

***THE 2006
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
IS DEDICATED TO***



FORMER STATE SENATOR BRIAN P. LEES

AND



REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS M. PETROLATI

ON THE COVER

Featured on this year's cover of the Annual Town Report is a pictorial review of the immense projects that have been funded mainly by State grants through the efforts of Senator Brian Lees and Representative Thomas Petrolati.

John Ryan of Breezeway Farms Consulting, the Grants Manager for most of the projects has provided an in depth review of the major accomplishments that benefited the Town of Ludlow by these two gentlemen.

EAST STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT



In 2001 the Town of Ludlow embarked on the revitalization of the business district along East Street. The first step was for the Selectmen and the Ludlow Economic Development Partnership to hire the Dufresne-Henry Engineering to evaluate and provide cost estimates of the infrastructure needs of East Street, Breezeway Farm Consulting to research grant opportunities and requirements, and Banwell Architects to create design guidelines. Together, the project team developed a plan for improvements along East Street. The Selectmen recognized from the beginning that the effort to complete the work would take several years to implement and that it would take a comprehensive approach. The most likely funding sources that were considered were the Community Development Block Grant

(CDBG) program from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Public Works Economic Development (PWED) program and other Mass Highway Dept. funds, the Town of Ludlow, the Mass Turnpike Authority, and funding from the Springfield Water Department.

The first step was the official designation of the project area of East Street by DHCD in December 2002, which provided access to certain DHCD funding sources for up to 10 years to complete work along East Street. The Town worked with the Ludlow Economic Partnership to begin the process of implementing the plan, securing grant assistance, and building local support for programs. The Town worked with Rep. Thomas Petrolati of Ludlow and former Senator Brian Lees to secure legislative support and funding for the various projects.

SIGN & FAÇADE PROGRAM – AWARDED IN 2002



- Town of Ludlow received a Ready Resource grant of \$300,000 for businesses along East Street to provide financial assistance for work on signs, facades, and awnings.
- The program requires a private match from participating businesses to qualify for a grant.
- Liens were placed on businesses for up to 7 years to prevent speculation.
- The program resulted in 12 new signs along East Street, 10 facades, and 4 new awnings.
- This project leveraged \$87,000 of private funds from participating businesses.
Work on these projects is completed.

MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE - \$50,000 READY RESOURCE GRANT

- The program was run by the Western Massachusetts Enterprise Fund jointly with Easthampton as the lead community, South Hadley, and Ludlow.



- The \$50,000 RRF grant leveraged \$100,000 of federal funds.
- Project provided technical assistance and loans to small businesses in the three Towns.
- The program assisted one business in downtown Ludlow.
- Work on this project is completed.

**PHASE 1 OF THE
RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST
STREET - \$750,000 CDBG
GRANT**

- The project resulted in the reconstruction of 1,120 linear feet of East Street from Winsor Street in front Alianca’s Market to Palmer Street in front the Four Season’s Package Store, including water line replacement.
- The CDBG grant was secured through the efforts of Rep. Thomas Petrolati and former Sen. Brian Lees
- The work included reconstruction of the street, new sidewalks, benches, street trees, light fixtures, trash receptacles, and planters that are maintained by Purple Bob’s.
- The Town of Ludlow contributed \$50,000 to the project cost.
- The Springfield Water Department contributed \$72,000 to the water line replacement.



- Consultants on the project were Dufresne-Henry for engineering and clerk of the works services and Breezeway Farm Consulting for grant administration.
- Freitas Construction of Ludlow was the general contractor for this phase of work.
- Work on this project is completed.

**PHASE 2 OF THE
RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST**

STREET - \$750,000 LEGISLATIVE EARMARK



- A legislative earmark of \$750,000 was awarded in December, 2004, through the efforts of Rep. Petrolati and former Sen. Brian Lees.
- This phase of the project resulted in 1,110 linear feet of East Street being rebuilt, including full street reconstruction and water line replacement from Palmer Street in front of the Four Season’s Package

Store towards Brookfield Street.

- Sidewalks were replaced one block beyond.
- Scope of the work included streets, sidewalks, benches, street trees, new lighting fixtures, trash receptacles, and planters.
- The Springfield Water Department contributed over \$155,000 to the cost of water line replacements

- Consultants were Dufresne-Henry Engineering that provided engineering and clerk of the works and Breezeway Farm Consulting provided grant administration.
- Caracas Construction of Ludlow was the general contractor.
- Work on this project is completed.

PHASE 3 OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST STREET - \$800,000 CDBG GRANT FROM DHCD

- The CDGG grant was awarded to the Town on June 30, 2005.
- The grant was secured through the efforts of Rep. Thomas Petrolati and former Sen. Brian Lees.



- 1,800 linear feet of East Street were reconstructed in this phase of the project, which included the area from Winsor Street next to Alianca's Market to next to the Town Park at Chestnut Street.
- Scope of the work included reclamation and repaving of section of East Street, selective sidewalks replacement, bollards, street trees, trash receptacles, and new lighting fixtures
- The Town of Ludlow contributed \$50,000 to the cost of the project.

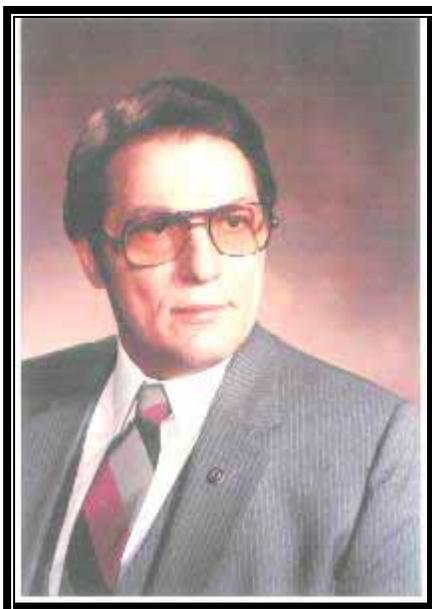
included reclamation and repaving of section of East Street, selective sidewalks replacement, bollards, street trees, trash receptacles, and new lighting fixtures



- Consultants were Stantec Consultants for engineering and clerk of the works and Breezeway Farm Consulting for grant administration.
- Freitas Construction of Ludlow was the general contractor for this phase of the project.
- Work on this project is completed.



IN MEMORIAM



JOSEPH L. ANDREIS
12/31/38-7/14/06

Joseph L. Andreis, retired educator and past school vice-principal for the Ludlow Public Schools, passed away on July 14, 2006.

Mr. Andreis was a graduate of Cathedral High School and American International College. He received his Masters in Education at Temple University and his Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Joe was an educator with over thirty years of dedicated service. He taught biology, chemistry, anatomy & physiology at Ludlow High School and was involved with school groups as the Senior Class Advisor, Assistant football coach and was also involved with the H-Y and stage band. Mr. Andreis served as Vice Principal of Ludlow High School. In Town government he served as a member of the Planning Board and as a Westover Golf Course Commissioner.

Mr. Andreis became president of UNICO National and was named Springfield UNICO Man of the Year. In 1987 he was bestowed the honor and title of Cavaliere by the President of the Republic of Italy for his contributions to the Italian Community. He was an active communicant of St. Mary of the Assumption Church.

His fondest moments were spent with his loving and devoted wife Olivia, his three children Joseph, Maria and Christine, their spouses and his seven grandchildren. He took pride in the affection he shared with his family and will be remembered by all for his strong work ethic. Peace be with him.

IN MEMORIAM



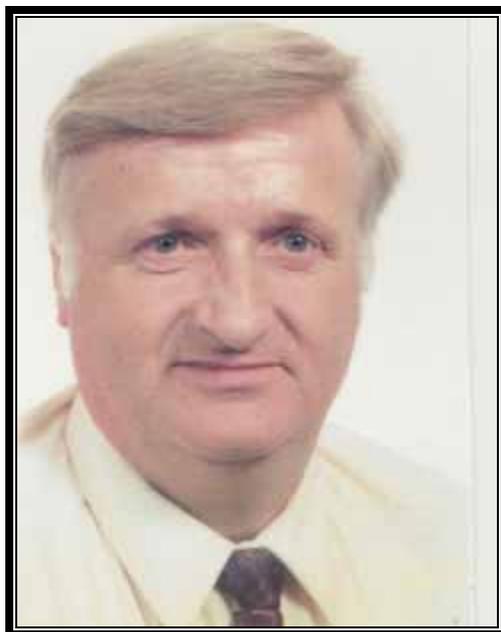
ROGER F. BEAUREGARD
9/12/51 – 5/3/06

Officer Roger F. Beauregard passed away suddenly on May 3, 2006 at the young age of fifty-four. A graduate of Ludlow High School he served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He received his appointment to the Ludlow police force as a permanent intermittent officer in 1977, served as a male nurse at the Hampden County House of Corrections from 1980-1981, which was the same year he was appointed as a permanent police officer graduating fourth in his class from the Springfield Police Academy.

Officer Beauregard was loyal to his job and community. He received several commendations, in particular, one from the Western Massachusetts Medical Services Committee for saving a child's life and was also recognized by the Baystate Medical Center emergency personal for the way he immobilized a victim of an accident and the way he communicated with the hospital.

Roger loved being a police officer, was gracious, compassionate and assisted the senior population in any way he could. His wife Nancy and children Bryan and Brittney were most important to him. His untimely death was not only devastating to his family but a tremendous loss to the community as well. Officer Roger Beauregard will be remembered as a quiet man who came to the aid of those in need and never looked for recognition.

IN MEMORIAM



ROBERT C. CHEVALIER, SR.
8/27/37 – 5/17/06

Robert C. Chevalier, Sr. passed away on May 17, 2006. Bob was a twenty-six year member of the Ludlow Planning Board which earned him the distinguished honor of the longest serving elected official in Town. He also served the Town as a member of the Fair Housing Committee. Bob retired from Northeast Utilities after forty-five years of dedicated service. He was past president and a lifetime member of the Connecticut Valley Chapter of MALCE and a registered land surveyor in Massachusetts and Connecticut for over thirty-five years.

Bob served his country honorably as a United States Marine was a Deputy Sheriff for the Hampden County Sheriffs Department and a faithful communicant of St. Mary of the Assumption Church.

Mr. Chevalier was a loving husband to his wife Maureen, devoted father to his children Mark, Pamela, Eileen, Robert, Jr and cherished his six grandchildren who were perfect in his eyes as he fondly spoke of them with a smile on his face.

His family and many friends remember Bob with fond memories that will live on forever. May he rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM



RONALD A. MORRA
12/1/43 -6/19/06

Ronald Morra, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and Professional Engineer for over thirty-five years, passed away on June 19, 2006. Before his employment in Ludlow, Mr. Morra was the Assistant Highway Engineer of CT D.O.T. and City Traffic Engineer of Springfield, MA. He also was the Principal of his own firm providing Civil and Forensic Engineering Services. Ron served the Town in many capacities, providing services as the Town Engineer, Superintendent of Sewers and Board of Health Agent.

Ron touched many lives through his years of volunteering for many projects, being involved in Boy Scouts and coaching little league baseball games. His fondest moments were spent with his wife Carol, his six children and his seven grandchildren who he was very proud of. Christmas time was always a delight to those of us who worked with him at Town Hall when he proudly displayed delicious cookies that Carol baked for the employees.

His amazing strength and attitude helped him courageously fight his battle against many illnesses. He was a friend to many and will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

IN MEMORIAM



MERICO "POPE" PETROLATI

10/17/13 – 11/15/06

Merico Petrolati at ninety-three years old passed away on November 15, 2006. The son of Italian immigrants, Pope as he was affectionately called, came to Ludlow to work in the Ludlow Mills. He and his brother Amadeo opened a paint store in their garage then later moved to East Street. The Board of Selectmen dedicated a square in the vicinity of the store to the Petrolati family, specifically Pope, for his many years of service to the community.

Mr. Petrolati was on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club for forty years, was recipient of the Bronze Keystone Service Bar from the Boys Club of America and served on the Board of Investments for Ludlow Savings Bank. He was a charter member of the Elks Club and Unity A.C. and a fifty year member of the American Legion Veteran Club. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was inducted as Man of the Year by the Grange Club.

He was predeceased by his loving wife Dorothy and was the devoted father to his sons Stephen and Representative Thomas Petrolati and his wife Kathy. His grandchildren Noel, Dorothy, Danielle and Ashley were the love of his life and he adored them.

Pope had an amazing ability for memorizing people's names and respected everyone regardless of their differences. He will be forever remembered as a kind, gentle and humble man. May precious memories of him live on forever.

OUR TOWN

The Town of Ludlow is a suburban community located in the northwest corner of metropolitan Springfield. Boston is 84 miles east of Ludlow and Worcester is 47 miles eastward. The 20,714 Town residents believe that Ludlow has established itself as a target for industrial and retail growth while maintaining its pleasant community atmosphere.

Housing is available for the elderly, the handicapped and low income families. Ludlow provides two congregate living units accommodating a total of seven individuals, and has the largest Senior Center in Western Massachusetts.

Ludlow Public Schools are comprised of five schools serving approximately 3,000 students in grades K-12. In addition, the district operates an Early Childhood Center through a separate facility. St. John the Baptist School is the private parochial school in town.

The Community Center provides the Latch Key program for children as well as a summer youth camp and other recreational activities. Club memberships are available for families to partake in their exercise program, pool and game room facilities.

The town also maintains six parks, two excellent golf courses and is only minutes away from cultural and entertainment facilities in the greater Springfield area with access to both the Massachusetts Turnpike and route 91.

GEOGRAPHY

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| Total Area: | 28.33 sq. miles |
| Land Area: | 27.15 sq. miles |
| Population: | 20,714 |
| Density: | 693 per sq. mile |
| County: | Hampden |

FY'2006 TAXES as of January 1, 2005

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| Residential: | 20,068,158.94 |
| Commercial: | 1,644,908.48 |
| Industrial: | 717,939.85 |
| Personal Prop. | 739,440.52 |

TAX RATE:

For the period from July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

Per \$1,000 of value

\$14.10 – Residential and Commercial

TAX BILLS:

Tax bills are mailed twice a year and payable quarterly. Payments are due on August 1st, November 1st, February 1st, and May 1st. If unpaid by due date, interest will be added according to law from the date due to the date payment is made. Motor Vehicle Excise is due the date of issuance.

FY'2006 CHERRY SHEET ESTIMATED STATE AID: (June 30, 2005 through July 1, 2006)

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| Education Aid: | \$10,088,266 |
| General: | 3,182,279 |
| Total Receipts: | 13,270,545 |

TOWN HALL:

Built in 1974

Incorporated as a Town, 1774

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Representative Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting held the second Monday in May.

Special Town Meeting held the first Monday in October.

VOTING:

Town Elections are held on the fourth Monday in March.

The qualifications for registration as voters – Individuals must be eighteen years of age and a United States Citizen. Registration at the Town Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Special evening registration of Registrars held preceding elections. Absentee voting is also available.

REGISTERED VOTERS, as of December 31, 2003:

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|--|---------------|
| Democrats | 6,006 |
| Republicans | 1,571 |
| Grn./Lib./3rd/Reform | 92 |
| Un-enrolled Voters | 5,310 |
| Total Registered | 12,979 |

PASSPORTS:

The Town Clerk's Office is an agent for passport services. Anyone wishing to apply for a passport may obtain an application in the Town Clerk's Office.

DOG LICENSES:

All dogs must be licensed annually by April 1st. A dog should be licensed when six months old and vaccinated for rabies. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| Fees: Spay/Neutered Dogs | \$ 5.00 |
| Un-altered Dogs | 10.00 |

TOWN OF LUDLOW WEBSITE:

www.ludlow.ma.us

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Ludlow is located in the Pioneer Valley, known as the crossroads of New England because of its strategic position along the Connecticut River and its excellent transportation facilities.

The Massachusetts Turnpike connects the region to Boston and to Albany, New York. Interstate 91 provides direct access to Hartford Connecticut, and to Brattleboro and points north in Vermont.

