roughly 1/3 less than the state average. Georgetown is last in the state for school spending and test scores have fallen. Class sizes are larger than the state average and some textbooks are over 20 years old. There are problems maintaining the roads, Town Hall employees on part-time, Senior Programs aren't being funded and many other programs have been eliminated altogether. Georgetown's taxes are lower than any neighboring community. Jones asks to support the kids, seniors and the town and supports the override.

Lynn Messman, 88 Central Street stated that the Georgetown teachers make 8.5% less than the state average. She supports the teachers and the override.

MOTION: Steve Epstein moved and Phil Cannon seconded that the vote be taken by secret ballot.

DISCUSSION: Chris Rich asked Steve Epstein to consider withdrawing the motion.

Steve Epstein would not withdraw the motion.

Dave Allen stated that there will be secret ballot next week.

Sandy Gerraughty called to move the question.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the motion for a secret ballot does not carry.

Back to the main motion.

Tony Saia asked how it is that the town cannot afford a full time Town Clerk, teachers, librarians, and Fire Department.

Amended motion: Joseph Soucy moved and Dick Boucher seconded to reduce the override by \$71,103 as follows: Removing line 12214 from Public Safety, Fire Protection \$31,000; removing line 11611 Town Clerk's Salary \$16,003, removing Traffic Study Committee under Public Works \$15,000, Park and Recreation line # 16312 by \$9,100 for an overall reduction in the override by \$71,103.

DISCUSSION: Tim Ruh stated that hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been cut out of the town budget.

Kathy Roche clarified that the Town Clerk's money is not raises; it is extra hours at the same rate of pay.

Sandy Gerraughty encouraged Joseph Soucy to withdraw the amended motion because a great deal of time was spent on the details of the Article.

Lisa Woodford stated that it is imperative to support the Fire Department.

Linda Monroe, 22 Nelson expressed support for the town departments. The Finance Committee is here for a reason and there is a process. If you have not been a part of the process and then pull things out, bit-by-bit, that is irresponsible.

Richard Aberman, Treasurer of the Parks & Recreation Commission stated that he would like to keep the park a gem for the town.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion to amend the motion did not carry.

Steve Epstein disagreed with the \$9,100 appropriation for Parks and Recreation because the playground was built 17 years ago as a volunteer effort.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority.

Article 6: Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

There is no motion on this article. It is being passed over.

Article 14: Reconstruction of Bailey Lane Bridge

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$200,000 for the reconstruction of the Bailey Lane Bridge over the Parker River, said expenditure to include all costs related to the reconstruction including, but not limited to associated engineering, construction, and paving; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Jack Moultrie moved and Chris Rich seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$200,000 for the reconstruction of the Bailey Lane Bridge over the Parker River, said expenditure to include all costs related to the reconstruction including, but not limited to associated engineering, construction, and paving; or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article (Vote: 7-0).

Jack Moultrie provided an overview of the proposed reconstruction.

DISCUSSION: Eugene Morrison asked if there has been any discussion regarding not repairing the bridge and renaming part of Bailey Lane.

Richie Clough responded that there have been two public hearings on this topic and at the public hearings there was a lot of discussion of many different scenarios.

Lonnie Brennan stated that the current situation on Bailey Lane needs to be solved. The Board of Selectman did not take a vote on this Article but rather brought it before the voters. He has privately and publicly spoken out that this is an excessive amount of money for this project and would rather see the money to go toward the schools.

Sandy Gerraughty stated the Finance and Advisory Board has been trying to get funding to repair bridge for a number of years.

Claire Maimone stated that she supports repairing the bridge and expresses concern about emergency vehicles being able to access Bailey Lane.

Robin O'Malley asked how the CIP voted on this Article.

Reggie Tardif responded that the CIP voted 5-0 in favor of the Article.

Rachel Crateau stated that the Police will need to keep a close watch on traffic.

Sandy Gerraughty stated that bridges and roads are infrastructure and the bridge needs to be fixed.

Kay Ogden asked if there have been any other studies done to seek alternatives to repair the bridge.

Jack Moultrie responded that professionals have looked at this and if it is going to be fixed, it should be fixed right or not at all.

Chris Rich stated that the reconstruction of the Bailey Lane Bridge is an investment and necessary and if it's broken, it should be fixed.

Phil Cannon stated that roadway is public and it should be open.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Town Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority.

Article 15: Petition Legislature to Establish DPW Department

To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for special legislation establishing a department of public works ("DPW") in the Town of Georgetown as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless

the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition. This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation creating a DPW, which special legislation would transfer from certain identified boards and officers to the Board of Selectmen certain duties and responsibilities and authorize the Selectmen to hire a DPW superintendent who would be responsible for maintenance of the grounds of all public buildings and public parks, parking lots, sidewalks, and athletic fields, and further, shall be responsible for the maintenance of all school buildings, and the maintenance and cleaning of all non-school buildings. If approved by the voters at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting and enacted by the General Court, this article would take effect only if approved by the voters of the Town at a special or annual Town Election; or take any other action related thereto.

The petition for special legislation shall take the following form:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION I. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be in the town of Georgetown a department of public works, in this act called the department, which shall be under the supervision and control of the board of selectmen, in this act called the board. The board shall have all the powers and duties now or from time to time vested by general law, special act, by-law or regulation in the following boards, departments and offices, or in boards, departments and offices having corresponding powers and duties in said town, to wit: -road commissioners, surveyors of highways, superintendent of streets, park commissioners, cemetery commissioners, tree warden, moth superintendent and forestry department, and to the extent that such boards, departments and offices exist, they shall thereupon be abolished and the terms of the elected and appointed officials holding such offices shall be terminated. No contracts or liabilities then in force shall be affected by such abolition, but the board shall in all respects be the lawful successor of the boards, departments and offices so abolished.

SECTION 2. Personnel:

A. Superintendent:

The board shall hire a superintendent of public works, subject to appropriation and the provisions of the town by-laws and personnel by-laws. The superintendent shall serve at the pleasure of the board of selectmen, and said board may establish an employment contract with the superintendent for the salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment, including but not limited to, severance pay, relocation expenses, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of his duties or office, liability insurance, conditions of discipline, termination, dismissal, and reappointment, performance standards and leave. The superintendent shall exercise and perform, under the supervision and direction of the board, the powers, rights and duties that have been transferred to the board hereunder as the board may from time to time designate. The superintendent shall be responsible for the efficient exercise and performance of the powers, rights and duties of the office, as determined by the Board of Selectmen, and as may be further defined from time to time by By-law. The superintendent need not be a resident of the town during tenure of office.

B. Employees, general.

All persons employed by or under the supervision of the highway department or other board or officer abolished under this act as of the effective date of this act shall be transferred to the department immediately upon the effective date of this Act. All such transfers of employees shall be made without loss of pay, and without charge of rating, seniority, retirement or pension rights, or any other privileges under any provision of law or by-law.

SECTION 3. Equipment:

All equipment owned by the town of Georgetown and under the control of the highway department or any other department abolished by this act shall be transferred to and be under the control and direction of the public works department.

SECTION 4. Scope/Responsibilities

In addition to the highway responsibilities, the public works department shall be responsible for maintenance of the grounds of all public buildings and public parks, parking lots, sidewalks, and athletic fields, and further, shall be responsible for the maintenance of all school buildings, and the maintenance and cleaning of all Town owned buildings, excluding school buildings.

SECTION 5. The board shall have additional powers related to the duties and responsibilities of public works as the town may from time to time by by-law provide; any other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 6. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Georgetown for acceptance at an annual or special town election in the form of the following question:

"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2007 entitled 'An Act authorizing the Town of Georgetown to establish a Department of Public Works', be accepted?"

The Town shall include below the ballot question a fair and concise summary of the ballot question prepared by Town Counsel and approved by the Board of Selectmen. If a majority of votes cast in answer to this question is in the affirmative, this act shall take effect immediately.

If this act is approved by the voters in accordance with this section, the board may appoint a temporary superintendent to perform the duties of the superintendent until a permanent superintendent is appointed in accordance with section 2A of this act.

Or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Lonnie Brennan moved and it was seconded by Richard Clough to petition the General Court for special legislation establishing a department of public works ("DPW") in the Town of Georgetown as set forth in the warrant; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition

The Finance and Advisory Board voted 0 (in favor) to 6 (opposed) on this article and does not recommend approval.