The principal highway is Interstate 90, the Massachusetts Turnpike. Passenger service is available on Amtrak in neighboring Springfield. Freight rail service is available from Conrail. Ludlow is a member of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVRTA), which provides fixed route service to Springfield. The PVRTA also offers para transit services to the elderly and disabled through the Council on Aging.

Westover Metropolitan Airport, a General Aviation facility located in neighboring Chicopee, has two asphalt and concrete runways 7,050' and 11,600' long.

LUDLOW COMMUNITY TV

Ludlow Community TV is a volunteer based operation created to promote, encourage and facilitate Ludlow Community involvement in the production of locally originated television, and to meet and manage the contractual and regulatory commitments to public educational and governmental access of the cable provider for the Town of Ludlow.

For several years LCTV has been providing Ludlow residents with an ever growing list of programs and volunteer producers. They provide weekly live coverage of the Board of Selectmen's meetings in addition to broadcasting meetings of the School Committee, Planning Board, Board of Health and all other department public meetings.

The commitment of LCTV is to involve and train people of all ages who live or work in the town to become involved and/or program producers, bringing issues and events of the area to all Ludlow viewers. Hours of operation is Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The studio is presently located at Ludlow High School.

VETERANS' SERVICES

The mission of the Ludlow Veterans' Services office is to advocate on behalf of all Ludlow veterans and provide them with quality support services, and to direct an emergency financial assistance program for those veterans and their dependents in need.

The primary function of the Veterans' Services office is to provide aid and assistance to veterans and their dependents that qualify in order to ensure their life sustaining needs. Chapter 115 of the M.G.L. governs these benefits. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The office is located on the first floor of the Town Hall. Director Michael Lombard is available to answer any questions that pertain to veterans services.

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

| | Term Expires | | Term Expires |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Assessors, Board of | | Public Works, Board of | |
| Edward P. Mazur, Chair | 2008 | Thomas Haluch, Chair | 2008 |
| Donald J. Lake | 2009 | Barry Linton | 2009 |
| Beverly A. Barry | 2007 | Michael Goncalves | 2007 |
| | | Brian D. Martell | 2007 |
| | | Carlos Chaves (Appt.) | |
| Collector of Taxes | | Recreation Commission | |
| Fred Pereira | 2008 | Donald J. Couture, Apt., Chair | 2009 |
| | | Donald R. Cameron | 2008 |
| | | Sean McBride | 2007 |
| Health, Board of | | School Committee | |
| Dr. Bruce R. Dziura, Chair | 2007 | James (Chip) Harrington, Chair | 2008 |
| Carol Szczebak | 2008 | Thomas Foye | 2009 |
| Victor Jay Field | 2009 | Joseph A. Santos | 2007 |
| | | Michelle M. Thompson | 2007 |
| | | Susan Gove (Appt.) | |
| Housing Authority | | Selectmen, Board of | |
| Brian A. Dobek, Chair | 2008 | Lawrence J. Nascimento | 2007 |
| Betty K. Socha | 2011 | James J. McGowan | 2008 |
| Carol Ann Romaniak | 2009 | John P. DaCruz | 2009 |
| Arthur Augusto | 2010 | Matthew J. Pszeniczny | 2007 |
| Dana P. Cormier, State Apt. | | Antonio E. Dos Santos | 2009 |
| Sidney Chevalier, Ex. Director | | | |
| Library Trustees | | Town Clerk | |
| Christine A. Davis, Chair | 2009 | Laurie Gibbons | 2008 |
| Diane H. Goncalves | 2008 | | |
| Gloria Bourbeau | 2007 | | |
| Moderator | | Town Treasurer | |
| James V. Thompson | 2008 | Candida Batista | 2009 |
| Planning Board | | | |
| Raymond E. Phoenix, II, Chair | 2011 | | |
| Edgar R. Minnie, II | 2010 | | |
| Richard Ollari | 2007 | | |
| William H. Bates | 2008 | | |
| Kenneth Hill | 2009 | | |

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer

Michael A. Szlosek

American with Disabilities Act Coordinator

Michael Lombard

Agent of Record

Manuel Leitao

Airport Master Plan Consulting Committee

Joseph Queiroga

Assistant Assessor/Appraiser

Juanita Testori

Associate Assessor

Jose Alves

Ambulance Abatement Committee

Fred Pereira, Chair

Chief Charles Chaconas

James McGowan

Anthony Jarvis

Lori Barbeau

Animal Control Officer

Linda Johnson

Audit Committee

Maxine Mazur, resigned

Sandra Kane

Darlene Cincone

Thomas Barbeau

William Farrell

Board of Appeals

Anthony Jarvis, Chair

Kathleen Bernardo

Patricia Campagnari

Raul Coelho

Paul A. Zielinski

Joseph Bradley, Alternate, deceased

Albert LeMay, Jr., Alternate

Frank Siva, Alternate

Board of Registrars

Theresa Almeida-Veilleux, retired

Richard Houghton, deceased

Virginia Studley, deceased

Laurie Gibbons

Eugene A. Beauregard, Jr.

Howard Vincent

Timothy Collins

Building Commissioner

Stephen P. Houle, retired

Brien Laporte

Local Building Inspector

Vacancy

Cable Commission

Karen Kernan, Chair., deceased

Aaron Lavoie

Connie O'Brien

Edward DeChellis

Timothy Donnelly

Lucien Bourbeau

Timothy Collins

Laurence Langevin

William Koss

Don Dube

William Neylon

Cable Operations Manager

Timothy Donnelly

Call Firefighters

Stanley J. Haluch, deceased

Earl Dunbar, Jr.

William J. Ellison

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Sue Gove

John DaCruz

Darlene Cincone

Luis Vitorino

Edgar R. Minnie, II

David Irvine

James Young, Ex-Officio

Celebrate Ludlow Committee

William E. Rooney, Chair

Joan Haney

Elizabeth Rustic

William J. Shea

Maureen Rooney-Murray

Denise Zarakas

Lisa Martin

Christine Ward

Sylvester Rogowski

Maxine Mazur

Guida Sajdak

Linda Koss

William Koss

Chief Procurement Officer

Michael A. Szlosek

Commission on Disabilities

Andrew Bristol, Chair

Beverly Barry

Lizbeth Boulanger

Patricia Donahue
Joanne Odatto-Staeb
Commission on Disabilities Cont.
Jack Ollson
Patricia Donahue

Communications Officer
Michael Szlosek

Computer Advisory Committee
Joe Alves, Bd. of Assessors, Chair
Brien Laporte, Bldg. Comm.
Michael A. Szlosek, Town Administrator
James Young, Town Accountant
Candida Batista, Treasurer
Louis Tulik – Rep. for Police Dept.
James Harrington, School Comm.
James Goodreau, Rep. DPW
Kevin Pettengill, Ex-Officio
Fred Pereira, Collector

Conservation Commission
Kevin Brown, Chair
Angela Tierney
Susan Denette
Marcia Kida
John Dryjowicz

Constables
Laurie Gibbons
Det. David Kornacki
Officer Roger Beauregard, deceased

Constable for Tax Collector
Reid Jeffrey
Christine Jeffrey

Contract Compliance Officer
Michael A. Szlosek

Council on Aging
Fred Lafayette, Chair
Albert Lemay
Wanda Karczmarczyk
Diane Goncalves
Theresa Masley, resigned
Henry Haste
Evelyn Anischik, resigned
Jean Gibb
Francis Bissaillon
John DeBarge
Edward P. Mazur
Phillip Tierney
Lucille Carneiro

Custodian of Insurance Records
Candida Batista

Custodian of Tax Possession
Candida Batista

Economic Development Coordinator
Matthew J. Pszeniczny

Electrical Inspector
Antonio Portelada

Asst. Electrical Inspector
Richard Chenevert

Director of Emergency Management
Chief Charles Chaconas, Deputy Director

Equal Opportunity Employment Officer
Michael A. Szlosek

Fair Housing Committee
Raymond Phoenix
Chester Giza
Robert Chevalier, deceased
Michael A. Szlosek, Ex-Officio

Finance Committee
Darlene Cincone, Chair
Betty Landry
Suzanne Boyea
Mark Giebner
William E. Rooney
Albert H. LeMay, Jr.
Albert Fabbre
Stephen Fieldler, resigned
Heidi Fog
Karen Markham

First Meeting House Committee
Jeremy Kavka, Chair
Thomas Haluch
Agnes Kibbe
Elsie Hiersche
Donald Kibbe
Marilyn Paul-Lewis
Bert Ramage
Michael A. Szlosek, Ex-Officio

Graves Registration Officer
William Shea
Cazimess Boduch, Asst.
Alfred Graveline

Harassment Officer
vacancy

Haviland Beach Study Committee
Manuel Leitao, Chair
Darlene Kennedy
Chester Giza
Michael Olenick

Jeanne Olenick

Hazardous Material Coordinator

Capt. Mark Babineau

Historian

Marilyn Paul-Lewis

Historical Commission

Agnes E. Kibbe, Chair

Lois LaMondia

Elsie Hiersche

Karen Pilon

Historic District Study Committee

John Muse

Stephen Muse

Sandra Stanek

Information Officer

Lawrence Nascimento

Industrial Finance Authority

John D. DeBarge

Bernard Lavoie

Darlene H. Cincone

Insurance Advisory Committee

Francine Rusiecki

Melissa Rickson

Dale Gagne

Officer Jerome Mayou

Brian Bylicki

Edward Difiore

Pvt. Kent Doyle

Theresa Kane

Betty K. Socha

Royal Moore

Pvt. Walter Peacey, Jr., Alternate

Michael A. Szlosek, Ex-Officio

License Agent for the Board of Selectmen

Det. David Kornacki

Det. Dana Vigneault

Local Economic Partnership

Lawrence J. Nascimento

Chester Giza

Joseph A. Santos

Beverly Barry

Betty Landry

James Young

Raymond Phoenix

Paul Dzubek, Advisor

Michael A. Szlosek, Ex-Officio

Ludlow Cultural Council

Lori Ann Chmiel

Darlene Cincone

Terri Colelli

Ludlow Cultural Council Cont.

Olindo Dragone

Carmina Fernandes

Patricia A. Gregoire

James W. Marceau

James Martin

William Nowak

Michelle Sagan

Matrons (Police)

Mary Morcavage

Shelby Anderson

Linda Kelleher-Zina

Tammy Turcotte

Penny Silveira

Mobile Home Rent Control Board

Bert Ramage, Chair

Mary Evangelista

Jean Gibb

Marilyn Valenti

Michael Bingle

Municipal Hearing Officer

Michael A. Szlosek

MMWEC Board of Directors

Luis Vitorino

MWRA Working Group

Carlton W. Leonard, III

Open Space Planning

Lenore Paul, Chair

Marcia Kida

Edgar R. Minnie, II

Joel Schnur

Michael A. Szlosek, Ex-Officio

PVTA Representative

Antonio Goncalves

Parking Hearing Officer

Lawrence J. Nascimento

Personnel Board

Richard Devine, Chair

Victor Jay Field

Joan C. Cavallo

William Dzierwinski

Physicians

Dr. Fernando Jayma

Dr. Shaukat Matin

Dr. Gino Mercadante

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Michael Gove

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

Antonio Goncalves, Selectmen's Designee

Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Joseph Kozicki

Asst. Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Kevin Douville

Pond Management Committee

Manuel Leitao, Chair.

Jeanne Olenick

Michael Olenick

Chester Giza

Denise Fiedler, resigned

Gary Costa, resigned

Police, Auxiliary

Jason J. Codding

Nelson J. Milano

Police, Special

Lt. Fernando Pina

Lt. David Salvador

Sgt. Wendell Prior

Sgt. Raymond Robbins

Sgt. Penny Silveira

Sgt. Allan Vantangoli

Sgt. Raymond Parylak

Derek Smolinski

Christopher Silveira

Armando Saraiva

Thomas Kurpaska

Danny M. Arlin, II

Jason Chelo

Linda Kelleher-Zina

Jason Mancuso

James Sevigne

Ryan Bartolucci

Nicholas Verteramo

Michael Ingalls

Patrick Gaughan

Jose Branco

Aaron Babinski

James Banas

Michel Lebel

Jose Carvalho

Matthew Benoit

Safety Committee

Frank Nowak, Chair

William F. DiCarlo

Michael Goncalves

Brien Laporte

Phillip McBride

Penny Silveira, Alt.

Edward DeChellis

Chief James McGowan

Edgar R. Minnie, II

Safety Committee Cont.

Chief Charles Chaconas, Alt.

Sgt. Louis Tulik, Alt.

School Crossing Guards

Janice Chrzan

Irene Setterstrom

Kelly Ann Murphy

Jeanne Marie Bal

Patricia J. Houle

Margaret Lavoie

Maurice (Jim) Lavoie

Debra Ann Forcum

Jacqueline Nadeau

Stanley Witowski

James Houle, sub.

Denise Alves, sub.

Tina Lynn Wright, sub.

Amy Lynn Adorno, sub.

Donna Marie Chrzan, sub.

Sealer Weights & Measures

Douglas J. Wilk

Skate Park Committee

Dianne Ollari

Debora Gates

Nicholas Gates

Jeremy James

Bryan Chaplan

Antonio DaCruz

Skate Park Comm. Assoc. Members

Matthew Maciolek,

Mathew Levesque

Christopher Warwick

Grant Moran

Christopher Searler

Robert Kukla

Joshua Whitworth

Sworn Weigher

Joanne Martins

Town Accountant

James Young

Town Administrator

Michael A. Szlosek

Town Auctioneer

Michael A. Szlosek

Town Counsel

Attorney David Martel

**Town Engineer/Director of
Public Works**

Paul Dzubek

Town Negotiator

Collins & Weinberg

Veteran's Services Officer

Michael Lombard

Westover Advisory Commission

Kenneth Batista, Chair

Barbara Hurst

Bruce Durand

Kenneth Batista

Jack Moriarty, Ex-Officio

Gary Coelho, Site Inspector

Westover Municipal Golf Commission

Sean McBride, Chair

Anthony Campagnari

Raymond Evans

Salvatore Amedeo

Walter Craven

Donald J. Cameron, Jr.

Donald Couture

**Westover Metropolitan Development Corp.
(WMDC)**

Raymond Evans

William E. Rooney

Budget Advisory

Lawrence Nascimento, Chair.

James McGowan

John DaCruz

Matthew Pszeniczny

Antonio Dos Santos

James Young

Juanita Testori

Edward Mazur

Fred Pereira

Darlene Cincone

Candida Batista

PRECINCT MEMBERS 2006

PRECINCT ONE

** until 2007 election

2009 Jacob R. Oliveira, 67 Guertin Ave.
** Albert H. LeMay, 170 Cady St.
2009 Debora M. Johnson, 142 Cady St.
2009 Stephen F. Mello, 129 Pond St.
2009 Walter Craven, 292 West St.
2008 Fernando Barros, 25 Joy St.
2008 Timothy S. Donnelly, 39 Arnold St.
** Christine D. Peacey, 7 Wenonah Dr.
2008 William A. Koss, 203 West St.
2008 Walter Peacey, Jr., 7 Wenonah Dr.
2007 Richard Oliveira, 67 Guertin Ave.**
2007 Alan E. Gregoire, 93 Cady St.
2007 Betty E. Landry, 40 West Belmont St.
2007 Ronald E. Thompson, 106 Erin Ln.
2007 Carl V. Gregoire, 46 Bruni Ave.