DISCUSSION: Dave Bjork, a member of the School Committee stated that the School Committee wants to do what is best for the town but feels more time is needed to be able to contribute to the process and therefore voted not to approve the article.

Lonnie Brennan stated that the Board of Selectman voted 2-1 in favor.

Dick Moylan stated that this proposal is a bureaucratic beast. The job is getting done by the Highway Surveyor and we don't need it.

ACTION: By a show of hands the Moderator declared the motion does not carry.

Article 16: Fire Department Establish, "Strong Fire Chief"

To see if the Town will vote to adopt G.L. c.48, §§42, 43, and 44, the so-called "Strong Fire Chief" statute, which establishes a fire department under the control of an officer to be known as the Chief of the Fire Department; provided, however, in the alternative, if necessary to create a "Strong Fire Chief" and still preserve unique aspects of fire protection services in the Town, the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to petition the General Court for special legislation for such purposes, and further that that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; and further to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund this position, or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Diane Blunt moved and Matt Vincent seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation establishing a Fire Department under the control of a "Strong Fire Chief," which legislation shall preserve unique aspects of fire protection services in the Town provided by the Central Fire Company of Georgetown, Massachusetts, Inc. and the Erie Fire Association No.4, Inc.; provided, however, that that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court and the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; and further to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$40,000 to fund this position for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2007.

The Finance and Advisory Board voted 5-1 in favor of the article.

DISCUSSION: Matt Vincent provided an overview of the process and the proposed changes to the Fire Department.

Robert Kelley asked if this would be a new position.

The Moderator explained that they would not be hiring for the position yet.

MOTION TO AMEND: Robert Kelley moved and Joseph Soucy seconded the following amendment to the Article: That this staff position's health insurance cost shall not exceed 50% of the actualized cost including administrative costs.

DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT: Tim Ruh stated that town employees currently pay 40% of their medical insurance cost. The town currently pays \$1.9 million for all town employees, including the School Department.

James Tollman expressed concern that too much time is being wasted on the proposed amendments. Those people proposing the amendments should volunteer to be on some of the boards.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the amendment to the motion does not carry.

Back to the main motion.

DISCUSSION: Dianne Newton asked where the money is coming from to fund the position. The answer to this was stated that part of the position will be funded by free cash.

Steve Epstein asked why we are considering this article when we are concerned about money.

Arthur Greenberg stated he does not see any reason why the taxpayers should pay for this and opposes the Article.

Al Belisle asked if volunteers responded to the six calls on January 11, 2007.

Mike Anderson responded that volunteers responded to the six calls.

Lonnie Brennan stated that the Fire Department requested this article.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the article carried by a majority vote.

Article 17: Fire Department, Municipal Fire Alarm System Connection Fee Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw, Section 6-11, Municipal Fire Alarm System Connections, as follows:

1. Definitions
 - A. Fire Alarm System: Any heat activated, smoke activated, flame energy activated or other such automatic device capable of transmitting a fire alarm signal directly to the Georgetown Fire Department.
 - B. Fire Alarm System Owner: An individual or entity who owns the title to and/or has on his business or residential premises a fire alarm system equipped to send a fire alarm signal directly to the Georgetown Fire Department.
 - C. Fire Department: The Georgetown Fire Department.
2. Connection of Fire Alarm System to the Fire Department
 - A. Before any fire alarm system is connected to the Fire Department, the Owner shall provide the Fire Department with the following information:
 1. The name, address, home and work telephone numbers of the owner;
 2. The street address where the master box is located;
 3. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the persons or businesses protected by the fire alarm system.
 4. The names, addresses, home and work telephone numbers of at least two persons other than the owner who can be contacted twenty-four hours a day who are authorized by the fire alarm system owner to respond to an alarm signal and who have access to the premises; and
 5. Such other relevant information as the Fire Chief may require.
 6. The owner of a fire alarm system connected to the Fire Department as of the effective date of this bylaw shall comply with the requirements of Section 2(A)(1) through (5) of this bylaw within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this bylaw.
3. Fee for Connection of Fire Alarm System to Fire Department
 - A. The owner of each fire alarm system connected directly to the Fire Department shall pay an annual fee of \$250.00 upon commencement of each fiscal year; a fire alarm system owner whose fire alarm system is connected directly to the Fire Department after the start of the fiscal year shall pay such annual fee upon connection.

MOTION: Chris Dubois moved and Robin O'Malley seconded to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw, Section 6-11, Municipal Fire Alarm System Connections, as set forth in the warrant.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 7 (in favor), 0 (opposed) and 1 (abstain).

Chris Dubois provided an overview of the article.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority vote.

Article 18: Fire Department, Fire Alarm Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Georgetown Fire Department Revolving Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by the annual fees charged for connection to the Municipal Fire Alarm system to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of maintaining the Municipal Fire Alarm System. The Fire Department may expend from the account an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007; or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Brian Coolidge moved and Robin O'Malley seconded to establish a Georgetown Fire Department Revolving Fund as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws. This fund shall be funded by the annual fees charged for connection to the Municipal Fire Alarm system to be expended without further appropriation for the purpose of maintaining the Municipal Fire Alarm System. The Fire Department may expend from the account an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 6-0.

The Board of Selectmen recommended approval of this article.

EXPLANATION: All fees would go directly to this system.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority vote.

Article 19: Fire Department, Lease of Fire Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$77,000 for the Fiscal Year 2008 lease payment for the Fire Department ladder truck, or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Tim Ruh moved and Chris Rich seconded to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$77,000 for

the Fiscal Year 2008 lease payment for the Fire Department ladder truck.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 6-0.

DISCUSSION: Tim Ruh explained that the town voted last fall to purchase a new ladder truck for the Fire Department with a Lease to Own. The Selectmen have entered into a lease. In the town meeting last year, the vote was to fund it but it was not determined where the money would come from. The Finance and Advisory Board recommends that it come out of the Stabilization Fund, which has approximately \$1.3 million and earns approximately \$63,000 a year in interest.

Steve Epstein stated that last fall it was presented that the lease would be considerably less than \$77,000.

Tim Ruh responded that the vote at Town Meeting was to have the Selectmen enter into a long-term lease. The length of the lease would be at their discretion. Instead of fifteen-year lease at \$62,000 the Selectmen entered into a 10-year lease at \$77,000.

Steve Epstein asked what happens if this article fails.

Steve Delaney responded that if the appropriation does not go through, the truck goes back. It is repossessed.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a 2/3 vote.

Article 20: Town Hall Chimney

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 for the repair of one of the chimneys at Town Hall, or take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Harry LaCortiglia moved and Robin O'Malley seconded to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund undesignated account, for historic preservation purposes, the sum of \$25,000 for repair of one of the chimneys at Town Hall, provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of three years from the date of approval hereof shall be returned to the Historic Reserve Fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely that such expenditures from the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 8-0.

Harry LaCortiglia explained that the chimney in Town Hall leaks.

MOTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority.

Article 21: Town Hall Security System

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for the installation and upgrade of security systems at Town Hall, or take any other action related thereto.

Jim Lacey moved and Sandy Gerraughty seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$15,000 for the installation and upgrade of security systems at Town Hall.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 8-0.

Steve Delaney explained that this is a combination of upgrading the basic security in the building from both intrusion and low temperature alarms.

John Bonazoli asked if this article was on the warrant last year for the same amount.

Steve Delaney responded that it was on the warrant last year for the same amount.

John Bonazoli asked if there are any RFP's and if so, what are the details.

Steve Delaney responded "not at this time"

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority.

Article 22: Historical Commission, Union Cemetery

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise and to accept the Deed to the property known as the Union Cemetery located on East Main Street, owned by the Union Cemetery Corporation and being shown on Assessors' Map 10, Parcel 46 and to accept the assets of the Union Cemetery Corporation to be used for the maintenance and care of the Union Cemetery, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments, and take all related actions as may be necessary to effect said acquisition pursuant to G.L.c. 114, G.L.c.180, Section 8A and G.L.c.204, Section 12, as applicable, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Lonnie Brennan moved and Ed Desjardins seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise and to accept the Deed to the property known as the Union Cemetery located on East Main Street, owned by the Union

Cemetery Corporation and being shown on Assessors' Map 10, Parcel 46 and to accept the assets of the Union Cemetery Corporation to be used for the maintenance and care of the Union Cemetery, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments, and take all related actions as may be necessary to effect said acquisition pursuant to G.L.c.114, G.L.c.180, Section 8A and G.L.c.204, Section 12, as applicable.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 6 (in favor), 0 (opposed) and 1 (abstained).

Joe Knapp and Ed Desjardins explained that it was discovered that the cemetery owner no longer existed. After many hours of research, it is being offered to the town for preservation.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority.

Article 23: Board of Selectmen, increase the number of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for special legislation increasing the size of the Board of Selectmen from three members to five members as set forth below; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition. This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation increasing the size of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members. If approved by the voters at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting and enacted by the General Court, this article would take effect only if approved by the voters of the Town at a special or annual Town Election; or take any action in relation thereto.

The petition for special legislation shall take the following form:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE GEORGETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. The number of members of the board of selectmen of the town of Georgetown shall be increased to five. Each selectman shall serve for a 3-year term, with no more than two selectmen's terms to run concurrently. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, at the annual town election following at least 64 days after acceptance of this act by the voters, one additional member shall be elected to a two-year term and one additional member shall be elected to a 3-year term. The terms of those members currently serving as selectmen at the time of the adoption of this act shall be unchanged.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Georgetown at a special or annual town election in the form of the following question, which shall be placed on the official ballot to be used for the election:

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2007 entitled, "An Act Providing for an Increase in the Georgetown Board of Selectmen from Three to Five Members," be accepted?"

No summary shall appear on the ballot below this question. If a majority of the votes cast in answer to this question is in the affirmative, section one of this act shall take effect, but not otherwise.

SECTION 3. Section two of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

The Finance Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 7-0.

MOTION: Richard Clough moved and Robin O'Malley seconded to petition the General Court for special legislation increasing the size of the Board of Selectmen from three members to five members as set forth in the warrant; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 7-0.

The Moderator stated that Town Counsel clarified that if this article is voted in at this town meeting, it is then submitted to the General Court. It would then have to pass at a Special Election or the next Annual Election. If it passes at that particular election, the town would then start electing the Selectmen at the next Annual Election. It would be a 1 ½ to 2 years out.

DISCUSSION: Phil Trapani stated that he is in support of this article because the Board of Selectmen works very hard. The town has many issues to address and needs more opinions on the board.

Harry LaCortiglia stated that he is in support of this article.

Dick Moylan stated that he sat on a Government Study Committee, which studied this proposal years ago and it was voted unanimously at that time not to move the Selectmen from 3 to 5 members. He doesn't support this article.

A standing count is conducted in both rooms.

ACTION: By a standing count, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a vote of 181 (in favor) and 121 (opposed) which is a majority.

Article 24: Replacement of Fence at Little's Hill

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,500 for the replacement of a stockade fence bordering the soccer field at Little's Hill, or take any action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Sandy Gerraughty moved and Reginald Tardif seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$6,500 for the replacement of a stockade fence bordering the soccer field at Little's Hill on Hillside Drive.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 8-0.

DISCUSSION: Steve Epstein asked why the developer isn't required to pay for this fence which is less than 6 years old.

Steve Delaney explained that he has been working with some of the neighbors for the last two to three years. It was determined that the fence is beyond repair and should be repaired in fairness to them.

Steve Epstein asked if the developer has been asked to repair or replace the fence.

Steve Delaney responded that the town has not discussed this with the developer.

MOTION: Steve Epstein moved and Harry LaCortiglia seconded to table this article indefinitely.

DISCUSSION: There is no discussion. This is not debatable.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the article tabled indefinitely by a 2/3 vote.

Article 25: Elderly Tax Exemption

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.59, section 5, clause 41C to increase the tax exemption of the elderly from \$500 to \$750, to increase the gross receipts limitations to \$20,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for married persons, and to increase the whole estate limitations to \$40,000 for a single person and \$55,000 for married persons, to be effective in the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2007; provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election held prior to July 1, 2007, of one or more Proposition 2 ½ overrides totaling more than \$250,000, or take any action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Matt Vincent moved and Dave Bjork seconded to vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.59, section 5, clause 41C to increase the tax exemption for the elderly from \$500 to \$750, to increase the gross receipts limitations to \$20,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for married persons, and to increase the whole estate limitations to \$40,000 for a single person and \$55,000 for married persons, to be effective in Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2007; provided, however, that the vote taken hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town at an election held prior to July 2, 2007, of one or more Proposition 2 ½ overrides totaling more than \$250,000.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 5 (in favor) 2 (opposed).

Matt Vincent provided an overview of the proposed article.

DISCUSSION: Steve Epstein stated that he believes at last year's town meeting, Town Counsel determined this could not be contingent upon passage of the override.

Matt Vincent commented that this was approved by DOR and Town Counsel, Kopelman & Paige.

Rob Hoover commented that we are all in this together.

Paul Dolimpio stated that the elderly are the poorest people in town.

MOTION: Steve Epstein moved and Phil Cannon seconded to amend the motion by striking the conditional clause following the words, "to be effective in the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2007."

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the amendment to the motion on this article does not carry.

Back to the main motion.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority.

Article 26: Recreational Path Committee, National Grid Lease

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Georgetown Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease or other contract for a period in excess of three years with National Grid Company, other owners, and/or easement holders, upon such terms and conditions as

the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, for the rights to construct, operate, and maintain a so-called Rail-Trail on the abandoned railroad corridor in Georgetown, as proposed by the Recreational Path Committee for this purpose and shown on a sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk; provided, however, that any such lease or other agreement shall be sufficient to satisfy the criteria necessary to qualify for State and Federal Transportation Enhancement Funding and/or other funding sources necessary for realization of the project, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and other Town employees, officers, boards and committees to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote, or take any action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Jeff Wade moved and Joe Soucy seconded to authorize the Georgetown Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a lease or other contract for a period in excess of three years with National Grid Company, other owners, and/or easement holders, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, for the rights to construct, operate, and maintain a so-called Rail-Trail on the abandoned railroad corridor in Georgetown, as proposed by the Recreational Path Committee for this purpose and shown on a sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk; provided, however, that any such lease or other agreement shall be sufficient to satisfy the criteria necessary to qualify for State and Federal Transportation Enhancement Funding and/or other funding sources necessary for realization of the project, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and other Town employees, officers, boards and committees to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 5-0.

Jeff Wade explained that this is part of Article 28K. It is part of a large group. The path goes from Salisbury to Danvers. Article 26 is asking to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into agreements the rights to use the land.

DISCUSSION: Tony Saia stated that he uses this now and asks what will change.

Dick Paganelli explained that you are now trespassing on private property. The trail would be paved.

Joe Soucy asked if it would be free for residents to use when the lease is entered into.

Dick Paganelli responded "yes" that's the whole idea. It would be for community use.

John Bonazoli asked if it was possible for them to grant an easement year by year? And would the town have to fund the trail in the future?

Dick Paganelli responded that the town would be responsible for maintenance.

Tony Saia asked what the maintenance of the trail would cost.

Jeff Wade responded that Article 28K describes this in more detail.

Tony Saia asked who is liable if someone gets hurt under the electric wires.

Jeff Wade responded that the liability is an add-on to the town and the added cost is miniscule.

Chris Rich expressed concern that the potential liability is astronomical not miniscule.

Mrs. Saia asked who pays for trash cleanup.

Dick Paganelli responded that it is our responsibility to keep the trail clean. If there were a DPW, it would be the DPW's responsibility.

Jodie Gorin asked how the trail would affect her property value because the trail would go through her backyard.

Dick Paganelli stated that there have been studies that show trails increase the value of property.

Matt Vincent commended the Recreational Path Committee for their hard work and believes this serves the character of the town.

Jim DiMento commended the committee and stated that the trail combines North Street to the center of town and to Camp Denison.

John Flaherty stated that he is an abutter and is looking forward to the trail.

Dave Gordon stated that he has several family members who are abutters and he is not in favor of this proposed project.

Joe Soucy stated he is in favor of this article.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried with a majority.

Article 27: Citizen Petition Heather Road

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Official Town Map of the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts, originally adopted May 7, 1984, as it may have been heretofore revised, to add and show on said Official Map, as a private way, Heather Road, from Monroe Street to Rock Pond, said road to be depicted substantially in the location as shown on the Map entitled "Town of Georgetown Property parcel mat Appendix 4".