PRECINCT THREE

2009 Leonel Goncalves, 96 Clearwater Cir.
2009 Amy Priest, 67 Lyon St.
2009 Susan M. Denette, 1410 Center St.
2009 Stephen M. Breslin, 580 Fuller St.
2009 John B. Chenier, 501 Munsing St.
2008 Lawrence L. Chenier, 405 Munsing St.
2008 Brian T. Connery, 29 Tower Rd.
2008 James H. Bernard, 330 Ventura St.
2008 John M. Diotalevi, 382 Miller St.
2008 Ann E. Chenier, 590 Lyon St.
2007 Edward R. Godin, 1071 Center St.
2007 Mark A. Witowski, 53 Colonial Dr.
2007 Kevin E. Thompson, 58 Margaret Ln.
2007 Walter J. Kiel, Jr., 68 James St.
2007 Marion R. Zglobicki, 192 Ventura St.

PRECINCT FIVE

2009 Kenneth J. Batista, 12 Valley View Dr.
2009 Joanne R. Martin, 82 Michael St.
2009 Dianne M. Ollari, 83 Michael St.
2009 Walter F. Targonski, 33 Holy Cross Cir.
2009 Peter A. Karalekas, 54 Old West St.
2008 Maureen F. Cotti, 402 Fuller St.
2008 Opening
2008 Amy Ollari, 83 Michael St.
2008 John Forgie, 31 Brook St.
2008 Opening
2007 Barbara J. Picard, 156 Nash Hill Rd.
2007 William E. Rooney, 167 Overlook Dr.
2007 Alfred H. Graveline, 287 West St.
2007 Opening
2007 Christine Carr Hill, 158 Michael St.

PRECINCT TWO

2009 Thomas Czapienski, 127 Cedar St.
2009 Frank Silva, 311 Howard St.
2009 John J. Dryjowicz, 153 Ray St.
2009 Maureen Rooney-Murray, 26 Warsaw Ave.
2009 Jean Martins, 92 Lockland Ave.
2008 Chester J. Giza, 134 Yale St.
2008 Eugene A. Beauregard, Jr., 67 Highland Ave.
** Antonio Portelada, 168 Lockland Ave.
2008 Arlindo Valadares, 49 Maple St.
2008 Anna Amaral, 307 Howard St.
2007 Opening
2007 Lorraine C. Czapienski, 127 Cedar St.
2007 Jean D. Gibb, 56 White St.
2007 Donald C. Labrecque, 191 Pine St.
2007 Priscilla S. Silva, 311 Howard St.

PRECINCT FOUR

2009 Fernando Barroso, 32 Fairway Dr.
2009 Rosa Fraga, 39 Essex St. #1
2009 Julieta Hoeckh, 423 Winsor St.
2009 James Kenneth Goodreau, 201 Stevens St.
2009 Matthew J. Haluch, 86 Chapin St.
** Isabel Martins, 32 Fairway Dr.
2008 Louis A. Casagrande, 103 Karen Dr.
2008 Joseph Dias, Jr., 87 Oakridge St.
2008 Benjamin G. Santos, 504 Winsor St.
2008 Thomas F. Fidalgo, 122 McLean Pkwy.
2007 Robert A. Silva, 30 Stevens St.
2007 Raymond E. Williamson, 69 McLean Pky.
** Joe V. Chaves, 87 Americo St.
2007 Morrison G. Ferrier, 339 Chapin St.
2007 Thaddeus S. Dymon, 13 Fairway Dr.

PRECINCT SIX

2009 Timothy M. Collins, 97 Chapin Greene Dr.
2009 Maryjean L. Gaumont, 18 Wood Dr.
2009 Brenda S. Lelievre, 301 Blisswood Village Dr.
2009 Shaun K. Billion, 26 Waters Edge Dr.
2009 Paul W. Romaniak, 788 Chapin St.
2008 Mark Babineau, 788 Chapin St.
2008 Lenore Paul, 685 Center St.
2008 William L. Gaumont, 18 Wood Dr.
2008 Timothy Mullins, 150 Clover Rd.
2008 Peter C. Karalekas, Jr., 35 Old Coach Cir.
2007 Christine A. Ward, 829 Center St.
** William M. Neylon Jr., 794 Chapin St.
2007 Denise J. Zarakas, 53 Blanchard Ave.
2007 Leonard C. Robbins, 549 Chapin St.
2007 Scott P. Mahoney, 670 Chapin St.

MEMBERS AT LARGE

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Lawrence J. Nascimento | 620 East St., Chairman, Board of Selectmen |
| Matthew J. Pszeniczny | 164 Prokop Ave., Board of Selectmen |
| Chief James J. McGowan | 718 Alden St., Board of Selectmen |
| John P. DaCruz | 292 Woodland Cir., Board of Selectmen |
| Antonio E. DosSantos | 3 McLean Pky., Board of Selectmen |
| Attorney James V. Thompson | 110 McLean Pky., Town Moderator |
| Candida Batista | 134 Reynolds St., Town Treasurer |
| Fred Pereira | 201 Stivens Ter., Town Collector |
| Laurie Gibbons | 32 Applewood Dr., Town Clerk |
| Edward P. Mazur | 101 Woodland Cir., Chairman, Board of Assessors |
| Richard Devine | 106 East Akard St., Chairman, Personnel Board |
| Christine Davis | 193 Chapin St., Chairwoman, Hubbard Memorial Lib. |
| Thomas Haluch | 169 Munsing St., Chairman, Board of Public Works |
| Anthony Jarvis | 3 Andrew St., Chairman, Board of Appeals |
| William H. Bates | 534 Fuller St., Chairman, Planning Board |
| Brian Dobek | 185 Clearwater Cir., Chairman, Housing Authority |
| Frederick Lafayette | 141 Posner Cir., Chairman, Council on Aging |
| Darlene H. Cincone | 177 Poole St., Chairwoman, Finance Committee |
| Sean McBride | 78 Homestretch Dr., Chairman, Westover Golf Comm. |
| Dr. Bruce Dziura | 42 Longfellow Dr., Chairman, Board of Health |
| Kevin Brown | 131 Edgewood Rd... Chairman, Conservation Comm. |
| Donald J. Couture | 194 Highland Ave., Chairman, Recreation Commission |
| James P. Harrington | 122 Overlook Dr., Chairman, School Committee |
| Attorney David J. Martel | Town Counsel Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury, Murphy PC One Monarch Place, Suite 1900 Springfield, MA 01144-1900 |

ADMINISTRATION

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year saw the completion of a number of important construction projects. Phase three of the East Street project was completed during the summer, bringing the project almost to the Ludlow Bridge. During the summer the Turnpike Authority also completed the controversial sound barrier along West Avenue. In November, the Town celebrated the long anticipated reopening of the Greene-Towne Bridge with a gala ceremony featuring many prominent political leaders.

The year 2006 featured one of the more exiting political seasons in recent years. The Board of Selectmen race featured five candidates, including four newcomers, vying for two positions. Election Day saw the departure of two veteran Selectmen. John DeBarge, who chose not to seek reelection, and Helen Garrow who was defeated in her bid for reelection. Attorneys Antonio Dos Santos and John DaCruz joined the Board following the election. At the State level, Gale Candaras of Wilbraham was elected to represent Ludlow in the State Senate following the retirement of veteran legislator Brian Lees. In the House, our Town's veteran legislator, Thomas Petrolati, was elevated to the office of Chairman Pro Tem, the Body's number three position.

The Board of Selectmen reorganized following the election with Lawrence Nascimento as Chairman, and James McGowan as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Nascimento served as Police Commissioner and John DaCruz as Fire Commissioner.

The Board brought the Police Department up to strength during 2006 with the appointment of five new officers. The appointments were necessary because of retirements and the unfortunate passing of Officer Roger Beauregard.

In a cost cutting measure, the Board eliminated insurance coverage for part-time elected Board members. The move will save the Town approximately \$98,000 per year.

The Town Hall staff said goodbye to two longtime employees, Building Commissioner Stephen Houle and Treasurer Kathleen Houle. Mr. Houle was replaced by Deerfield Building Commissioner Brien Laporte, while Candida Batista was elected as the new Town Treasurer.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the staff in the Selectmen's office for their hard work in 2006. Without the dedicated service of Ellie, Beverly and Marsha the office of the Board of Selectmen could not function.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board of Selectmen
Michael A. Szlosek
Town Administrator

TOWN MODERATOR

The Annual Town Meeting in May 2006 and subsequent meetings demonstrated the Town of Ludlow's ability to operate on limited cash.

Through state aid increased to most cities and towns, the increases generally returned communities like Ludlow to 2001 funding levels.

The great challenge to Ludlow is now to "catch up" and find ways to fund programs and projects that may have been sidetracked for lack of resources.

The Charter Commission is discussing the elimination of Town Meeting as part of our government. While the call for greater efficiency and productivity are real and meritorious, Ludlow will certainly lose the availability of a forum that residents can access to present their opinions.

I again would like to express my appreciation to the veteran staff in the Selectmen's office for their helpfulness in making Town Meeting work and the Finance Committee for long hours of sometimes tedious work in reviewing the budgets and articles presented to Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
James V. Thompson
Town Moderator

FINANCE

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Donald J. Lake was re-elected to a three year term on the Board. Mr. Lake along with Chairman Edward P. Mazur and Beverly Barry oversaw the operations and directed the office for another year.

We entered our second year of supplemental tax billing. Despite our best efforts we could not convince the Board of Selectmen to reject supplemental tax billing for future years. In the past everyone was assessed for what they owned as of January 1 of tax year. With supplemental tax billing if a property owner has an increase in valuation greater than 50% and an occupancy permit issued they can be liable for one or two additional tax bills during the same tax year. In some instances taxpayers can receive a total of 6 tax bills in one fiscal year. Since this tax primarily affects new construction we feel that is not a way to welcome new home owners into our community and in some instances puts a great financial stress on new home owners.

Under the new State mandates the Board had to once again raise assessments for all classes of real property in town. The increase in assessments resulted in a reduction of the tax rate from \$14.10 per thousand for Fiscal 2006 to \$13.30 for Fiscal 2007. Even though there is a slight increase in work for our department these mandates insure that all classes of property are on the same assessment level as of the first of the year.

We would like to thank Assistant Assessor Juanita Testori, Associate Assessor Joe Alves, and our clerks Maria Fernandes and Denise Tomlinson for the work they performed for our department and meeting all department deadlines. We would also like to thank the tax collector's office for making sure that all tax bills are mailed out in a timely.

We would like to extend our deep appreciation to Associate Assessor Joe Alves who chaired the Computer Advisory Committee. Mr. Alves put in a great deal of his own time in an effort for our town to move forward and meet its computer needs. Since our department runs on two separate computer systems we are not only glad to have Mr. Alves serving on this committee and also for his computer expertise in our department.

Respectfully submitted by,
Edward P. Mazur, Chairman

Members:
Donald J. Lake
Beverly Barry, Clerk

FISCAL 2005 AND 2006 ARE SUBMITTED FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES

| Fiscal Year | Tax Rate | Personal Property Valuation | Real Estate Valuation | Total Valuation | Gross Amount Appropriated | Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation |
|-------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2005 | \$14.96 | \$49,295,570 | \$1,398,695,580 | \$1,447,991,550 | \$47,076,689.98 | \$21,661,953.28 |
| 2006 | \$14.10 | \$52,442,590 | \$1,590,851,580 | \$1,643,294,170 | \$48,118,327.61 | \$23,170,447.79 |
| 2007 | \$13.30 | \$54,583,140 | \$1,727,336,410 | \$1,781,922,550 | \$50,167,160.19 | \$23,698,569.92 |

ABATEMENTS

| Fiscal Year | Real Estate | | Personal Property | | Senior Work-off | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|
| 2005 | 90 | \$26,790.52 | 19 | \$8,217.68 | 52 | \$26,000 |
| 2006 | 80 | \$20,029.05 | 6 | \$4,360.01 | 65 | \$32,500 |

EXEMPTIONS

| Fiscal Year | Cl.22 Vets Exemptions | Cl.37A Blind Exemptions | Cl.41C (over 70) Exemptions | Total Amount Exempted |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2005 | 154 | 32 | 58 | \$91,025.00 |
| 2006 | 160 | 30 | 57 | \$96,940.48 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

| Commitment Year | Levy Year | Number of Bills | Tax Amounts | Number of Abatements | Amounts |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 2005 | 2000 | | | Various | \$7,222.74 |
| | 2001 | | | Various | \$6,779.83 |
| | 2002 | 1 | \$236.46 | 1 | \$22.50 |
| | 2003 | 3 | \$281.25 | 11 | \$294.48 |
| | 2004 | 696 | \$61,329.98 | 78 | \$3,787.02 |
| 2006 | 2005 | 22,715 | \$2,127,760.52 | 702 | \$49,757.67 |
| | 2002 | - | - | Various | \$7,293.21 |
| | 2003 | - | - | 13 & Various | \$10,314.43 |
| | 2004 | - | - | 21 | \$1,971.03 |
| | 2005 | 609 | \$32,560.35 | 84 | \$6,036.87 |
| | 2006 | 22,697 | \$2,115,154.02 | 791 | \$50,063.81 |

BOATS

| Fiscal Year | Number of Bills | Tax Amount | Number of Abatements | Amounts |
|-------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|----------|
| 2006 | 227 | \$5,367.00 | 7 | \$197.67 |
| 2007 | 239 | \$5,515.00 | 8 | \$168.00 |

Supplemental Tax Billing

| Fiscal Year | # of Bills | Amount Billed | # of Abatements | Amount Abated |
|-------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2005 | 47 | \$79,294.83 | 4 | \$1,681.55 |
| 2006 | 49 | \$91,510.34 | 1 | 620.40 |

Miscellaneous

| Deeds | | Building Permits | |
|-------|-----|------------------|-----|
| 2005 | 564 | 2005 | 867 |
| 2006 | 528 | 2006 | 851 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Finance Committee room of the Ludlow Town Hall. Meetings are scheduled from September through June and recess during July and August. Emergency meetings can be called during the recess to handle necessary town financial business. All meetings are posted with the Town Clerk with as much advance notice as possible.

The purpose of Finance Committee is to review the annual budget requests in order to make recommendations to the Town Meeting members. Additionally, town departments, committees or duly established bodies of the Town may request a transfer of funds from the Finance Committee's Reserve Account. The funds in the Reserve Account are initially established at the Annual Town Meeting as part of the budget process.

The Reserve Fund is used to supplement, on an emergency basis only, established budget line items. In no way will the Reserve Fund be used to circumvent Town Meeting actions; that is, no new line item will be created, nor will funds be used to fund an article request that was turned down at Town Meeting.

Transfers from the Reserve Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 are as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| To Town Treasurer | \$ 4,107.00 |
| To Zoning Board of Appeals | 700.00 |
| To Westover Golf Course | 11,527.00 |
| To Planning Department | 1,350.00 |
| To Council on Aging | 4,300.00 |
| To Inspection Service | 1,020.00 |
| To Animal Control | 3,304.00 |
| To Town Collector | 4,000.00 |
| To Fire Department/Ambulance | 37,000.00 |
| To Street Lighting | 17,500.00 |
| Total Transferred | \$ 84,808.00 |

The Finance Committee as designated by Town By-laws is comprised of nine (9) sworn members, appointed by the Town Moderator. If the committee is less than nine members for any reason, a quorum will be calculated as one half of the remaining members plus one to constitute a majority.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Cincone, Chairperson
Finance Committee

Members:
Stephen Fiedler
Betty Landry
Albert Fabbre
Susanne Boyea
Albert LeMay, Jr.
Heidi Fogg
Karen Markham
Mark Geibner

TOWN COLLECTOR

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

Real estate and personal property bills for the Town of Ludlow continue to be due on the quarterly basis: August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st. The 2006F tax rate was set by the Board of Assessors in December of 2005. The Board of Selectmen voted to adopt a single tax rate of \$14.10 per thousand for both residential and commercial properties. The amount of \$22,431,238.81 was committed to us for collection. Over 8500 real estate bills were printed, processed and mailed by December 31st, 2005. By the end of the fiscal year, we had collected or abated approx. \$22,127,886.53 or 98% of the amount committed. Additionally we received \$242,928.83 in payments for 2005F real estate, \$42,405.40 for 2004F and \$405.32 for 2003F leaving a balance of \$40,788.80, \$1,936.81 and \$410.37 respectively.