MOTION: John Horton moved and George Burda seconded to amend the Official Town Map of the Town of Georgetown, Massachusetts, originally adopted May 7, 1984, as it may have been heretofore revised, to add to and show on said Official Map, as a private way, Heather Road, from Monroe Street to Rock Pond, said road to be depicted substantially in the location as shown on the Map entitled "Town of Georgetown Property parcel mat Appendix 4".

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 5-0.

The Planning Board voted in favor of this article with 3 (in favor), 0 (opposed) and 2 (absent).

John Horton explained that the state law requires that any road with more than two houses needs to be noticed on the town map.

Sarah Buck, the Town Planner explained that this does not make the road a public road but it should be noticed on the town map.

Chris Rich asked what the future development plans are for this road.

The Moderator stated that it is not necessary information.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried with a 2/3 vote.

Article 28: Community Preservation General Budget

To hear a report from the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Budget, and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, and to determine whether such sums shall be raised from Community Preservation Fund, transferred from available funds, borrowed, appropriated from the stabilization fund, or any combination of these methods; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Harry LaCortiglia moved and Chris Rich seconded that the Town hear a report from the Community Preservation Committee and that the following amounts be appropriated or reserved from Fiscal Year 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues, or transferred from prior year's revenues for Community Preservation purposes as specified:

	Project	Total Appropriation	Source of Appropriation
	Appropriations:		
A	To fund, for community housing purposes, the replacement of roofs of the buildings located at 4, 17, 19, 21 and 31 Trestle Way and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into a grant agreement with the owners of Trestle Way setting the terms for such grant, including a requirement that the owners of Trestle Way grant to the Town an affordable housing restriction in said buildings, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such restriction; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of three years from the date of approval hereof shall be returned to the Community Housing Reserve Fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the such expenditures the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;	\$40,000	\$40,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account
B	To fund, for historic preservation purposes, the second phase of installation of a period-appropriate fence at the Union Cemetery (which project was previously funded, in part, by the voters at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting), such funds to be expended under the direction of the Georgetown Historical Commission; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;	\$27,000	\$27,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account
C	To fund, for historic preservation purposes, the compilation and restoration of the last six years of the town's Annual Town Report, and the professional	\$9,500	\$9,500 from Community Preservation Fund

<p>restoration and recording of the Town Code to contain all or the administrative and regulatory laws of the town of a general and permanent nature, in accordance with state law, deliverable in hard copy and electronic format, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Georgetown Historical Commission; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of the article will be returned to the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;</p>		<p>Undesignated Account</p>
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	Project	Total Appropriation	Source of Appropriation
	Appropriations:		
D	<p>To fund, for historic preservation purposes, the creation of an Historic Landscape Preservation Plan for Harry Murch Park, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Georgetown Historical Commission; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;</p>	\$15,000	<p>\$15,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account</p>
E	<p>To fund, for historic preservation purposes, the restoration of certain historic markers, the creation and installation of inexpensive markers at historic sites, and the design/fabrication and installation of pictorial/text markers at other historic sites, as well as the development of information regarding such historic sites, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Georgetown Historical Commission; provided, however, that any funds from appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation/Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;</p>	\$10,058	<p>\$4,276 to be transferred from the amounts appropriated under Article 15 of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting; \$5,782 to be transferred from the amounts appropriated under Article 15 of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting</p>
F	<p>To fund, for historic preservation purposes, restoration and rehabilitation of the Peabody Library; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;</p>	\$54,000	<p>\$54,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account</p>
G	<p>To fund, for historic preservation purposes, the hiring of a qualified consultant to generate a comprehensive Preservation Management Plan for the Union Cemetery, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Georgetown Historical Commission; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;</p>	\$15,000	<p>\$15,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account</p>
H	<p>To fund, for open space purposes, an endowment to the Essex County Greenbelt Association, for the management of conservation restrictions for the parcels shown on the Assessors Map as Map 6A Lot 2A, Map</p>	\$15,000	<p>\$15,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated</p>

<p>6A Lot 2 and Map 6A Lot 3, (the recently purchased Bailey Woods parcels), which restrictions shall be conveyed to said association in accordance with the vote under Article 17 of the 2005 Town Meeting and the requirements of M.G.L. c.44B, Section 12(a); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on such terms and conditions as it may deem suitable, to enter into all agreements and executive any and all instruments that may be required for such purposes; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;</p>		Account
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	Project	Total Appropriation	Source of Appropriation
	Appropriations:		
I	<p>To fund, for open space purposes, the acquisition, appraisal, survey and legal costs associated with the purchase of a parcel of land of approximately 7.89 acres, identified as Assessors May 9A, Lot 8F, and as described in Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 383 Plan 49 (Sheets 1-4), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said parcel, with said parcel to be managed by the Georgetown Conservation Commission; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to convey a perpetual conservation restriction in said parcel meeting the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 184, Section 31, as required by M.G.L. c.44B, Section 12(a), as amended, and that said conservation restriction may be granted to any organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction in accordance with M.G.L. c.44B; and further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Georgetown to affect said purchase; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;</p>	\$44,000	\$44,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account
J	<p>To fund, for purposes of upgrading the bathrooms and the concession stand serving area and access at American Legion Park to meet standards consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;</p>	\$25,000	\$25,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account
K	<p>To fund, for open space/land for recreational purposes, the development of a recreational path and any related expenditures required to qualify the Town of Georgetown for federal funds for design and construction of the proposed four and one-half mile multi-use recreational path; provided, however, that any funds from this appropriation remaining unspent after a period of 3 years from the date of the approval of this article will be returned to the Community Preservation fund only after a vote by the Community Preservation</p>	\$124,000	\$124,000 from Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Account

	Committee determining that it is unlikely the remaining appropriated funds will need to be spent to this effect;		
	Project Appropriation Subtotal	\$378,558	
L	Administrative Expenses of CPC	\$25,000	\$25,000 from CPA FY08 Estimated Revenue
	Administrative Expenses Appropriation Subtotal	\$25,000	
M	Open Space Reserve	\$189,855	\$189,855 from CPA FY08 Estimated Revenue
N	Historic Resources Reserve	\$119,965.47	\$119,965.47 from CPA FY08 Estimated Revenue
O	Community Housing Reserve	\$63,000	\$63,000 from CPA FY08 Estimated Revenue
	Reserves Subtotal	\$372,820.47	
	Total	\$776,378.47	

EXPLANATION:

This article proposes projects recommended by the Community Preservation Committee under the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The descriptions of the proposed projects/actions are contained below:

- A. **Roofs at Trestle Way** – The Georgetown Housing Authority is requesting consideration in providing funding to replace several roofs at Trestle Way. Many of the roofs within the Trestle Way complex were installed in the 1970's. Some roofs currently leak.
- B. **Union Cemetery Fence** – The existing chain link fence (approx. 60 years old) at the 1732 Union Cemetery located on East Main Street is currently in an advanced state of disrepair. In 2003 the town voters approved CPC Funding to replace the current fence with a more period appropriate, 4 ft. high, wrought iron fence. Due to unforeseen delays in implementing the project, the price of building materials and labor costs escalated. The project was then divided into Two Phases. The First Phase incorporates approximately two thirds of the overall length of the fence and has already been installed.

The Second Phase of this project will replace the remaining chain link fence and incorporate the final 225-ft. section of wrought iron fence, which will match the historically appropriate new section at 4-ft. height. This Second Phase of the work will require an appropriation of \$27,000 to complete this historic project.

- C. **Historic Preservation of Annual Report and Town Code** – The Georgetown Historical Commission has been asked to help bring about the reinstatement and printing of the Town's Annual Report to the inhabitants of Georgetown. This report is required by the Commonwealth of all cities and towns and must be filed yearly under Chapter 40, Section 49 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. Due to fiscal constraints in the Town's annual budget 6 years ago, the Annual Reports have been discontinued. As a result, we have basically lost 6 years of the Town's Critical and Historic records.

In order to help "restart" this required annual historical document, we are requesting a one-time CPC grant for that purpose. That is, a grant for the "seed money" to create and make available to our residents the next annual report and Town Code and provide an electronic version that would also be available on the Town's website.

As part of this grant, we are also requesting an amount to pay for the labor involved to simply collect copies of any annual reports from various departments, commissions, and committees that may have been submitted and merely file in the Town's records during the missing annual report years. These copies would be placed in folders identified by the year in which they were submitted and filed as a defacto annual report for that year. In addition, the GHC will request the Selectmen take the necessary actions to see that a line item covering the cost of creating and making the Annual Town Report available to the public for all future years, is placed back into the Town's annual budget.