Approximately 800 personal property bills totaling \$739,440.86 was committed to us for collection. By the end of the fiscal year, we collected or abated \$728,265.37 or 98% of the amount committed to us leaving a balance of \$11,175.49. Additionally, we collected \$9,548.23 for prior years dating back to 2001F.

To accommodate our residents, real estate and personal property taxes for the Town of Ludlow may now be paid online. We realize the importance of keeping with the times and offering this new online payment option. This new payment method serves to accommodate those Ludlow residents who want the convenience of paying their taxes online, anytime day or night. We are fortunate to have found a banking partner, who has years of financial experience and who adheres to strict security methods to protect our residents' personal information. UniBank uses state-of-the industry encryption methods which safely handle these transactions so that town employees never gain access to bank account information. The process for residents to pay online is simple: with your bill and checkbook in hand,

- 1) Go to: www.ludlow.ma.us
- 2) Click on: **Taxes**
- 3) Complete each screen to process payment

Online payments will not be accepted after their due date. If using a credit card (master card or discover) a fee will be assessed by the credit card service provider.

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Over 23,000 vehicle excise bills totaling over 2 million dollars were printed processed and mailed from the Collector's Office throughout the year. Payments of auto excise are due 30 days from the date the tax notice is mailed. 95% of the committed bills are paid by their due date. Automobile owners are advised not to ignore their bills for a \$5.00 tax bill can jump to \$70.00, loss of license and registration within two months if late notices go unanswered. According to Chapter 60A of the Massachusetts General Laws, "failure to receive a notice shall not affect the validity of the excise". Thus, a person who does not receive a bill is still liable for the tax plus interest and charges accrued. Therefore, it is important to keep the Registry and Post Office informed of your current name and address so that your tax bills can be delivered promptly. The Registry will be notified of any excise bill that remains outstanding. The Registrar then marks the individual's registration preventing the renewal of his (hers) motor vehicle registration and the owner's driver's license until such time as the Registrar is notified that full and final payment has been made to the Town of Ludlow. During fiscal year 2006 over 500 licenses and registrations were marked for non-payment of their excise tax. This continues to be a successful collection tool as monies were collected for delinquent accounts dating back to 1974.

As with real estate and personal property bills, to accommodate our residents, timely motor vehicle excise payments are now being accepted online. Late payments will not be accepted online.

SEWER USAGE FEES

The Board of Public Works, in February of 2006 set the rate of \$14.00 per 1000 cubic feet of water used. Approximately 4,500 sewer usage bills totaling \$943,809.41 were printed, processed and mailed from the

Collector's Office in March of 2006. By the end of the June 30, 2006, we had collected or abated \$875,463.70 or 92% of the amount committed to us for collection leaving a balance of \$68,345.71. Any amounts outstanding for previous years were certified to the Board of Assessors in November of 2005 and added to the owner's 2006F real estate bills. All sewer usage accounts for 2004F and prior years have now been collected in full as reflected by the -0- balance for those accounts. Sewer bills are due 60 days from the mailing date. Sewer payments received after their due date are assessed a \$5.00 Demand plus a 10% penalty in accordance with Town By-Laws.

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

Each year the Collector is responsible for the collection of approximately 2.7 million dollars in "In Lieu of Taxes" and the following departmental accounts:

AMBULANCE
CEMETERY
TRAILER PARKS
BOARD OF HEALTH - NURSING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ROLL BACK TAXES

During the past fiscal year \$2,757,771.60 was committed to us for collection by the above departments. By June 30th, 2006 we collected or abated 99% of the amount committed. Of the above accounts, ambulance bills continue to be the most sensitive and most difficult to collect. Effective November 1, 2005 the ambulance records are being computerized by the Collector's Office under a "General Billing Program". The computerization of these records has allowed us to abandon the time consuming practice of manual posting and record keeping. As a result, this has improved efficiency and productivity in the Collector's Office.

MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES

Upon written request from attorneys, banks, mortgage companies and real estate agencies, the Collector shall furnish a certificate of all outstanding taxes and other assessments and charges which constitute a lien on a parcel of land. The Collector consults with the Board of Assessors, DPW and other departments to secure required information. In accordance with Mass General laws, a \$25.00 fee is charged for each certificate prepared. Once again many hours were spent researching and preparing these certificates. During fiscal year 2006, we received over 750 written requests bringing in approximately \$20,000 of additional revenue. We ask attorneys and other agencies requesting such information to cooperate and mail their application to us as early as possible so that we can complete and return them in a timely manner.

Office hours continue to be 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday. For the convenience of the public the Collector continues to hold extended office hours during the months of January and July from 6:30 to 7:30 on Tuesday evenings. Additionally, to accommodate those Ludlow residents who want the convenience of paying their taxes online, day or night, we are offering a new online payment option. Late payments will not be accepted online. Once again, I am grateful to Mrs. Alice Bolow, Janice Ouimette and Victorina Robbins for their assistance. Additionally, I'd like to express my gratitude to all department heads, town employees and residents for their support and cooperation. For more up to date information, please visit the Town of Ludlow website at www.ludlow.ma.us.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Pereira, Town Collector

TOWN TREASURER

The Town Treasurer is pleased to report that over five million dollars of General Fund monies remain invested in term investments with good interest yields. This is over and above the investments, which occur during tax payment receipts. This excellent cash flow remains possible due to the cooperation of both Assessors and Tax Collector's offices. The Treasurer has collected as of December 31, 2006 the total of \$189,000.00 on Tax Titles.

Town of Ludlow Treasurer General Fund as of December 31, 2006 were as follows:

| Bank | Account | Balance |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| TDBankNorth | Master | 558,382.90 |
| | Payroll | 11,677.37 |
| | Golf Course | 724,207.36 |
| | Money Market | 1,578,521.22 |
| | Cafeteria | 495,405.61 |
| Citizens | Master | 3,812,298.53 |
| | Guaranty Deposits | 175,446.70 |
| Bank of America | Law Enforcement Grants | 30,317.27 |
| | Community Center | 133,469.47 |
| | Vendor | 2,484.47 |
| BWM | County Jail | 66,640.97 |
| | Water/Cops | 212,957.74 |
| M.M.D.T. | Money Market | 92,937.10 |
| Berkshire Bank | Money Market | 1,849,023.98 |
| Unibank | Money Market | 51,865.45 |
| | | 9,795,636.14 |

Payroll Distribution

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Gross Payroll | 26,871,024.86 |
| Fica | 295,086.61 |
| Federal Withholding | 2,543,138.01 |
| State Withholding | 1,177,741.69 |
| Retirement | 2,316,911.37 |
| United Fund | 6,508.30 |
| Annuities | 489,357.32 |
| Health Insurance | 932,586.81 |
| Life Insurance | 45,628.62 |
| Credit Union | 1,919.00 |
| Union Dues | 229,784.67 |
| Deferred Compensation | 643,794.12 |
| Dental | 114,146.10 |
| Aflac | 6,780.71 |

TRUST FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006

All trust funds are invested and receiving maximum interest:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Citizens Stabilization Fund | \$ 574,012.39 |
| Bartholomew (Comm. Financial) | 1,290,061.88 |
| Paine Webber Cemetery | 1,090,638.84 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 2,954,713.11 |

Health and Life Insurance

The Town of Ludlow, through the Board of Selectmen, entered into a contract with Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company for one more year and Blue Cross HMO Blue, HMO Care Elect-PRO, HMO Medicare, Managed Blue for Senior and Medex III contracts were signed with effective dates running from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. The following rates prevail:

Monthly Premiums

Town's share employees share total

| | Town's share | Employee's share | Total |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| HMO Blue | | | |
| Individual | 387.13 | 90.80 | 477.93 |
| 2 Person | 774.25 | 181.61 | 955.86 |
| Family | 1,060.72 | 248.80 | 1,309.52 |
| HMO Care Elect-PPO | | | |
| Individual | 445.20 | 104.42 | 549.62 |
| 2 Person | 890.39 | 208.85 | 1,099.24 |
| Family | 1,219.83 | 286.13 | 1,505.96 |
| Senior Plans | | | |
| Medex III | 228.97 | 228.97 | 457.93 |
| Medicare HMO Blue | 171.05 | 40.12 | 211.17 |
| Managed Blue for Seniors | 281.82 | 66.10 | 347.92 |
| Boston Mutual Life Insurance | | | |
| \$10,000.00 coverage for active employees | | 3.30 | 6.60 |
| \$ 2,000.00 coverage for retirees | | .66 | 1.32 |

Respectfully submitted,
Candida Batista
Treasurer

TOWN CLERK

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Nomination papers and petitions were certified by the Registrars in the year 2006

The breakdown of registered voters per precinct as of December 31, 2006 is as follows.

| PREC. | Dem... | Grn Pty USA | Grn-Rainbow | Int 3 rd pty | Lib. | Reform | Rep. | Unenr | Total |
|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|------|--------|------|-------|-------|
| 01 | 1023 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 230 | 938 | 2204 |
| 02 | 959 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 223 | 730 | 1926 |
| 03 | 1082 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 0 | 393 | 1194 | 2697 |
| 04 | 1196 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 228 | 844 | 2289 |
| 05 | 511 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 171 | 524 | 1219 |
| 06 | 1235 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 326 | 1080 | 2645 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | |

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy M Collins
Eugene A Beauregard Jr.
Howard A Vincent
Laurie Gibbons, Town Clerk CMMC

March 27, 2006 - Town Election

A total of 4,333 (34% of 12,912 registered voters)ballots were cast. Precinct 1 – 628: Precinct 2 – 624: Precinct 3-872: Precinct 4-868: Precinct 5-360: Precinct 6-981: the polls were open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Proceedings – Spring Annual Town Meeting - May 8, 2006

ARTICLE 1: Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the Annual Town Report for the calendar year 2006.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to accept the reports of outstanding committees and to continue said committees further unless discharged by vote of this body.

Open Space Planning Comm., Celebrate Ludlow Comm., Capital Planning Improvement Comm., Fair Housing Comm., Computer Advisory Comm., Haviland Beach Study Comm., Local Economic Partnership Comm., and Pond Management Comm., Industrial Finance Authority, Westover Metropolitan Dev. Corp, - reporting progress and wish to continue.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to postpone action on Article 3 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting. **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 4: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the printing of the Annual Town Report for the calendar year 2006 and the printing of the Annual Town Meeting Warrants and recommendations.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of conducting an Annual Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. **see article 6 after article 46**

ARTICLE 7: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,800.00 to be deposited in a previously established Special Revenue Fund, to be expended by the Celebrate Ludlow Committee, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for fireworks and general expenses related to the event. I further move that all gifts and donations be deposited in this Special Revenue Fund to cover expenses related to this celebration.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,750.00 to be deposited in a previously established fund for the removal of dangerous and abandoned buildings in accordance with 780 C.M.R. s 121.0 unsafe structures.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the Spring Annual Town Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Proceedings – Special within the Annual Town Meeting – May 8, 2006

ARTICLE 1: Voted to transfer from the Golf Course Enterprise Retained Earnings Fund the sum of \$2,881.27, to transfer from the General Fund the sum of \$634.00 and to transfer the sum of \$36,173.00 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund, totaling \$39,688.27, to be used for unpaid bills and/or overexpended accounts of previous years as follows: \$2,838.12 Western MA Electric-Bill from FY05 for the Westover Golf Commission, this bill was not processed for payment until after July 1, 2005.

\$43.15 Verizon-Bill from FY05 for Westover Golf Commission, this bill was not processed for payment after July 1, 2005.

\$634.00 Johnson Controls-Services for this bill were completed for FY05 during the month of June but were not invoiced until September 05.

\$36,173.00 Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, shortfall in the FY05 DPW budget due to estimated readings.

\$39,688.27 TOTAL

ARTICLE 2: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,600.00 for the purchase, delivery and installation of a New High Density Storage System located at the Police Station. **(DEFEATED)**

ARTICLE 3: Voted to transfer the sum of \$9,500.00 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Board of Selectmen's Personal Services Account.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to transfer a sum, not to exceed \$20,000 from the Personnel Services Account of the Westover Golf Course to the General Expense Account, to fund a shortfall. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the Special within the Annual Town Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

CONTINUATION OF THE MAY 8, 2006 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 9: Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen declare as surplus approximately two acres of land taken by the Town by eminent domain from the New York Central Lines, LLC pursuant to an order of taking dated January 9, 2001 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in book 11806, page 510 and that this land be transferred from the municipal purpose for which it was taken to the purpose of sale, through the Board of Selectmen, to abutting property owners, as shown on the plan submitted to the Board of Selectmen by the Board of Public Works, and that the specific procedure and price for the disposition of this land be at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, and further that a majority of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to execute any documents necessary to carry out these transfers, including deeds to the individual lots shown on the plan to the individual purchasers.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,540.00 for the purchase, delivery and installation of a new High Density Storage System to be located at the Fire Station.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General by deleting the current maximums and minimums and increment steps for non-union personnel, including Custodians, Schedule V, Engineering, Schedule X, Management, Schedule XIII, and Police Dispatchers, Schedule IV replacing them with the minimums, maximums and increment steps as printed in article 11 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to postpone action on Article 12 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 13: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by deleting the Current

Maximums and Minimums and Increment steps for Library Personnel, Schedule VI, and replacing them with the Minimums, Maximums and Increment steps as printed in Article 13 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 14: Voted to postpone action on Article 14 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 15: Voted to amend the Personnel Policy bylaws of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by deleting all references to the “Assistant Building Inspector”, wherever such references may occur, and replacing said references with the term “Local Building Inspector” as printed on Article 15 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 16: Voted to amend the Compensation and Classification Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by adding the positions of Inspector of Wires and Plumbing/Gas Inspector to the “Department of Inspectional Services” as printed in Article 16 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

2nd paragraph deleted

(I further move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,312.00, said sum to be added to the Building Department Personal Services budget for Fiscal Year 2007 to fund the new Positions of Inspector of Wires and Plumbing/Gas Inspector created by Article 16 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.)

(2nd paragraph is out of order delete paragraph due to the fact that it was not in the warrant)

ARTICLE 17: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws to reclassify the position of Assistant Engineer E-4 to the M-3 classification of the Management Schedule, effective July 1, 2006.
(DEFEATED)

ARTICLE 18: Voted to postpone action on Article 18 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant,
(POSTPONED)

ARTICLE 19: Voted to raise/and or appropriate from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to be used to hire a professional appraiser to do an independent appraisal of the electric generating facility owned and operated by Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co.

ARTICLE 20: Voted to re-establish the Departmental Revolving Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, s 53E ½ to allow the Board of Health to pay the On-site Sewage Disposal System Inspectors a portion of the related fees collected as printed in the warrant not to exceed Twenty Four Thousand dollars (\$24,000).

ARTICLE 21: Voted to adopt the provisions of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003, and Act Relative of Public Employees Serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

ARTICLE 22: Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by deleting paragraph 4.1.1.b, which reads as follows: b: The minimum distance between any two buildings on the same lot shall be not less than twice the height of the taller building, except where the walls of such buildings facing each other contain no windows, then the minimum distance between such buildings shall be no less than the height of the taller building.

ARTICLE 23: Voted to amend the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by deleting Section 16, Family and Medical leave (FMLA) in its entirety and by replacing it with a new Section 16, Family and Medical leave (FMLA) as printed in Article 23 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 24: Voted to amend the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by deleting Section 2.1.8, Temporary, Casual and Seasonal Employees and by replacing it with a new Section 2.1.8, Temporary, Casual and Seasonal Employees as printed in Article 24 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 25: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws by amending Classification Plan, Schedule A, Health Department, to reflect the current grade numbers for the Public Health Nurses, as printed in Article 25 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 26: Voted to establish a Revolving Fund for the Conservation Commission, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, s 53E ½ , said fund to receive wetland fees collected by the Ludlow Conservation Commission per Chapter XV, s 6 of the Town of Ludlow bylaws. Said fees to be submitted to the Town Treasurer for deposit and expended by the Conservation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 only for expenses attributable to the administration and enforcement of the Wetlands Protection Act and Ludlow Conservation Commission bylaws and maintenance of conservation land.

ARTICLE 27: Voted to amend the bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by adding Section 6 to Chapter XV, Conservation Commission bylaws, as printed in the Warrant.

ARTICLE 28: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, sections 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws effective July 1, 2005 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 29: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,000 for Personnel Services and \$681.50 for employee benefits, line item 45 to cover Medicare to be added to the Fiscal Year 2007 Recreation Department Budget, Personal Services to fund the position of 1 Co-Director and 6 Counselors.

ARTICLE 30: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws effective July 1, 2007 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 31: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,760 for the Personnel Services to be added to the Fiscal Year 2007 Recreation Department Budget, Personnel Services to fund the added hours of the counselors.

ARTICLE 32: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaw of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Agricultural to Residence A parcels of land owned by Paul and Lucille Cislak of Blairsville, Georgia, located at the end of Grimard Street (Assessors #2D, Parcels 91 and 99) as described in the warrant.

ARTICLE 33: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from residence A to Business A, a parcel of land owned by Carmina Fernandes, located at 1 Swan Avenue (Assessors' Map #11D, Parcel 84) as described in the warrant. **(FAILS)**

ARTICLE 34: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Residence A to Business A parcels of land owned by Manuel Mendes, located at 4 Loopley Street (Assessors' Map #11D, Parcels 83 A and 83B) as described in the warrant. **(DEFEATED)**

ARTICLE 35: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Residence A to Business A parcels of land owned by Avelino Miranda, located at 10 Loopley Street (Assessor's Map #11D, Parcels 83B and 83) as described in the warrant. **(DEFEATED)**

ARTICLE 36: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Residence A to Business A parcels of land owned by Jose Santos, located at 11 Swan Avenue (Assessors' Map #11D, Parcels 85 and 85A) as described in the warrant. **(DEFEATED)**

ARTICLE 37: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Residence A to Business A, a parcel of land owned by Richard Kowalski of Springfield, Massachusetts, located at 614 Chapin Street (Assessors' Map #16B, Parcel 89) as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 38: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Commercial/Industrial to Residence B a parcel of land owned by Val Rodrigues, located on West Street, and identified on Assessors' Map #3, Parcel 66G as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 39: Voted to postpone action on Article #39. **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 40: Voted to postpone action on Article 40 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 41: Voted to authorize the Board of Public Works to enter into a contract with the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission for a term of ten years for the treatment and disposal of sewage.

ARTICLE 42: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$424,329 for State Chapter 90 Highway Aid funds for engineering, construction, maintenance and/or repairs to town roads and bridges.

ARTICLE 43: Voted to authorize the Board of Public Works to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department for the construction and maintenance of the public highways for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 44: Voted to transfer a sum of money to establish a Fiscal 2007 budget for the Department of Public Works Enterprise Fund for the closure of the landfill.

ARTICLE 45: Voted to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$297,000.00 to fund the Fiscal Year 2007 Capital Improvements Program. I further move that the list entitled "Capital Improvements and Equipment" that was distributed to all Town Meeting Members be made part of this motion, and that each item listed be voted as a separate appropriation and under the jurisdiction of the Department, Board or Committee indicated. I further move that the sum of \$8,639.00 be transferred from Golf Course Revenues, that the sum of \$38,361.00 be transferred from the closing out of prior year's unexpended Golf Course Capital Budget items and that the sum of \$250,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund Overlay Surplus Account.

Capital Improvement

| Dept. | Description | Amount |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Public Safety Complex | Rooftop Heating Cooling Units (3) | \$37,500 |
| Hubbard Library | Roof Replacement | \$11,250 |
| Police Department | 2007 Chevy 4 Wheel Tahoe | \$31,000 |
| Fire Department | Alarm Room Console/Equipment | \$35,300 |
| School Department | Athletic Track Recondition-HS | \$24,950 |
| DPW | John Deere Backhoe/Loader | \$90,000 |
| DPW | Whitney Park Tennis Court Repairs | \$20,000 |
| | TOTAL GENERAL FUND | \$250,000 |
| Golf Course | Golf Cart Replacement | \$16,000 |
| Golf Course | Reel/Bedknife Grinder | \$31,000 |
| | TOTAL GOLF COURSE | \$47,000 |

The funds needed for the General Fund will be taken from the Overlay Surplus account that was set up in December 2005. The funds for the Golf Course will be taken from closing out prior years unexpended Capital Budget items totaling \$38,361 and the remainder from the Golf Enterprise fund balance account.

ARTICLE 46: Voted to transfer from available funds the sum of \$145,000.00 for the Fiscal Year 2007 Reserve Fund, and that to raise said sum, \$100,000.00 be transferred from free cash, \$20,000.00 be transferred from Golf Course Retained Earnings, and \$25,000.00 be transferred from the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

ARTICLE 47: Voted to postpone action on Article 47 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting. **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 48: Voted to transfer the sum of \$1,200,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance to be used by the Board of Assessors in determining the Fiscal Year 2007 Tax Levy.

(**Budget)

ARTICLE 6: Voted to appropriate \$47,224,765 (change due to amendment \$47,391,765) for Town Purposes and charges during the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2007, and that said sum include the following salaries for elected officials:

| POSITION | NUMBER | ANNUAL SALARY |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Moderator | 1 | \$ 427.00 |
| Chairman, Board of Selectmen | 1 | \$ 4,276.00 |
| Members, Board of Selectmen | 4 | \$ 3,354.00 |
| Town Treasurer | 1 | \$42,663.00 |
| Town Collector | 1 | \$53,978.00 |
| Chairman, Board of Assessors | 1 | \$ 4,276.00 |
| Members, Board of Assessors | 2 | \$ 3,354.00 |
| Town Clerk | 1 | \$53,978.00 |
| Chairman, Board of Health | 1 | \$ 3,300.00 |
| Members, Board of Health | 2 | \$ 3,300.00 |
| Chairman, Board of Public Works | 1 | \$ 3,546.00 |
| Members, Board of Public Works | 4 | \$ 2,801.00 |
| Chairman, School Committee | 1 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Members, School Committee | 4 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Chairman, Planning Board | 1 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Members, Planning Board | 4 | \$ 2,500.00 |

I further move that the total appropriations be allocated to the various Town Departments in accordance with numbered 1 through 48 of the attached Budget Listing entitled "Town of Ludlow Departmental Budgets", and using the column headed "Fiscal Year 2007 recommended".

I further move, that to raise said sum \$12,000, be transferred from the Pension Reserve fund and applied towards item 45 to offset the amount being raised for contributory retirement costs, \$663,905 to be applied from "Fiscal Year 2007 Golf Course Revenues" to fund the Westover Municipal Golf Course Budget item 47, \$114,000, to be transferred from Fiscal 2007 Golf Course Revenues to fund Fiscal 2007 indirect Golf Course costs appropriated in the General Fund, \$837,110 to be applied from "Fiscal Year 2007 Sewer fund Revenues" to Fund the Sanitary Sewer Budget item 48 and the balance of \$47,098,765 is to be raised and appropriated.

1ST AMENDMENT – Voted to increase Article #6 line #46 School Department by \$126,000 so that the new recommended FY07 amount is = \$22,742,704.

2ND AMENDMENT – Voted to amend and to increase Article #6 line #45 Employee Benefits by \$41,000 so that the new recommended FY07 amount is = \$8,092,991.

State Primary – September 19, 2006 – A total of 2,869 (22%) ballots were cast. Democrats/Precinct 1:393, Precinct 2: 341, Precinct 3: 428, Precinct 4: 456, Precinct 5: 256 and Precinct 6: 559: Republican/Precinct 1:66, Precinct 2: 68, Precinct 3: 100, Precinct 4: 68, Precinct 5: 41, Precinct 6: 93/for a total of 2,869 ballots cast. The polls were open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Proceedings – Fall Special Town Meeting – October 2, 2006

ARTICLE 1: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,645.28 to be used for unpaid bills and/or overextended accounts of previous years as follows:

| | |
|----------|--|
| \$175.00 | The National Arbor Day Foundation. Received after the June 30, 2006 Fiscal Year end. |
| \$131.69 | Wing Emergency Service PC. Workers Compensation – bill received after June 30, 2006 Fiscal Year end-Services provided June 30, 2006. |
| \$537.00 | United Divers, Inc., Invoice received August 15, 2006 for services dated June 1, 2006. Received after end of Fiscal Year. |
| \$417.00 | First Student: Ludlow Recreation Dept. – Services provided on June 29, 2006 – invoice received July 18, 2006 after end of Fiscal Year. |

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| \$300.00 | Quabbin Analytical Laboratory: Invoiced late – Services for water testing of Haviland Pond provided on June 19, 2006. |
| \$715.95 | Springfield Water and Sewer: Billing for FY06. Not enough monies were encumbered to cover the invoice. |
| \$11,368.64 | Eco/Springfield, LLC: Not enough monies budgeted to cover this whole expense. |
| \$13,645.28 | TOTAL |

ARTICLE 2: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, by deleting the current maximums and minimums and increment steps for clerical workers, schedule II and replacing them with a new schedule which reflects a 3% increase for Fiscal Year 2007, as printed in Article 2 of the October 2, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, by deleting the current maximums and minimums and increment steps for nurses, schedule VII and replacing them with new schedules which reflect a 3% increase for Fiscal Year 2007, and a 2.5% increase in each of Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009, as printed in Article 3 of the October 2, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be used for design services for phase 4 of the East Street Revitalization Project.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to amend the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, to adjust benefits for non-union employees to coincide with the unionized clerical employees, as printed in Article 5 of the October 2, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to amend the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, by creating a new position, Manager of Computer Services, to be classified at the M-5 level, as printed in Article 6 of the October 2, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from account number 011553, Data Processing General Expenses, to a new data processing Personal Services Account, said sum to fund the position created in the previous article.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to accept Chapter 39, Section 23D of the Massachusetts General Laws, an Act of the Legislature which would permit Local Board members who fail to attend a session of a hearing before their Board to be able to vote on the matter provided they reviewed evidence submitted at the unattended hearing session. I further move that such acceptance be applicable to adjudicatory hearings of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Public Works, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 9: Voted to accept Chapter 32B, Section 18 of the Massachusetts General Laws, an Act of the Legislature which would require that all retirees, their spouses and dependents who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage there under at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, be required to enroll in a Medicare Health Benefits Supplement Plan offered by the Town.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to establish an Agricultural Commission to represent the Farming and Agricultural Community in Ludlow. I further move that the charge and Charter printed in Article 10 of the October 2, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant be adopted as the Governing Document of said Commission.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to disband the Building and Alterations Committee.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, by adding a new Schedule XIV. Inspectors as printed in Article 12 of the October 2, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 13: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used by the Charter Commission to engage the services of an attorney specializing in law related to Massachusetts Municipal Charters, for printing and postage, and for other necessary expenses. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto. Submitted by the Charter Commission.

ARTICLE 14: Voted pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws, to permit Elected Boards and Committees in the Town of Ludlow to enter into contracts to share services with similar boards in other municipalities.

ARTICLE 15: Voted to postpone Article 15.

ARTICLE 16: Voted to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws to reflect the addition of a fifth step to the current Compensation Plan – Schedule IV for Police Dispatchers PD-1 and PD-2 as printed in the warrant. Submitted by signers of a petition.

ARTICLE 17: Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of \$26,904.80 to be added to the Police Department budget, Personnel Services to provide funds for the compensation according to the amendment set forth in previous article. Pass any vote or take any action thereto.

ARTICLE 18: Voted to accept the Fiscal 2007 Tax Agreement signed by the Ludlow Board of Assessors and Consolidated Edison Energy Massachusetts, Inc. dated September 12, 2006 for the Hydro Electric Facility located at 5 Center Street for a valuation of \$463,000 for personal property and a valuation of \$603,400 for real estate.

ARTICLE 19: Voted to appropriate State Chapter 90 Highway Aid Funds for engineering, construction, reconstruction and/or repairs to Town Roads and Bridges. Submitted by the Board of PublicWorks.

ARTICLE 20: Voted to authorize the Board of Public Works to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department for the construction and maintenance of the public highways for the ensuing year. Submitted by the Board of Public Works.

ARTICLE 21: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow Section 2.1 Zoning Map, by deleting the existing paragraph and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:
“the location and boundaries of zoning districts are hereby established as shown, defined and bounded on an eight-page zoning map originally prepared for the Town of Ludlow by Durkee, White, Town & Chapdelaine, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, dated August, 1960 as amended. Said zoning map and amendments thereto as duly adopted shall be considered an integral part of this bylaw”.

ARTICLE 22: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing Section 4.0.11.a.
FROM: “See Table 2, Table of Dimensional Regulations for height provisions.”
TO: “All building heights must comply with the State Building Code.” And to amend Table 2 to reflect this change.

ARTICLE 23: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 5.1.3.f. by deleting the last two sentences which read: “Parking areas shall be located to the side or rear of the structure. No parking shall be permitted within the front yard of the structure.”

ARTICLE 24: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 5.5 Storm water Management bylaw by deleting the current bylaw in its entirety and replacing it with the new Storm water Management bylaw as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 25: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing the title of Section 6.4.5.a, to read “uses permitted within the Business A, Business B, and Industrial A, B, & C districts” and by changing the accompanying paragraph to also refer to Industrial A, B, & C districts”.

ARTICLE 26: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing the title of Section 6.4.5.b. to read “all other districts”.

ARTICLE 27: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 6.5. Sign Regulations, by deleting the current sign regulations and inserting new sign regulations as printed in the warrant; and to amend Table 4 “Permitted Signs” to coincide with the changes. **(DEFEATED)**

ARTICLE 28: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow Section 6.5.8.c. by deleting the words “Article 14” at the end of the paragraph.

ARTICLE 29: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 7.1.5. Required Site Plan Contents, by adding a second opening paragraph to read as follows” “All site plans shall also include the property owner’s name, date of plan, and scale of plan: and a space for endorsement by the Planning Board (3”X5”).

ARTICLE 30: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaw of the Town of Ludlow, Section 10, Definitions by deleting the reference to garage sizes in the definition of Private Garage as follows: Delete: a. One Car “Garage 14 feet X 24 feet – b. Two Car Garage 28 feet X 24 feet – c. Three Car Garage 42 feet X 24 feet.

ARTICLE 31: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 10, Definitions by deleting the definition for Parking Space and replacing it with a new definition as follows: Parking Space: An off-street parking space shall be as set forth in Section 6.4.6 of this bylaw.

ARTICLE 32: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 10, Definitions, by adding the definitions as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 33: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Section 6.4.7, surfacing, by adding the following sentence which reads: “In all other zoning districts, that portion of the driveway that lies within the public way shall be constructed in accordance with the Town of Ludlow Board of Public Works Regulations for Construction within the public way in effect at the time of construction.”

ARTICLE 34: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow, Table of Dimensional Regulations, by deleting the column for Building Height Limit, and adding a column for Total Lot Coverage limiting lot coverage to 35% in all zones as printed in the warrant. **(FAILS)**

AMENDMENT ON ARTICLE 34: Voted to amend Article 34 by limiting the 35% total Lot Coverage to only the Residence A-1, Residence A, Residence B, Agriculture & Agriculture Moderate Density Overlay Zones; and having no limits in the Business A, Business B, Industrial A, Industrial B, and Industrial C zones. **(FAILS)**.

ARTICLE 35: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Business A to Residence A, a parcel of land owned by Richard Kowalski located at 614 Chapin Street as described in the warrant.

ARTICLE 36: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Agriculture to Industrial A parcels of land owned by Frank Arduino and Holly Arduino, Trustees of the 270 West Street Real Estate Trust located at 270 West Street as described in the warrant.