The Georgetown Historical Commission hopes you will look favorably on this proposal to reestablish an annual account of Georgetown's history and recapture, where possible, reports from various departments during this 6 year period of missing significant historical records. Our goal is to see that there is proper historical preservation of the written record of the Town of Georgetown for future generations.

- D. **Historic Landscape Preservation Master Plan for the Restoration of Harry Murch Park.**
- E. **Informative Historic Market Project** – The Georgetown Historical Commission is requesting funding for a comprehensive historic marker project, as outlined below:
 - Designing and publishing a one (or possibly two) page map/informative brochure, which will serve as a self guiding tour guide for visitors and townspeople interested in visiting Georgetown's many Historic "Cultural" Sites;

- Creation and deployment of temporary inexpensive number/name only tape markers at all Georgetown's many Historic "Cultural" Sites;
- Restoring the currently deteriorated historical site marker at the Goodrich Massacre Site on North Street.
- Redesigning and replacing the Union Cemetery Historical and Grave Site Locating marker;
- Design, fabrication and deployment of informative MHC approved pictorial/text markers, at two presently unmarked sites at the front and rear of the Town Parking Lot;
- Design, fabrication and deployment of informative MHC approved pictorial/text marker at Union Square/Harry Murch Park;
- Design, fabrication and deployment of informative MHC approved pictorial/text market depicting and describing Old South Church;

F. **Peabody Library Historic Restoration** – According to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the 1904 Peabody Library has played an important role and is a significant structure in Georgetown's history. The building requires renovation and restoration that has never been performed in its 102-year history. The optimum time to have this work performed is now, with the building addition being done at the same time. The significant restoration and rehabilitation work includes:

- Repointing existing face brick
- Restoring existing millwork
- Restoring existing windows
- Patching existing plaster ceiling
- Refinishing existing wood floors
- Restoring existing cornice/fascia
- Restoring, reconfiguring and bracing existing antique shelving

G. **Preservation Management Plan for Union Cemetery** – The goal of this Cemetery Preservation Plan is to establish guidelines and treatments for the professional management of the historic Union Cemetery by outlining immediate and long-term goals for its rehabilitation through controlling vehicular and pedestrian access; stabilizing invasive vegetation; and researching, documenting, and resetting and repairing grave markers. All treatments are to be carried out in accordance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, as well as the *Preservation Guidelines for Municipally Owned Historic Burial Grounds and Cemeteries*.

H. **Conservation Restriction Endowment** – Under state law, M.G.L.c.44B, section 12(a) communities purchasing Open Space lands (as the town did with its recent purchase of the Bailey Lane Woods parcels) must convey a perpetual Conservation Restriction (as defined in M.G.L. Ch. 184) held by a third party to protect the lands from any future change of use. The endowment proposed would be held by Essex County Greenbelt Association, a non-profit land trust that currently holds several other Open Space parcels in Georgetown. Management and control of the Bailey Lane Woods parcels will still remain, as it is now, with the Town's Conservation Commission. The use and enjoyment of the parcels for passive recreational purpose will perpetually remain open to all.

I. **Conservation Land Purchase** – The Camp Denison Committee is requesting that the Town purchase 7.89 acres of undevelopable woodland located east of the existing town-owned, Conservation Commission managed facility, known as Camp Denison. The 7.89 acres border the National Grid electric transmission line, which was formerly part of the passenger rail line running from Newburyport to Danvers. The parcel of land remains after the owner subdivided a larger parcel along Nelson Street and is accessible only to the owners of residential lots 1 and 2, which front on Nelson Street.

J. **ADA Upgrades to American Legion Park**

K. **Recreational Path Development (Phase II)** – Additional funds are requested to advance the 4½ rail-trail to a point where the project qualifies for Federal Transportation Enhancement funds. If successful, the funding will be 90% federal and 10% local for final design and construction. Also the Georgetown segment is an active participant in a regional initiative to create a 26-mile rail-trail that will include Salisbury, Newburyport, Newbury, Georgetown, Boxford, Topsfield, Wenham, and Danvers currently referred to as the "Border to Boston" trail. This Border to Boston concept is a Federal high priority, earmarked project (SAFETEA-LU), which has \$680,000 also available. We are actively seeking a share. Our projected share will lessen the amount requested of the CPC.

The Recreational Path Committee has engaged the Hauber Law Office, Salem, MA; and title report is due December 8th. We have also received RFP returns for the conceptual design and feasibility study and will notify the preferred firm before December 8th to commence the work.

The funds will be used for additional title services for properties with issues; legal fees for licensing/lease, and easement development; engineering services to create a 25% design, and contingency.

L. **Administrative Expenses** – The CPA authorizes the appropriation of up to 5% of the FY08 estimated annual revenues to be appropriated for the expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

M. **Open Space Reserve** – The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of FY08 estimated annual revenues be spent or set aside for Open Space purposes.

- N. **Historic Resources Reserve** – The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of FY08 estimated annual revenues be spent or set aside for Historic Resources purposes.
- O. **Community Housing Reserve** – The CPA requires that a minimum of 10% of FY08 estimated annual revenues be spent or set aside for Community Housing purposes.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of all of the items. The vote on all of the items was 7-0, with the exception of subsection I, which was 5-2.

The Moderator notes that items D and G have been held for debate. Items A, B, C, E, F, H, I, J, K, L, M, N and O are included in the motion.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried with a majority.

DISCUSSION ON ITEM D: Steve Epstein asked if the Historic Landscape Preservation Plan would be put out to bid.

Steve Delaney responded that it would go out to bid.

MOTION: Steve Epstein moved to amend Item D to \$10,000. The motion is not seconded and therefore does not carry.

The Moderator requested a vote on Item D.

ACTION ON ITEM D: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried with a majority.

DISCUSSION ON ITEM G: Steve Epstein stated that the money would be better spent if it were put into a fund right now for the maintenance of cemetery instead of hiring a professional to tell us that it will cost \$30,000 to cover that.

Harry LaCortiglia responded that this isn't a typical cemetery. It's a historic cemetery and requires a qualified consultant.

ACTION ON ITEM G: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a majority.

Article 29: Planning Board, Zoning Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 165, Article XIII, Special Permits and Site Plan Review, by adding Section 165-80.2 Major Development Special Permit, as follows:

- A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this bylaw is to identify and attempt to mitigate potential negative impacts to the Town of Georgetown, such as to town services, traffic patterns, the environment, abutting properties, or the public health and safety, caused directly or indirectly by major development.
- B. **Application.** The uses requiring a Major Development Special Permit are the following:
 - (1) All new uses as defined by the Georgetown Zoning Bylaw that generate one thousand (1,000) vehicle trips per day or more in the General Commercial District, and/or five hundred (500) vehicle trips per day in any other district.
 - (2) All uses that create fifty (50) or more dwelling units.
 - (3) All subdivisions of land into fifty (50) or more building lots.
 - (4) All new nonresidential uses of one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet of gross floor area or more in the Industrial Districts, fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of gross floor area in the Commercial Districts, and forty thousand (40,000) square feet or more of gross floor area in all other districts.
 - (5) Any expansion of an existing use in which the expansion combined with the existing use meets or exceeds the above thresholds, and the expansion exceeds twenty percent (20%) of the existing:
 - (a) Vehicle trips per day, or
 - (b) Dwelling units, or
 - (c) Building lots, or
 - (d) Gross floor area
- C. **Reviewing Authority.** The Special Permit Granting Authority for Major Development Special Permits shall be as follows:
 - (1) For Uses that are otherwise allowed by right, the Planning Board.
 - (2) For Uses that otherwise require a special permit in the existing zone, the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- D. **Submittal requirements.** Uses subject to this section shall require site plan approval in accordance with Section 165-83 of this bylaw.
 - (1) In addition to the submittal requirements for site plans in Section 165-83 of this bylaw, the following additional information shall also be submitted:
 - (a) Facade elevations of all sides of any new building or structure or alterations to any existing building or structure.
 - (b) Photographs showing the proposed building site and abutting properties.

- (c) Plans for phased construction.
- (d) Contingency plans or bond demonstrating financial ability to complete the project.
- (e) An impact statement prepared in accordance with the major Development Review Rules and Regulations for Impact Statements.