ARTICLE 37: Voted to amend the Zoning bylaws of the Town of Ludlow by changing from Business A to Residence B a parcel of land owned by Joseph Chaves, Antonio Goncalves and John Bettencourt located at 513 Center Street as described in the warrant.

ARTICLE 38: Voted to postpone action on Article 38. **(POSTPONED)**

ARTICLE 39: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) in order to acquire the fee simple interest and to accept as a public way Pinewood Road, in accordance with the Legal Description as printed in Article 39 of the October 2, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant. **(FAILS)**

ARTICLE 40: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) in order to acquire the fee simple interest and to accept as a Public Way Cislak Drive, in accordance with the legal Description as printed in Article 40 of the October 2, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 41: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) in order to acquire the fee simple interest and to accept as a public way Woodside Road Extension , in accordance with the Legal Description as printed in Article 41 of the October 2, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Moved and seconded to dissolve the Fall Special Town Meeting at 10:51 p.m.

State Election November 7, 2006

A total of 6,948 (52%) ballots were cast. Total number of registered voters 13,149. Precinct 1: 1173, Precinct 2: 945, Precinct 3: 1471, Precinct 4: 1210, Precinct 5: 680, Precinct 6: 1469. The polls were open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Special Town Meeting – November 27, 2006

ARTICLE 1: Voted to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel Policy bylaw of the Town of Ludlow as authorized under Chapter 41, s 108A and 108C of the Massachusetts General Laws, by deleting the current maximums and minimums and increment steps for workers at the Council on Aging, Schedule XI and XIV, and replacing them with a new schedule which reflects a 3% increase for Fiscal year 2007, as printed in Article 1 of the November 27, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant. I further move that the Town vote to correct a clerical error in Article 1 of the November 27, 2006 Special Town Meeting Warrant by deleting the Classification “CP-C” on the outreach coordinator table and replacing it with “C-OC”.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to Article 29 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting to the Department of Public Works materials account for Public Parks, 01410365-524021.

Moved and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:41 p.m. November 27, 2006.

VITAL STATISTICS

****notes incomplete**

DEATHS.....171**
BIRTHS.....164**
MARRIAGES.....257**

| Year | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Deaths | 182 | 191 | 180 | 164 | 180 | 171** |
| Births | 179 | 165 | 186 | 153 | 173 | 164** |
| Marriages | 142 | 168 | 169 | 219 | 220 | 257** |

I would like to express my thanks to the residents of Ludlow for their continued support and words of encouragement. I would like to thank Theresa Veilleux-Almeida for all her hard work; she is deeply missed by the clerk’s office. I would like to show my appreciation for all the individuals who work for the Town of Ludlow, they are and continue to be wonderful to work with and for. My sincere thanks to all my poll workers, registrars, police, custodians, principals and DPW for all their hard work, the election process would not be a success if it were not for these individuals. My staff, Assistant Town Clerk, Christine Szlosek and Maria McSwain a great big thanks for all that you do, it is a pleasure to work with the two of you, if I don’t say thank you enough, please know that I am always appreciative and grateful to both of you for all that you do. To Elsa Barros, you are greatly missed; I know that you will always succeed no matter where your life takes you. Once again I would like to express my gratitude to all.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Gibbons, Town Clerk CMMC

In closure,

Richard Houghton was a wonderful gentleman and registrar for the Town of Ludlow. We always looked forward to seeing him in our office, always with a smile, his dedication and kind words will always be remembered.

RECEIPTS

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Coloring Books | \$ 6.00 |
| Burial Permits | \$ 600.00 |
| Business Certificates | \$ 1,680.00 |
| By-Laws | \$ 330.00 |
| Gas Renewals | \$ 758.00 |
| History Books/tax | \$ 222.25 |
| Images of Ludlow/tax | \$ 163.80 |
| Maps | \$ 32.00 |
| Marriage Intentions | \$ 2,595.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 895.43 |
| Parking Violations | \$ 5,185.00 |
| Passports | \$17,070.00 |
| Photos, Extra | \$ 3,955.90 |
| Photos, Regular | \$ 570.00 |
| Raffle | \$ 70.00 |
| St. List | \$ 756.00 |
| UCC Search | \$ 10.00 |
| Vitals Death | \$ 760.00 |
| Vitals Long Form | \$ 4,555.00 |
| Vitals Marriages | \$ 1,085.00 |
| Vitals Short Form | \$ 32.00 |
| World War II Books/tax | \$ 75.00 |
| Fish/Game/Stamps (town) | \$ 758.75 |
| Interest | \$ 83.38 |
| TOTAL | \$42,248.51 |

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|--------------|--------------------|
| Dogs | \$ 6,680.00 |
| Late Fees | \$ 370.00 |
| Boarding | \$ 255.00 |
| Stray | \$ 170.00 |
| Kennel | \$ 240.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 7,715.00 |

LUDLOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

James "Chip" Harrington, Chairman
Michele Manganaro-Thompson
Joseph Santos
Thomas Foye
Susan Gove (Appointed)

The Ludlow School Committee welcomed two new members in 2006. Thomas Foye was elected in the town's annual election in March, while Susan Gove was appointed in April to fill the 1 year unexpired term of former

committee member Gail Labelle. I would like to thank both Gail Labelle and former member Christopher Chartrand for their dedicated work as members of the Ludlow School Committee.

I was very pleased to have members of the Board of Selectmen join us at the Class of 2006 Graduation ceremonies held at the Mullins Center at the University of Massachusetts. Graduation day represents over twelve years worth of hard work by not only our student body but also all of the district teachers, support staff and parents. It is only fitting that the executive branch of our local government share in this eventful day. The School Committee is committed to working with all town departments as we continuously work to improve the quality of education in the Town of Ludlow.

The Ludlow School Department has initiated several changes in 2006. Under the direction of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Theresa Kane our most extensive change has been the adoption of a "*Strategic Action Plan*" which was unveiled in June. The Committee has unanimously endorsed this plan and is looking forward to its full implementation over then next few years. Within this strategic plan are five goals that when achieved, will result in greater student leaning from pre kindergarten through grade 12. These five goals are:

- **Goal One- Academic Performance:** Each school will establish an instructional focus designed to motivate and engage all students. This will be supported by: clear ways of measuring progress; teachers sharing best practices; curricula that is delivered creatively; and development of sensitive assessment modalities.
- **Goal Two – Professional Development:** The district will utilize professional development to improve student achievement through each school’s instructional focus and improve operational efficiency.
- **Goal Three- Technology:** The district will utilize technology to support each school’s instructional focus and improve operational efficiency.
- **Goal Four- Community Development:** The district will promote activities which foster a sense of community amongst students, parents, staff and the community at-large.
- **Goal Five- Communication:** The district will improve effective communication within each building, within the district, and within the community.

It is the intention of the Ludlow School Committee along with all administrators, teachers and support staff that the goals set fourth in the Strategic Plan are implemented and achieved. The Massachusetts Department of Education along with the Federal Government continues to challenge all school districts to achieve higher educational standards. Ludlow Public Schools will reach a greater level of success as we move forward and continue to challenge our student population. We are very proud of all of the hard work that has been put fourth by the district’s teaching core and administrators. The success of Ludlow Public School alumni can be seen across the globe in both the public sector and private sector of the workforce.

Respectfully submitted,
James “Chip” Harrington, Chairman
Ludlow School Committee

Members:
Michele Manganaro–Thompson
Joseph Santos
Thomas Foye
Susan Gove, Appointed

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FY2006 budget approved at the annual Town Meeting: \$21,804,135

Student Enrollment:

K-12 3,068
High School (9-12) 1,102 including 48 "school choice" students
Middle School (6-8) 710 including 47 "school choice" students
Chapin Elementary (K-5) 366 including 6 "school choice" students
East Street Elementary (K-5) 443 including 7 "school choice" students
Veterans Park Elementary (K-5) 447 including 3 "school choice" students

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHANGES

In March, the School Committee reorganized and elected James P. Harrington, Chairman; Michele Manganaro-Thompson, Vice-Chairwoman; and Joseph A. Santos, Secretary. They were joined by new members, Thomas F. Foye and Susan D. Gove.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

On or before the end of the 2005-2006 school year, the following employees retired after many years of service to the School Department. Their years of dedication to the students of Ludlow are greatly appreciated.

The District said farewell to the following retirees: Zygmunt Babski, Roselie Brodeur, Linda Condon, Richard Cotti, Jose DaCruz, Judith Gregoire, Sandra Halton, Audrey Hibbard, Suzanne Kelley, Mary Ann Larkin, Richard Lonczak, Stephen Marino, Sheila O'Neill, Manuel Pereira, Manuel Saraiva, Marie Sbriscia, Laura Sloat, Susan Stachelek, Ann Sullivan, Kevin Thompson, and John Vautrain.

The following faculty were employed for the 2006-2007 school year: Sarah Jaciow, Health Teacher at East Street School; Jennifer Potter, Grade 3 Teacher at Chapin Street School; Amy Brown, Grade 5 Teacher at Veterans Park School; Donna Queiros, Grade 2 Teacher at Veterans Park School; Margery Ackerman, Occupational Therapist for the District; Heather Bianchi-Goncalves, Science/Technology Teacher at the middle school; Jill Chapdelaine, Math Teacher at the middle school; Jonathan Dias, Math Teacher at the middle school; Brian Mackintosh, Math Teacher at the middle school; Robert Nummy, Art Teacher at the middle school; Carlene Dushatinski, SSS, Autism at the middle school; Kimberly Shaffer-Whiting, SSS at the middle school; Michael Halpin, Assistant Principal at the high school; Marcie Burns, Math Teacher at the high school; Linda Duame, Guidance Counselor at the high school; Stuart Gamble, Foreign Language Teacher at the high school; Eric Johnson, English Teacher at the high school; Nevin Katz, Biology teacher at the high school; Amber Kumpulanian, English Teacher at the high school; Cheryl Noble, Vocal Music Teacher at the high school; Brett Smith, Art Teacher at the high school; Corally Litrell, Teacher of the Visually Impaired for the district; Kaitlin White, SSS for the district; Jan-Marie May, Speech and Language Assistant for the district.

STAFF RECOGNITION 2006

Maureen Cotti, Denise Gamelli, Ellen Mislak, Odette Nunes-Turcotte, Karen Williamson, Jack Ziembra, Brian Bylicki, Elaine Conway, Edward DiFiore, Augusta Fialho, Debbie Lemek

PIONEER VALLEY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jessica Olmo, Ludlow High School; Nancy Cox, Veterans Park School; Zygmunt Babski, Paul R. Baird Middle School; Karolina Kopczyński, Ludlow High School

PIONEER VALLEY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD NOMINEES

Michael Lavelle, Paul R. Baird Middle School; Deborah Casagrande, Paul R. Baird Middle School; Tina DeLullo, Paul R. Baird Middle School; Pamela Gebo, East Street School; Maren Miller-Ericksberg, East Street School; Megan Kane, Veterans Park School; and as a group-Jacqueline Zima, Janet Jolivet, Kimberly Kumiega, Mary Ann Gianni, and Terriann Emerson, Chapin Street School.

LUDLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The mission of the Ludlow Public Schools is to provide a quality education for every student by working in partnership with parents and community to assist each student in reaching his/her full potential.

**STATE OF THE DISTRICT REPORT: Urgent Facts
June 2006**

Approximately 62% OF STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN SEPTEMBER 2006 ATTENDED PRESCHOOL

**ELEMENTARY DRA RESULTS
JUNE 2006**

| GRADE | # OF STUDENTS | # OF STUDENTS BELOW PROFICIENCY LEVEL | PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS BELOW PROFICIENCY LEVEL |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Kindergarten | 177 | 80 | 45 % |
| Grade 1 | 207 | 53 | 26 % |
| Grade 2 | 190 | 35 | 18 % |
| Grade 3 | 169 | 56 | 33 % |

**ELEMENTARY MATH RESULTS
JUNE 2006**

| GRADE | # OF STUDENTS | # OF STUDENTS SCORING BELOW 80% | PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SCORING BELOW 80% |
|---------|---------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Grade 1 | 208 | 41 | 20 % |
| Grade 2 | 189 | 22 | 12 % |
| Grade 3 | 192 | 54 | 28 % |
| Grade 4 | 235 | 116 | 49 % |
| Grade 5 | 223 | 119 | 53 % |

12% of Middle School Students are enrolled in Remedial Math

Only 17% of 8th graders are enrolled in Algebra

Only 35% of Ludlow High School graduates are attending a 4 year college (Class of 2006)

Yet, 57% of the State of Massachusetts graduates are attending a 4 year college (Class of 2005)

Only 52% of students enrolled in a LHS AP class pass the exam – 48% do not pass

Ludlow High School SAT scores - 499-Verbal Mean; 514-Mathematics Mean

National SAT Scores – 508-Verbal Mean; 520-Mathematics Mean

**UNDER NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB):
LUDLOW IS A DISTRICT IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT**

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa M. Kane, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The Ludlow Public School Department's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2006 was funded at \$21,804,135, a 3.3% increase over the previous year. The budget increase budget funded contractual salary increases, special education tuition costs, and other increases in contractual services. Substantial increases in all utility costs (electric, gas, heating oil, and gasoline), caused in part by Hurricane Katrina and deregulation, created challenges for the school department operations during this year in order to maintain seven buildings.

The May Town Meeting approved Capital Project funds to have new roofs installed on five of our school buildings. These projects were completed and under budget.

I would like to extend our appreciation to all those who participate in making the Ludlow Public Schools run smoothly. Thanks to Sheriff Ashe and his crew for allowing us to participate in the pre-release program. Thanks to Kenny Batista and his crews for their help in maintaining our outdoor appearances. The DPW provides much assistance to our school sites.

After 13 years of service to the Ludlow Schools, Mrs. Connie Lacharite, Assistant to the Superintendent for Business and Finance is retiring. She provided the staff, students, and taxpayers with a level of service that was unsurpassed. She is truly a dedicated employee who worked endlessly to better Ludlow's School Department. I wish her well in her retirement.

Respectfully submitted,
Camie Lamica, CPA
Business Manager

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The district continued to provide a variety of quality special education services: occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech/language therapy, adaptive physical education, assistive technology, reading instruction, math instruction, etc. The district has continued its specialized educational program for students with language based disabilities to the high school level with students in grade 9 through 12. The district continues to try to build our Parent Advisory Council. Please join us as new members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The entire student support services department continued to provide quality services in a very challenging field.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Debarge
Director of Student Support Services

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

The overall effort of the Office of Curriculum for 2006 was to bring the PreK12 schools together to better meet the needs of Ludlow students. As a school committee member advised, "we need to make our good schools, great schools". The roll out of the strategic plan in June 2006 identified **Goal # 1 Academic Performance: Each school will establish an instructional focus designed to motivate and engage all students. This will be supported by: clear ways of measuring progress; teachers sharing best practices; curricula that is delivered creatively.**

Identifying an instructional focus is the first step in the following practices that support making good schools great schools:

1. Identifying and implementing a school-wide instructional focus for all students;
2. Developing professional collaboration teams to improve teaching and learning for all students;

3. Identifying, learning, and using effective evidence-based teaching practices to meet the needs of all students;
4. Creating a targeted professional development plan that builds expertise in selected evidence-based classroom practices;
5. Re-aligning resources (People, Time, Talent, Energy, and Money) to support the instructional focus for all students;
6. Engaging all families and the community in supporting the instructional focus for all students; and,
7. Creating an internal accountability system growing out of student learning goals.

The following are the instructional focus statements that have been identified by the staff of each of the schools through looking at student data and reading current educational research:

Chapin Street Elementary School:

A coordinated whole school effort to increase student achievement in the area of text comprehension as measured by oral and written assessments (MCAS, DRAs, district tests and classroom formal and informal assessments).

East Street Elementary School:

A coordinated whole school effort to have all East Street School students show growth in Reading Comprehension across the curriculum through the implementation of a set of shared practices in literacy instruction as measured by DRA's, student work identified at each grade level, and the students performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System.

Veterans Park Elementary School:

A coordinated whole school effort to have all Veterans Park Elementary Students show improvement in comprehension skills in all academic areas through the implementation of specific common instructional strategies as measured by the DRA, MCAS testing, Integrated Theme Tests, Accelerated Reader, and District Math Tests.

The Ludlow Integrated Preschool teachers are learning about the Work Sampling model for assessing children's academic and social development. Ongoing professional development has been provided for use of this online assessment tool. Work Sampling meets the criteria of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Baird Middle School is looking at student data and current research to identify their instructional focus. Once they have identified their instructional focus they will create an internal measure that will monitor student progress.

Ludlow High School staff is building on the good work they have already done on implementing rubrics to assess students' progress on the Student Academic Learning Expectations. Specifically, teachers will evaluate students on the first two Student Learning Expectations that follow: read comprehensively and critically; and, write and think coherently, creatively, logically, and critically.

Curriculum mapping continued at all grade levels. Curriculum instructional leaders supported the calendar based curriculum mapping at Baird Middle School and Ludlow High School. The English language arts service delivery committee supported this work at the elementary schools for English language arts.

The Ludlow Public Schools Office of Curriculum provided services to thirty-five English language learners and ten homeless students. Twenty-one home schooling plans were reviewed, approved, and evaluated during the 2006 school year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Lucey
Director of Curriculum

LUDLOW HIGH SCHOOL

FOCUSED ON READING COMPREHENSION AND WRITTEN RESPONSE

During the 2006 calendar year, Ludlow High School has experienced a good amount of change as the faculty and staff continued it's worked toward the overarching goal of improving student achievement. The class of 2006 was a large class with 272 students, and by the year's end, 98.5% or 268 had received a diploma or a certificate of attainment. Just over 96% of the students in this class passed both the ELA and math portions of the MCAS exam. The class of 2007 is having great success as well with 99% of the class passing the ELA portion of the exam and 97% of the class passing the math portion of the exam. This continued progress has been heartening as the students and staff work together to help each student reach his/her full potential.

The end of the 2005-2006 school year saw the retirement of Rich Cotti in guidance, Suzanne Kelley in English, Steve Marino as Dean of Students, and Susan Stachelek in math. All four had served the students of Ludlow incredibly well for over thirty years. These retirements ushered in new changes for the fall of 2006 as the high school maintained a student population of just under 1100 students. Eight new people joined the high school staff. The school implemented a new house structure, creating a ninth and tenth grade house and an eleventh and twelfth grade house. Each house has a core team of educators focusing solely on the needs of the two specific grades. This structure should allow the school to be proactive when dealing with most issues or challenges. The team in each house consists of an assistant principal, two guidance counselors, and the class advisors for the two grade levels. The team works closely with each other to plan and coordinate the school year for the two grade levels. This organizational structure allows the high school to create two smaller learning communities from the larger school, which in turn, should personalize students' education a bit more as they work consistently with the same adults. Each guidance counselor is responsible for one grade level of students, and the counselor will move each year with the grade so that the students work with only one counselor for their high school career. Additionally, the class advisors move with their class each year, ensuring consistency through a student's four years in high school. The move to the house structure has gone well to date.

The house structure has allowed the guidance department to introduce a new comprehensive guidance program where guidance counselors are in classes and presenting programs by grade level to students to prepare them for the many decisions to be made during their four year high school career. This new style of counseling has already shown results as a record number of students signed up to take the PSAT, which helps students prepare for the SAT, but more importantly provides students with valuable data on individual strengths. This information makes the course selection process much easier and allows students to map out their final two years of high school.

In the midst of all the change, Ludlow High School's commitment to community service and charitable efforts remained strong in 2006. For a third year in a row, the high school's National Honor Society and Spanish club partnered in their collection of non-perishable food items to put together the largest donation to the Mayflower Marathon sponsored by Rock 102, which supports the Open Pantry. The high school community supported a school in Gulfport, MS by providing school supplies throughout the year as the school attempted to regain a normal routine in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The new Red Cross club at the high school helped support the soldiers abroad in Iraq sending care packages. These well publicized efforts were in addition to other quiet fund raisers set up to help local families who had experienced a tragedy. The students at the high school continue to show an understanding the responsibility of being part of a larger community.

The year was one filled with many changes, all implemented with the goal of helping students achieve. The positive gains realized in 2006 hopefully will continue into 2007 the new faces and new programs continue to become integral parts of daily life at Ludlow High School.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Smith
Principal

PAUL R. BAIRD MIDDLE SCHOOL

The 2006-2007 school year has been a successful and productive one for the students and staff members at Baird Middle School. Our current enrollment is 724, consisting of 253 - 6th graders, 238 - 7th graders and 233 - 8th graders.

We extend our congratulations and thanks to five outstanding veteran teachers who retired from our faculty this year: Science Curriculum and Instructional Leader, Zygmunt Babski; Ludlow native and Sixth Grade Instructional Leader, Kevin Thompson; woodshop and mathematics teacher, Richard Lonczak; computer teacher, David Smigiel and art teacher, Ann Sullivan. We appreciate the many years of dedicated service they provided to the children of Ludlow.

We also welcomed eight (8) new staff members to our Baird family this year: Ludlow natives Jonathan Dias and Brian Mackintosh, mathematics; Ludlow residents Heather Bianchi-Goncalves, science and technology, Jill Chapdelaine, mathematics; Robert Nummy, art; and Charlene Dushatinski and Diane Ogorzalek, special education.

We are happy to report that health teacher, Deborah Casagrande, has been named Massachusetts Health Educator of the Year by the MAPHERD and retired teacher, Zygmunt Babski, was awarded the Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award last Spring.

Our staff has focused our instruction on the teaching of reading and writing across the curriculum this year. Visitors to Baird will find students writing in many classes, including physical education and the arts. Our goal is to improve our students' ability to comprehend what they read and to write clearly about what they read.

We have also focused instruction on mathematics. With the support we received from the school committee and town meeting members, we were able to hire an additional math and technology teacher. These positions allowed us to offer supplemental math to students in need of additional support and a new science and technology program is now offered to all eighth graders.

We continue to recognize the need for positive after-school activities for young teens. Our school council was able to finance twelve (12) additional after-school clubs through the community's support of our fundraisers. We now offer a total of 19 activities which appeal to our students.

We are also pleased that our partnership with the Ludlow Boys & Girls Club allows us to offer an on-site after-school program for students until 5:30 p.m. each day. There are 91 students who participate in this program, which includes a homework help lab and a variety of supervised activities under the direction of David Borkowski, a veteran teacher at Baird.

We will continue our mission to provide the best education possible for each student at Baird Middle School, and we thank the community for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Hogan
Principal

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The elementary schools in Ludlow have had many exciting new challenges and causes for celebration over the past year.

All three schools met their prescribed benchmarks for *Adequate Yearly Progress* on MCAS testing. Veteran's Park School received special recognition for ranking fourth in the state with respect to the number of students achieving in the advanced and proficient categories on the 3rd grade Math test.

We are now in the first year of working in a school improvement model called "*The Power of Focus.*" Through this work each school has adopted an instructional focus on reading comprehension. Our faculty and staff are using the focus to lift student achievement in all academic disciplines through charting performance data, individualizing instruction to meet student need, customizing professional development, and maximizing resources. We are excited to monitor our progress with this model and look forward to reporting our results.

In an effort to support district-wide and grant-funded work on developing a District Safety team, each of our schools has begun more extensive practice in responding to potential crisis situations. Each building Principal has now identified an alternative site that will be used in situations where the school has been deemed unsafe. School-based Safety Teams are also being developed to assist in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of protocols. Each team will consist of parent, staff, and administrative representation.

This year several long time elementary faculty members and staff retired. They are: Roselie Brodeur at Chapin Street School; and Shelia O'Neill; John Vautrain, fifth grade at Veterans Park. We wish them well and thank them for their years of service.

We welcome the following educators to our staff and look forward to their contributions: Jennifer Potter, who transferred from East St. to Chapin St., Sarah Jaciow, health teacher at East St. and Chapin St., and Rachel Rhodes, Student Support Services teacher at East St. and Chapin St., Linda Lambert, who transferred from Ludlow High School to Chapin St and in the second grade at Veteran's Park Donna Queiros.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brett Bishop, Principal, East Street School
Susan Dukeshire, Principal, Chapin Street School
Kathleen Lewis-Malysz, Veteran's Park School.

LUDLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Integrated Preschool Program is located at the Early Childhood Center at 54 Winsor Street. The program has been in existence since January of 1989 and currently is housed exclusively at the Early Childhood Center – seven preschool sessions are offered each day at the Early Childhood Center. With a small staff to student ratio, the Integrated Preschool allows children with disabilities and without disabilities to interact and to learn in a variety of structured and free play activities.

Our strategic plan goals include increasing preschool enrollment and improving student performance. Currently, we are working with community members and the elementary school principals to coordinate outreach efforts in the community to help raise awareness of the importance of early childhood education. In the past Kindergarten helped students get ready for elementary school. Currently, the research shows that children who attend preschool are better prepared for Kindergarten and elementary school. We have been working on a public awareness campaign that has involved meeting with local pediatricians, church pastors, local business owners, advertising in the register and on the local cable access station.

Our enrollment is at 101 children and continues to grow. Our enrollment continues to grow in direct relation to our ability to service preschool children in our community. We recently opened a part-day Portuguese~English classroom to support the needs of bilingual children and families. We have been able to offer limited full day programming and pay to ride transportation for some of our students. Our program supports 6.5 professional staff members and 6 paraprofessional staff members. We hope to offer a before and after school program starting in September to make preschool more accessible to working families.

As for the goal of improving academic performance, we have identified our instructional focus as Literacy, chosen five instructional strategies to support literacy in the classroom and have implemented a new assessment tool called Work Sampling.

The Ludlow Public Schools' Integrated Preschool Program looks forward to providing quality educational programming for our entire preschool community. This is an exciting time for our students, families and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene H. Ryan, Director
Early Childhood Center

HEALTH SERVICES

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health reorganized in 2006 with Bruce Dziura, M.D., Chairman; Carol A. Szczebak, Secretary; Victor J. Field, Member.

On March 27th, Victor J. Field ran unopposed and was re-elected to serve another three (3) year term on the Board of Health receiving 2,570 votes.

Up until his death on June 20th, On-Site Disposal Sewage Inspector Ron. A. Morra performed one (1) percolation test, reviewed twenty three (23) septic plans and conducted seven (7) final inspections of septic systems in 2006. Mr. Morra worked with the Board of Health as the Inspector of septic systems since July 1, 1999. He will be sadly missed by all.

On July 1st, Michael C. Pietras was reappointed as the On-Site Sewage Disposal Inspector. Mr. Pietras witnessed sixty eight (68) percolation tests, reviewed thirty five (35) septic plans and conducted thirty six (36) final inspections of septic systems when installed.

New sub-surface disposal system permits issued in 2006 totaled thirty one (31). Repairs to existing systems totaled twenty six (26).

A total of six (6) Beaver permits were issued in our Town to remove beavers from where dams were built.

Our annual Rabies Clinic was held at the Town Garage located at the Department of Public Works on Saturday, April 1st. We want to thank Dr. Kruger again this year for making the clinic a success with thirty nine (39) animals being vaccinated. Veterinarians suggest that dogs and cats be vaccinated regularly, since both are exposed to wild animals.

Once again, Ludlow and other cities and towns have been awarded a Tobacco Control Grant issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Longmeadow Board of Health is in control of this grant disbursing the money for compliance checks. Tobacco Control Enforcement Agent Sarah McColgan conducted five (5) tobacco compliance checks during 2006. There were a total of twelve (12) sales made to minors. The first

compliance check conducted on January 19th resulted in seven (7) sales. One (1) establishment made their first (1st) sale (in a two year time period) resulting in a written violation; three (3) establishments made their second (2nd) sale resulting in a fifty dollar (\$50) fine; two (2) establishments made their third (3rd) sale resulting in a permit suspension of thirty (30) days; one (1) establishment made their fourth (4th) sale resulting in a sixty (60) day permit suspension. On March 16th, our Tobacco regulations were changed. During the next four (4) tobacco compliance checks, five (5) sales were made. Two (2) establishments made their second (2nd) sale resulting in a ten (10) day permit suspension; two (2) establishments made their third (3rd) sale resulting in a permit suspension of thirty (30) days; one (1) establishment made their fourth (4th) sale resulting in a sixty (60) day permit suspension. There were no complaints made regarding the Smoke-free Workplace Law, so no violation orders or citations were issued.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Timothy Fontaine was appointed as Health Inspector on January 26th due to the resignation of Kim Libiszewski. Andrew DaCruz was appointed as Health Inspector on May 5th due to the resignation of Lynn Moylan. Mr. Fontaine and Mr. DaCruz conducted investigations for twenty nine (29) citizen complaints concerning housing violation, trash and debris, rodents and animals, etc. Two hundred thirty nine (239) food establishment inspections and one hundred seventeen (117) catering inspections were carried out in 2006. Animal Inspector Sheila Andre responded to twenty (20) animal bites.

MONEY COLLECTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nursing services | \$15,716.00 | \$18,261.00 | \$18,411.00 |
| Clinic pedicures | 9,325.00 | 9,580.00 | 10,035.00 |
| Senior Center pedicures | 2,720.00 | 3,465.00 | 3,850.00 |
| Immunizations | 1,477.00 | 1,333.73 | 1,310.00 |
| Flu reimbursement | | | |
| from insurance providers | 4,183.52 | 7,182.75 | 16,136.54 |
| Trailer park assessments | 18,432.00 | 18,432.00 | 18,432.00 |
| Food service licenses | 4,000.00 | 3,800.00 | 4,050.00 |
| Retail food permits | 4,200.00 | 4,150.00 | 4,150.00 |
| Trailer park licenses | 225.00 | 225.00 | 225.00 |
| Mobile food server permits | 150.00 | 150.00 | 75.00 |
| Bakery licenses | 700.00 | 800.00 | 700.00 |
| Smokehouse licenses | 375.00 | 375.00 | 375.00 |
| Piggery licenses | 30.00 | 30.00 | 15.00 |
| Massage licenses | 500.00 | 600.00 | 800.00 |
| Frozen dessert licenses | 330.00 | 330.00 | 360.00 |
| Funeral director licenses | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Non-alcoholic beverage license | 37.50 | 37.50 | 37.50 |
| Milk & Cream licenses | 810.00 | 735.00 | 750.00 |
| Tobacco permits | 3,640.00 | 3,640.00 | 3,510.00 |
| Tobacco violation fees | | 350.00 | 150.00 |
| Tanning facility licenses | 120.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Catering permits | 1,155.00 | 1,260.00 | 1,035.00 |
| Removal of garbage permits | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Dumpster permits | 2,020.00 | 1,960.00 | 1,960.00 |
| Well construction permits | 720.00 | 1,845.00 | 1,845.00 |
| Disposal Works | | | |
| Construction permits | 840.00 | 1,260.00 | 2,325.00 |
| Septic tank repair permits | 1,800.00 | 2,040.00 | 2,175.00 |
| Septic installer's permits | 3,200.00 | 2,320.00 | 2,960.00 |
| Septic tank pumping license | 320.00 | 320.00 | 400.00 |
| Permit/License late fees | 690.00 | 475.00 | 325.00 |

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Percolation test fees | 10,325.00 | 14,875.00 | *14,750.00 |
| Perc test overnight soak fees | 140.00 | 437.50 | |
| Site plan fees | 3,525.00 | 4,500.00 | *5,335.00 |
| Septic inspection fees | 4,425.00 | 3,300.00 | *5,100.00 |
| Total money collected | \$96,731.02 | \$108,729.48 | \$122,242.04 |
| *Town's share of these fees | \$5,215.76 | | |

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Dziura, M.D., Chairman
Board of Health

Members:
Carol A. Szczebak
Victor J. Field

BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

Being a nurse at the Board of Health has made me aware of how vital we are to our community. Residents frequently come to us with questions, to have us look at a bump or bruise, to make contact with their physicians and follow-up with issues, provide medical equipment that keeps them at home with their family and most of all to be able to come into their homes and care for their needs. It is very satisfying to know at the end of your day you have helped someone and that our nursing staff is dedicated to continue their quality of care.