(2) The SPGA may require an independent consultant, contracted by the Town and paid for by the applicant, to perform a peer review to review all or portions of the project's Impact Statement.

E. Criteria for approval of a major development. The Special Permit Granting Authority may issue a Major Development Special Permit only after finding that the proposed project will not adversely impact adjacent properties, the neighborhood, the Town, or the environment. The following criteria shall be considered:

- (1) The special permit criteria in Section 165-79 of this bylaw.
- (2) The site plan approval guidelines in Section 165-83 of this bylaw.
- (3) The standards for evaluating the impacts of a project set forth in the Major Development Review Rules and Regulations for Impact Statements.

F. Project Decision

Upon review of the project, the SPGA shall:

- (1) Deny the special permit, stating specific conditions which cannot be sufficiently mitigated, or
- (2) Grant the special permit with conditions, safeguards and/or limitations, stated in writing, or
- (3) Grant the special permit as presented.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Rob Hoover moved and Harry LaCortiglia seconded to amend Chapter 165, Article XIII, Special Permits and Site Plan Review, by adding Section 165-80.2 Major Development Special Permit, as set forth in the warrant.

The Planning Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 3 (in favor), 2 (absent) and 0 (opposed).

The Finance and Advisory Board recommended approval of this article with a vote of 7-0.

MOTION TO AMEND: Rob Hoover moved and Harry LaCortiglia seconded to amend the main motion by inserting in Section 165-80.2 the bold text and deleting the strikethrough text as set forth in the handout entitled, "Planning Board, Zoning Bylaw Amendments, dated May 7, 2007. (see attachment from Planning Board)

DISCUSSION: Phil Cannon stated there are some serious financial problems in Georgetown and he expressed concern that we are turning developers away, which could help solve some of the problems.

Steve Epstein agreed with Phil Cannon. He also expressed concern that the amendments were not heard in a public meeting and the bylaw should be passed over until a public hearing could be held.

Harry Lacortiglia stated this was done in public and on cable TV.

Dick Boucher states that development doesn't bring in the money we need.

ACTION: By a show of hands the Moderator declared the amendment to the motion carried by a majority vote.

Back to the regular article.

Sarah Buck, Town Planner provided a brief overview of the Article.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a 2/3 vote.

Article 30: Planning Board, Zoning Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 165-106 of the Zoning Bylaws, Number of dwelling units per continuous buildable area, by deleting the current text:

"Maximum number of dwelling units per continuous buildable area (CBA): no more than two times the number of units allowable under the underlying zoning process."

And inserting in place thereof the following:

"Maximum number of dwelling units per continuous buildable area (CBA): no more than **two times** the number that would be permitted under a conventional ("grid") subdivision that complies with the Town Zoning Bylaw and the Subdivision Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board and any other applicable laws and regulations of the Town or

the state.”

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Robert Hoover moved and Hugh Carter seconded to amend Chapter 165-106 of the Zoning Bylaws, Number of dwelling units per continuous buildable area, as set forth in the warrant.

The Planning Board voted 3 (in favor), 0 (opposed) and 2 (absent).

EXPLANATION: At a prior Town Meeting, the town voted to limit Independent Senior Housing projects to no more than twice the density allowed under conventional zoning. This revised wording clarifies our intention to allow no more than twice the number of homes that would be allowed to be built if the development were not independent senior housing.

ACTION: By a show of hands the Moderator declared the motion carried by a 2/3 vote.

Article 31: Planning Board, Zoning Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 165-7, Definitions and word usage to add the following definition:

“Lot Width: The horizontal distance between side lot lines, measured parallel to the lot frontage.”

And to amend Chapter 165-11, Intensity of Use Schedule to add under “Minimum Lot Requirements” below “Frontage” a new entry:

	RA	RB	CA	CB	CC	IA	IB	RC
“Lot Width	65’	80’	25’	80’	100’	65’	100’	100”

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Rob Hoover moved and Matt Vincent seconded to amend Chapter 165-7, Definitions and word usage, as set forth in the warrant.

The Planning Board voted 3 (in favor), 0 (opposed) and 2 (absent).

EXPLANATION: Our current definitions of lot width do not clearly prohibit “dumbbell” shaped lots, in which a front portion is connected to a rear portion by a long narrow strip of land. This new definition and requirement for lot width will prevent contortionist lots

MOTION: John Bonazoli moved and Chris Rich seconded to table this article indefinitely so the Planning Board and Zoning Board can get together and work together on this.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion to table this article indefinitely carried by a 2/3 vote.

Article 32: Planning Board, Zoning Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 165-83 Site Plan Review, M. Exterior Lighting as follows, and renumber the Chapter accordingly,

1. by deleting the section 2 a) in its entirety:
“2a) Color Rendering Index (CRI) A measurement of the amount of color shift that objects undergo when lighted by a light source as compared with the color of those same objects when seen under a reference light source of comparable color temperature. CRI values generally range from 0 to 100, where 100 represents incandescent light.”
2. by deleting the phrase in brackets from section 3) b) as follows:
3) b) “The Planning Board [in performing review pursuant to Section 7.3, Environmental Impact and Design Review] may determine that special circumstance of the site, context or design make an alternative lighting design at least equally effective in meeting the purposes of the Section and in such cases, may modify the requirements of this Section.”
3. And by deleting the sentences in brackets from section 4) as follows:
4) Exterior Lighting Plan. [Applications subject to the provisions of Section 7.3, Environmental Impact and Design Review shall submit a lighting plan, which shall include the following information, except to the extent waived by the Planning Board. All other lighting not subject to the provisions of said Section 7.3 does not require a lighting plan but shall meet the standards as set forth in this Section, unless as may otherwise be provided herein.] The lighting plan shall including the following information:
4. And by deleting the phrase in brackets from section 4) c) as follows:
4) c) type of lamp such as metal halide, compact fluorescent, high-pressure sodium [and its associated Color Rendering Index (CRI)],

5. Any by amending Chart IV, Light Trespass Limitations
By changing the limitations for fixture types in the Residential District, so that the chart will be amended as shown below:

CHART IV. LIGHT TRESPASS LIMITATIONS

	District	
	Residential	Nonresidential
	Maximum Light Trespass (horizontal foot-candles)*	
	"District" is that into which the light trespass occurs	
Fixture Type A	0	Not allowed
Fixture Type B	0	0.5
Fixture Type C	0	1.0

*Expect no limit within a street right-of-way

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Robert Hoover moved and Harry LaCortiglia seconded to amend Chapter 165-83 Site Plan Review, M. Exterior Lighting, as set forth in the warrant, and to renumber the Chapter accordingly.

EXPLANATION: This amendment cleans up the Exterior Lighting regulations for Site Plan Review that was passed last spring.

The Planning Board voted 3 (in favor), 0 (opposed) and 2 (absent).

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands the Moderator declared the motion carried by a 2/3 vote.

Article 33: Planning Board, Zoning Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 165, Article XI, Supplementary Regulations, by adding "Section 165-69.1: Public Tree Replacement. Any tree greater than 2 ¾ " caliper located on public property that is damaged or removed due to construction shall be replaced on a wood to wood basis. Trees shall be installed within one year of their removal at a location determined by the Planning Board."

Or take any on the action relative thereto.

MOTION: Rob Hoover moved and Hugh Carter seconded to amend Chapter 165, Article XI, Supplementary Regulations, by adding "Section 165-69.1: Public Tree Replacement. Any tree greater than 2 ¾ " caliper located on public property that is damaged or removed due to construction shall be replaced on a wood to wood basis. Trees shall be installed within one year of their removal at a location determined by the Planning Board."

The Planning Board voted 3 (in favor), 0 (opposed) and 2 (absent).

Rob Hoover gave a brief explanation of this article.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands the Moderator declared the motion carried by a 2/3 vote.

Article 34: Planning Board, Zoning Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 165, Section 11, Intensity of Use Schedule, to add the following line under "Minimum Yard Requirements":

"Septic and Reserve area setback from any lot line on a public ROW"

RA	RB	CA	CB	CC	IA	IB	RC
20'	20'	20'	20'	20'	20'	20'	20'

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Rob Hoover moved and Matt Vincent seconded to amend Chapter 165, Section 11, Intensity of Use Schedule, to add the following line under "Minimum Yard Requirements":

RA	RB	CA	CB	CC	IA	IB	RC
20'	20'	20'	20'	20'	20'	20'	20'

"Septic and Reserve area setback from any lot line on a public ROW"

The Planning Board voted 3 (in favor), 0 (opposed) and 2 (absent).

MOTION TO AMEND: Rob Hoover moved and Matt Vincent seconded to amend the main motion by inserting in the line under Minimum Yard Requirements “for all new development not including existing single family homes.”

DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENT: Jim DiMento expressed concern that the article is too restrictive and adds a burden to the homeowner. Leave the law the way it is.

Larry Ogden stated that there should be some work on the language of the article. There should be protection on existing lots. This should be for lots not yet determined.

John Bonazoli stated that it would be difficult to enforce the amendment later on.

Jim DiMento believes ConComm and the Board of Health should be deciding this.

Steve Epstein agrees with Mr. DiMento and stated the septic system setback should be a Board of Health regulation, not a zoning regulation and questioned why it has to be included as a zoning regulation. He also agrees with Mr. Ogden about existing lots being grandfathered.

ACTION: By a show of hands the Moderator declared the amendment on the main motion does not carry. Mr. Rich from the Board of Health believes this should be handled by them as they already have strict regulations in place.

Back to main motion: Chris Rich moved and Joe Soucy seconded to postpone the article indefinitely.

Article 34 is withdrawn by Rob Hoover of the Planning Board.

Article 35: Planning Board, Zoning Bylaw Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 165-7, Definitions, CONTINUOUS BUILDING AREA, by adding the words in brackets below:

CONTINUOUS BUILDING AREA – Shall not include any freshwater wetland as delineated per Chapter 161, Wetlands Protection, nor any pond or stream [, nor the 50’ buffer zone to any such areas, or any slope greater than 20%, nor Rights of Way, nor easements.]

Or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Rob Hoover moved and Harry LaCortiglia seconded to move to amend Chapter 165-7, Definitions, CONTINUOUS BUILDING AREA, by adding the words in brackets below:

CONTINUOUS BUILDING AREA – Shall not include any freshwater wetland as delineated per Chapter 161, Wetlands Protection, nor any pond or stream [, nor the 50’ buffer zone to any such areas, or any slope greater than 20%, nor Rights of Way, nor easements.]

The Planning Board voted 3 (in favor), 0 (opposed) and 2 (absent).

MOTION TO AMEND: Rob Hoover moved and Harry LaCortiglia seconded to amend the article to change the words “50 foot buffer zone” to “do not disturb zone.”

DISCUSSION: Steve Epstein requested the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals get together and discuss and agree on some of the topics before bringing them to the town meeting.

MOTION: Steve Epstein moved and Phil Cannon seconded to postpone Article 35 indefinitely, including the amendment.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: By a show of hands the Moderator declared the amendment is postponed indefinitely.

Article 36: Planning Board Affordable Housing

To see if the town will vote to allow the expenditure of up to \$10,000 from the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Account to manage existing and proposed inclusionary house, or take any other action relative thereto.

EXPLANATION: The existing inclusionary housing units are requiring active management. This article authorizes the expenditure of up to \$10,000 from the affordable housing special revenue account that was established with the \$100,000 contribution from the Little’s Hill subdivision. These funds would be used to assist town boards and committees with getting legal and consulting advice to assist in managing the existing affordable housing.

MOTION: Rob Hoover moved and Lonnie Brennan seconded to transfer \$10,000 from the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Account for the management of existing and proposed inclusionary housing.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of the article with a vote of 5-0.

The Planning Board voted 3 (in favor), 0 (opposed) and 2 (absent).

DISCUSSION: Harry LaCortiglia asked who has authorization to use this money.

MOTION: Rob Hoover moved and Harry LaCortiglia seconded to withdraw the previous motion and reread the correct language by adding to his original motion "said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen."

DISCUSSION: Joe Soucy and Elizabeth Lowell spoke in favor of this article.

Elizabeth Lowell stated that the town needs money for affordable units.

ACTION: By a show of hands the Moderator declared the motion and the amendment carried by a majority.

Article 37: Planning Board, Street Acceptance

To see if the Town will vote to accept as town ways, Pillsbury Lane, Bernay Way, and Ilene Circle, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on the following layout plans on file with the Town Clerk:

Street Acceptance Plan Station 0+00.00 to 9+23.81 Pillsbury Lane Georgetown, Mass. Plan 1 of 4 dated April 20, 2006.

Street Acceptance Plan Station 9+23.81 to 18+55.35 Pillsbury Lane Georgetown, Mass. Plan 2 of 4 dated April 20, 2006

Street Acceptance Plan Station 0+27.62 to 5+99.25 Ilene Circle Georgetown, Mass. Plan 3 of 4 dated April 20, 2006

Street Acceptance Plan Station 0+29.09 to 10+89.15 Bernay Way Georgetown, Mass. Plan 4 of 4 dated April 20, 2006;

And to see if the Town will further vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement to use said roadways for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Georgetown, and all associated easements; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION: There is no motion on this article. It is being passed over.

The Moderator thanks everyone for attending the Town Meeting this evening.

MOTION: Joseph Soucy moved and Lonnie Brennan seconded to dissolve Town Meeting at 11:48 p.m.

The Moderator declared the town meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

A true copy attest:

Janice M. McGrane
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY
November 13, 2007**

The Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7 PM in the High School Auditorium.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

We have a quorum.

Phil Trapani, our newest member of the Board of Selectmen led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The tellers were introduced and the non-voting members in the audience were recognized by the Moderator.

At this time, the Moderator entertained a motion from George Moker and a second from Joe Soucy to adopt a 3-minute speech rule.

There was no discussion.

The motion passed by a 2/3 majority by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2008 operating budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting warrant for the purpose of adjusting line items in the FY08 budget, such as funding union and non-union proposed wage increases, reallocations within the Highway Department Budget, and other departmental transfers if needed, and, as necessary, to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds a sum of money for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion:Phil Trapani moved and it was seconded by Don Cudmore to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting warrant by: (1) adjusting line items in the FY08 Budget as set forth in the spreadsheet below, and by transferring from the General Fund “free cash” the amount of \$64,754 for wage adjustments for union and non-union personnel; and, (2) appropriating by transfer from budget line 14215 Road Maintenance and Repairs to Capital Projects Fund, the sum of \$27,650 for the purchase of a winter sanding unit and a dump body for the Highway Department.

Line Item	Departments	Original	(-) Decrease	(+) Increase	Revised
		Appropriation			Appropriation
11222	Selectmen Staff Salary	32,310.00		967.00	33,277.00
11351	Accountant Salary	60,320.00		1,508.00	61,828.00
11412	Assessors Asst Salary	62,400.00		1,560.00	63,960.00
11413	Assessors Staff Salaries	38,622.00		2,169.00	40,791.00
11454	Tax Collector/Treasurer Salary	60,320.00		1,508.00	61,828.00
11455	Asst Tax Collector Salary	35,314.00		883.00	36,197.00
11456	Asst Treasurer Salary	41,058.00		1,027.00	42,085.00
11611	Town Clerk Salary	32,006.00		801.00	32,807.00
11612	Town Clerk Staff Salaries	16,941.00		481.00	17,422.00
11712	Conservation Comm Salaries	51,944.00		1,299.00	53,243.00
11713	Conservation Comm Staff Salaries	4,543.00		114.00	4,657.00
11752	Planning Board Salaries	43,280.00		2,563.00	45,843.00
11761	Z B Appeals Clerk Salaries	10,169.00		255.00	10,424.00
12111	Police Salaries	959,790.00		26,364.00	986,154.00
12115	Police School Crossing	14,122.00		354.00	14,476.00
12121	Comm Center Wages	190,616.00		6,893.00	197,509.00
12951	Inspectors Services Salaries	119,121.00		2,979.00	122,100.00
14212	Highway Salaries	181,215.00		5,849.00	187,064.00
15111	Health Salaries	68,031.00		1,701.00	69,732.00
15411	Council on Aging Salaries	61,421.00		1,536.00	62,957.00
16111	Library Salaries	157,700.00		3,943.00	161,643.00
		2,241,243.00	-	64,754.00	2,305,997.00

MOTION TO AMEND: Sandy Gerraughty moved and it was seconded by Matt Vincent that the article 1 question be divided.

The first part would be the employee raises and the second part would be Highway Department transfers.

DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT: None

ACTION ON AMENDMENT: This amendment passed by a majority vote by a show of hands.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of the wage increases in this article. (Vote: 4-3-0) on the first part of the amendment.

EXPLANATION: Matt Vincent reminded the voters that at the annual town meeting that giving the employees would be the Town's first priority at Special Town Meeting. No raises were given at the Annual Town Meeting to avoid any employee cuts. This is not a merit raise but a cost of living raise and their health insurance costs along with heating fuel and gasoline continue to rise. We need to keep good employees and not to lose them to other employers. In the spring the voters were told that we would have a special town meeting even if were only one article to give the employees increases.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion passed unanimously.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of the Highway Department Budget transfer in this article. (Vote: 7-0-0)

EXPLANATION: Peter Durkee, Highway Surveyor explained that we have one sander which is in disrepair. We also have only one truck with a dump body. We could accomplish our jobs in a more efficient manner if we had another truck with a dump body on it.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: Appropriation of Free Cash for the reduction of the tax rate and to offset a State charge

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and or transfer and appropriate from available funds, including Free Cash, or any combination of the foregoing, a sum of money to reduce the tax rate for FY08, or take any other action related thereto.

Motion: Sandy Gerraughty moved and it was seconded by Chris Rich to appropriate from the General Fund (free cash) the sum of \$125,000 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for FY08, which action will thereby offset unexpected school choice charges against the Town on the Town's so-called tax recapitulation sheet prepared by the Board of Assessors.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0-0)

EXPLANATION: Steve Delaney explained that there was an unexpected number of out of school students which was determined by the state. As we were already at our levy capacity this needs town meeting approval.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3: Water Department authorization to use retained earnings

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and or transfer and appropriate from available funds, including Water Department Retained Earnings, or any combination of the foregoing, a sum of money to be applied to a Water Department revenue shortfall of a prior fiscal year, or take any other action related thereto.

Motion: Sandy Gerraughty moved and it was seconded by Reg Tardif to appropriate the sum of \$145,452 from the Water Department Retained Earnings to be used to offset a revenue shortfall from a prior fiscal year. The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0-0)

EXPLANATION: Steve Delaney explained that this was a bookkeeping issued needed to adjust and balance the Water Dept. books.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: School Facilities Committee Proposed Funding for Architectural Design Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds, the sum of \$30,000 as requested by the School Facilities Committee to be expended by the School Department, for the purpose of procuring architectural design services for a new elementary school/middle or to take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Hanlon moved and it was seconded by David Bjork to transfer from the General Fund (Free Cash) the sum of \$30,000 to be expended by the School Department for the purpose of procuring architectural design services for a new elementary/middle school.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 6-0-1)

EXPLANATION: Mr. Hanlon explained that this money is for the reconfiguration of the Penn Brook School architectural design. The schools would now be Perley Preschool and Kindergarten, Penn Brook School 1-6 and the high school 7-12.

DISCUSSION: Joe Soucy stated that he was going to vote for this article however, we were told at the Annual Town meeting that the next time this committee asked for money it would be for a new school and not for more design money.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: Senior Citizen Tax Exemption, to amend clause 41 C

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 59, section 5, clause 41C to change the tax exemption for senior citizens, which changes to be effective in the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2007, in one or more of the following manner:

- (a) to increase the whole estate limitations to \$40,000 for a single person and \$55,000 for married persons;
 - (b) to decrease the age of eligibility from 70 years old to 67 years old or some age there between; and/or
 - (c) to increase the abatement dollar amount from \$500.00 up to \$750.00,
- or take any action in relation thereto.

This article was passed over.

ARTICLE 6: Fire Department: Protective Clothing

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of Protective Clothing and related equipment for Firefighters including all costs related thereto or take any other action related thereto.

Motion: Mike Anderson moved and it was seconded by Chris Rich to transfer from the General Fund (Free Cash) the sum of \$15,000 to be expended by the Fire Department, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for firefighter protective clothing and related equipment.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0-0)

The CIP voted 5-0 in favor.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands the moderator declared the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: Fire Department: Firefighting Hose Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase of firefighting hose and related equipment including all costs related thereto or take any other action related thereto.

MOTION: Mike Anderson moved and it was seconded by Chris Rich to transfer from the General Fund (Free Cash) the sum of \$10,000 to be expended by the Fire Department, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for firefighting hose and related equipment.

The Finance and Advisory Board recommends approval of this article. (Vote: 7-0-0)

CIP voted 5-0 in favor.

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: Highway Department: Road Machinery Fund

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting to increase the authorized expenditure level of the Road Machinery Fund from the current level of \$10,000 to a new authorized level of \$25,000, or take any other action related thereto.

Motion: Peter Durkee moved and it was seconded by Don Cudmore to amend the vote taken under Article 10 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting authorizing the continuation of a Road Machinery Fund pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E ½, for the purpose of increasing from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the amount that the Highway Surveyor, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may expend from said fund.

The Finance and Advisory Board does not recommend approval of this article. (Vote: 3-4-0)

EXPLANATION: Peter Durkee that this account was set up in 1932 for the rental of equipment to other Town departments. The money is deposited into this revolving fund and is used for the purchase or lease of equipment. The Highway Department owns the equipment and it's an inexpensive way for other departments to rent equipment.

Sandy Gerraughty was concerned that \$10,000 was the limit before having to go before the CIP for approval. Past history does now show that much money being in that account.

Peter Durkee explained that they were going to try and get a brush cutter in the spring and the Light Department would be renting this equipment from them and that would be how the payments would be made.

Robert Kelley asked if there were any other revolving funds and what are the limits.

Sandy Gerraughty responded that 10,000 is the highest. Steve Delaney also mentioned that this revolving fund was unique.

Harry LaCortiglis stated he was voting yes for this article. Let's give the new guy a chance to run his department the way he would like to.

ACTION: By a show of hands, the Moderator declared the motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn: Elizabeth Tollman 2nd by Harry LaCortiglia.

The motion was declared unanimous by a show of hands.

The Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

A true copy attest: Janice M. McGrane, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Town Report FY07
July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007**

Name of Petitioner Name of Owner (If different) Location & File #	Purpose	Date of Hearing	Date of Decision	Disposition
#06-04 Omnipoint Communications 7 Andover Street	Variance & Special Permit to construct a wireless antenna inside a church steeple	8/1/06 9/5/06	9/18/06	Denied
#06-05 Matt & Deanne Lewis 5 Hamilton Terrace	Special Permit to construct a 2 nd Floor Addition	8/1/06	8/1/06	Granted with conditions
#06-06 Peter & Lisa Durkee 10 Clark St.	Special Permit to pre- existing structure	11/14/06	12/5/06	Granted with conditions
#06-07 James Mangano 94 Elm Street	Special Permit/demo existing dwelling and construct new dwelling with two units	2/6/07	4/3/07	Withdrawn w/o Prejudice
#07-01 Pamela Fowler Margaritis 541 North Street	Finding the property is a legal, build able lot.	5/8/07	8/13/07	Finding in Favor
#07-02 Gail Masse 41 Old Jacobs Road	Special Permit Accessory Apartment	7/3/07	8/13/07	Granted

Name of Petitioner Name of Owner (If different) Location & File #	Purpose	Date of Hearing	Date of Decision	Disposition
#07-03 John & Sandra Starr 22 West Street	Special Permit to construct addition	7/3/07	N/A	Withdrawn w/o Prejudice

**Zoning Board of Appeals
FEE SCHEDULE**

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|---|--|
| A. Residential Use (single Family, Personal Use) | \$200.00 |
| B. Conversion of Single Family Dwelling to
Multiple Family or Business Use | \$250.00 |
| C. Apartment Complex/ Multiple Lot Development | \$600.00 |
| D. Industrial/ Commercial Use | \$600.00 |
| E. Comprehensive Permit (Plus \$100 per unit) | \$1,000.00 |
| F. Water Resource (Water Resource Application) | \$450.00 |
| G. Aggrieved decision of Building Inspector | Fee to reflect A-F
of this schedule |

Board Members (5)

John Bonazoli, Chairman (until 6/07)
Paul Taraszuk, Chairman (present)
Joseph Young
Mike Muller
Matthew Lewis

Associate Members (3)

Vacant
Scott MacDonald
Jeff Moore

Board Clerk

Patty Pitari until Nov. 2006
Paula Meagher (temp 8/07)
Patty Pitari as of 12/17/07