Our nurses maintain an active case load of home clients and a very successful pedicure program. This year there were seventy-four (74) new admissions to our service. In 2006 our nurses made two thousand five hundred and fifty-eight (2,558) home visits, an increase of two hundred and eleven (211) from last year.

There were nine hundred and sixty-nine (969) pedicures done at our clinic, and two hundred and twenty-two (222) done in the homes of clients. Pedicures continue to increase at the Senior Center from three hundred and forty-seven (347) to three hundred and sixty-six (366) in 2006.

Lorraine Ney LPN manages blood pressure clinics both at the Senior Center on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and at Wilson Street Housing from 1:00 p.m. TO 2:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. She has seen four hundred and ninety-one (491) residents at the Senior Center and eighty (80) at Wilson Street this year.

The Board of Health Clinic has seen one thousand two hundred seventy-four (1,274) residents to have their blood pressure monitored and one hundred and ninety-four (194) were given their vitamin B12 injections. Our clinic also provided glucose monitoring and wound care as ordered.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Program provided vaccine to the Board of Health which is distributed to Ludlow health providers, town Physicians, HealthSouth and Hampden County Correction Facility. This year fifteen thousand two hundred and ten (15, 210) vaccines have been distributed.

Children through the age of eighteen (18) are eligible for free vaccines. This year twenty-seven (27) children were vaccinated. Adults requiring immunizations must meet the State guidelines and pay a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each vaccine. Eighty-four (84) adults were vaccinated this year.

In 2006 we have received five (5) new vaccines for the Vaccine for Children Program (VCF). Children are now recommended to have Hepatitis A vaccine to control the transmission of this virus. Two new vaccines, Pediarix and Boostrix are new combination vaccines. Pediatix contains Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Hepatitis B; Boostrix contains Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis. RotaTeq, the new vaccine for preventing rotavirus and Menactra, the meningococcal vaccine are also available to children in the Vaccine for Children Program (VCF).

This year, three thousand eight hundred and eighty (3,880) doses of flu vaccine were distributed through the Board of Health. Hampden County Correctional Facility received one thousand five hundred (1,500) doses and the health providers received seven hundred and forty (740). Our flu clinic at the Senior Center provided one hundred and ninety-two (192) doses; Wilson Street Housing one hundred and nine (109); the clinic at the Board of Health

provided one hundred and thirty- eight (138); and the homebound population in Ludlow were administered seventy-eight (78) doses of flu vaccine. This year nineteen (19) adults were given the pneumonia vaccine.

I continue to work closely with the TB clinic at Baystate Neighborhood Health Center. Any Ludlow resident with active TB or latent TB is seen at this clinic. The patient is given a chest x-ray, is seen by a pulmonary specialist, has blood work and is provided with free medication for their treatment

The Board of Health continues to provide TB skin tests for a ten doll (\$10.00) fee on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; one hundred and eight (108) TB skin tests were done in 2006.

The Board of Health conducts investigations and surveillances for communicable diseases when notified by the Department of Public Health State Laboratory Institute. This year two hundred and forty-one (241) cases have been documented including Lyme, Ehrlichiosis, Chickenpox ,Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenza, Strep Pneumonia, Legionella, Salmonella, Campylobacter, Latent TB, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C. Our statistics include Hampden County Correctional Facility; and of the documented cases, one hundred and eighty-six (186) cases were from the inmates.

Ludlow residents continue to supply medical equipment for our lending closet. We are so appreciative for their generosity which provides a great service and includes all ages. This year two hundred and sixty-nine (269) pieces of durable medical equipment were utilized this year; this is one hundred and twenty-five (125) more than last year. At present we have fifty two (52) pieces of equipment are in our closet.

The Mosquito Dunk program remains to be a success with over five thousand (5,000) dunks distributed to Ludlow residents. Residents who regularly use the dunks say that the mosquito population is greatly reduced with yearly applications.

In 2006, all our nurses completed an independent study course through FEMA and received their Certificate of Achievement in "ICS-100", Incident Command System Training. Our nurses attended the Annual Massachusetts Public Health Nursing Meeting in May. They all participated in three flu clinics, and one attended the Ludlow High School Health Fair in June. We continue to participate in the Ludlow Emergency Planning Committee (LLEPC) and Hampden County Coalition meetings. The coalition is a consulting service for public health emergency preparedness and is currently organizing communities in setting up their Medical Reserve Corp (MRC).

The Board of Health arranged for Barbara Coughlin, RN, Health Educator for Massachusetts Department of Public Health, to speak at the Town Hall to our local medical and emergency providers on Pandemic Flu. Ann Sabotto, from Greater Springfield Senior Service came to speak to our nurses on Elder Abuse and the responsibility of mandated reporters. She was extremely informative for our practice.

Three BSN students from Elm's College interned through the Board of Health and presented a "Recipe for Winter, Health and Safety" to a group of seniors at the Senior Center.

I feel a great sense of community pride and purpose to be able to work with the Senior Center and Debbie Johnson, Outreach Coordinator; our local Physicians; The Ludlow School nurses; the WestMass ElderCare; Health South; Home Care agencies; Hampden County Correctional Facility; Ludlow Emergency Planning committee and especially our exceptional town Nurses and the members of our Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,
Francine Rusiecki, RN
Director of Nurses

Members:

Staff Part Time: Marianne Moura, RN, BSN
Madeline LeBeau, RN
Christine Pietrowski, RN, LMT
Linda Maiuri, RN
Lorraine Ney, LPN

Per Diem: Denise Baines, RN BSN

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Federal law defines a disability as “any physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual”. The 2000 Ludlow census revealed that many Ludlow residents are disabled. The figures showed that among those ages 5 – 20, 9.3% are disabled, among those ages 21 – 64, the rate increases to 19.2% and then further rises to 39.8% in those ages 65 and over. These numbers are staggering and are gradually increasing every year.

The Ludlow Commission on Disability was established by the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to help ensure that those individuals with disabilities are considered and included in all aspects of community life, including access to all municipal services, programs, meetings and employment opportunities.

In addition to receiving complaints and suggestions regarding accessibility throughout the Town, the Commission remains busy throughout the year reviewing plans submitted to the Planning Board for new construction or additions to determine accessibility for all new public buildings by all patrons. Working closely with the Building Commissioner, compliance issues are reviewed with suggestions for possible improvements. We also investigate grievances regarding the access to public buildings and services and can help facilitate problem resolution to achieve reasonable accommodations.

Two major goals of the Commission on Disability are education and increasing public awareness. We have produced an informational brochure available at town hall. This past year we have been busy working with the Ludlow Community Center in assisting them to ensure programs and facilities are accessible to all. Celebrate Ludlow was also another focus of the Commission. We worked with Celebrate Ludlow committee members to not only ensure festivities were accessible to all, but to increase parking for the disabled in close proximity to the celebration and the addition of accessible shuttle transportation to the site. Commission members have also been involved in the East Street Corridor project, providing suggestions on accessibility to all services in the area. As you can see, it’s been a busy year for the Commission on Disability!

This year we are proud to welcome Jack Ollson and Liz Boulanger as our newest Commission members. Their knowledge and dedication provides new energy to our Commission. We encourage anyone who either is disabled or has a family member with a disability to join our group.

The Commission is dedicated to the goal of making our community equally accessible to all residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Barry, Vice Chairman
Commission on Disability

Members:
Andrew Bristol, Chairman
Beverly Barry
Jack Ollson
Joanne Odat-Staeb
Patricia Donohue
Elizabeth Boulanger
Michael Lombard, ADA Coordinator

LUDLOW COUNCIL ON AGING/ SENIOR CENTER

“Life’s truest happiness is found in friendships we make along the way”.... This is so true at the Ludlow Senior Center. We have strived to make the Center a home away from home and a place to make new friends and to reconnect with old pals. Our numbers over the past year show that we are succeeding in our goal to be “the Center of it all”.



We have added many programs and classes and are hoping to expand our horizons over the next year. We are creating programs to attract the youngest of seniors and to still teach something new to those that think they are “too old”. No one is ever too old or too young to join us.

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Our vans are busy, busy and co over the next year and to have the ability to expand our services. Our numbers have steadily climbs over the past few years so adding another driver may be in the works as well.



continue to grow with the addition of new exercise classes, ng, computer literacy, cultural arts and just plain silly re fun. Outreach continues to provide services to seniors changes and challenges of prescription coverage, insurance

ation all around Town. We are hoping to add to our fleet



“Esther’s Eatery” has exploded! We thought a busy day was 80 people for lunch, well 100-120 is now average! Esther has turned our meal program around with delicious meals and desserts. New friends, and even new romances, have begun in our dining room. Fine food, friendships and fine tunes are what lunchtime is all about!

Finally, the Senior Center would not operate without the help of our 120+ volunteers that help out each and everyday. From the kitchen to maintenance to maintaining our greenhouse ...our volunteers can do it all! We truly do not know how we would get through the day without our volunteers. Thank you to all that make the Ludlow Senior Center the special and wonderful place that it is!!!



Respectfully Submitted,
Jocelyn Ahern, Director/entire staff at the Ludlow Senior Center

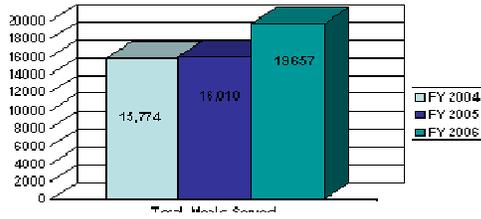
Council Board Members:

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- Fredrick Lafayette
- Lucille Carneiro
- Al LeMay
- Wanda Karczmarczyk
- Henry Haste
- Jean Gibb
- Ed Mazur
- Philip Tierney
- John DeBarge
- Susan Gove, liaison LPS
- Larry Nascimento, liaison BOS

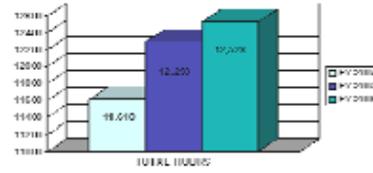
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Total Visits: 1,468
Unduplicated: 515

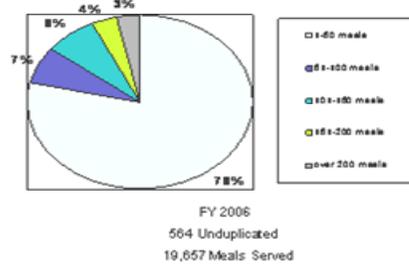
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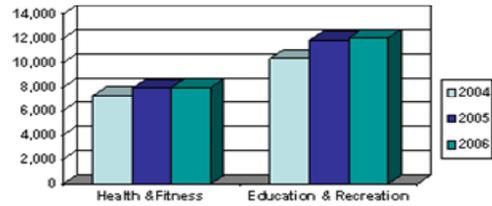
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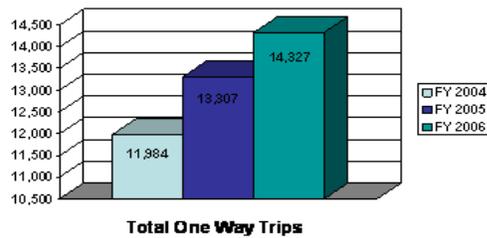
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LCOA Activities



LCOA Transportation



FIRST MEETING HOUSE COMMITTEE

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of overseeing the maintenance of the building and premises, the First Meeting House Committee continues its mandate to keep the building available for meetings and other reserved functions.

Organizations that met in the Meeting House included the Ludlow Grange #179, Springfield Pomona Grange #12, Past Masters and Past Lecturers of Hampden and Hampshire Counties, the Ludlow Historical Commission, the Agricultural Steering Committee, and the First Meeting House Committee. The committee welcomes and invites other interested organizations to consider scheduling their meetings at the First Meeting House, a centrally located historic town property.

In previous years the Meeting House and grounds were the site of Ludlow's Living History Weekend Civil War Encampment, a quilt registration project, and town history education projects. Members of the committee encourage other groups and special projects to consider the meetinghouse as a venue for their events.

During the past year a number of renovations and repairs were completed. The upstairs hall was painted, the steps were repositioned by the DPW, the front door was repaired, and the ceiling tiles were replaced. The Committee met with the DPW, and Paul Dzubek recommended retaining an architect to establish plans for long-term restoration goals.

The Committee welcomes new volunteers who would like to help with restoration and preservation activities. The Committee also thanks Betty Kibbe, Chair of the Historical Commission, for her promotion of the preservation and utilization of the Meeting House.

The Friends of the First Meeting House continue to welcome gifts and thank those who have so kindly donated in the past to the preservation fund.

The Committee will continue to work to maintain and improve of our Town's Historic Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Kavka, Chairman
First Meetinghouse

Members:

Marilyn Paul-Lewis

Thomas Haluch

Elsie Hiersche

Donald Kibbe

Bert Ramage

Michael A. Szlosek, Ex Officio

Lawrence Nascimento, Liaison B.O.S.

HUBBARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library matters...

To the more than 21,000 residents of Ludlow

To the 8,700 children and adults
who attended a library program?

To the viewers
who checked out videos and DVDs more than 35,000 times

To the listeners
who checked out music and books on CD more than 7,800 times

To the readers
who checked out more than 131,000 items

To the museum goers
who checked out 1,360 free passes

Libraries play a significant role in the communities they serve. They ensure free and open access to information and assist people in locating that information. A library's doors are open to everyone, regardless of age, ability, education or economic status. The library maintains popular materials collections and assists library users find items that suit their interests. Hundreds of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and other materials are purchased, cataloged and made ready to begin their journey to library patrons each year. Over **6,200** items were ordered, received, and cataloged in 2006. And, as part of the C/W MARS consortium of over 140 libraries, our users have access to combined library collections of more than **6 million items**.

The ever popular patron hold system continues its dramatic rise in numbers. The Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, which delivers items in transit to all its member libraries, topped the **2 million** mark in 2006. The library saw an increase of **22% -26%** in holds coming from and going to other libraries.

Over **4,000** reference questions were answered by library staff in person, by phone, by fax or email in 2006, assisting library users in locating and using information that enhances the quality of their lives. The community looks to the public library to provide electronic and Internet resources as well as print and non-print materials. As a member of C/W MARS (Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing, Inc.) our library users have 24/7 access to NoveList, GaleGroup databases, NETLibrary, and Newsbank. Grove Art Online and Science Online databases were added in 2006.

Downloadable video titles have been added to the collection of digital audio books and eBooks.

Significantly, the overall accesses recorded for the library website, www.hubbardlibrary.org, reached over **600,000** in 2006.

Due to increased Internet demand, the library had added PC Reservation software to provide equity, management, and order in what was an "unruly" part of the library. Patrons now use a valid library card to "sign-up" for a timed computer session.

In 2007, the library will add the PC Reservation print function, to control user print jobs and cut down on unnecessary paper losses. Additional Internet computers will be added in the Children's/Young Adult area in 2007.

The library participated in the pilot project, *Digital Treasures*, a cooperative digital library project conceived and designed by the C/W MARS network and the Central & Western Massachusetts Regional Library Systems. Twenty-one photographic images, related to the development of industry in Ludlow, were scanned and are available through the library catalog. The library will continue to add local images to this unique cultural and historical project.

Programming and collections encourage life-long learning. Adult program attendees tried belly-dancing, exercised their green thumbs with the Master Gardeners, played chess, joined a book club, learned to trim a lawn or trim hair, negotiate a divorce, and keep track of their finances in 2006. The Friends of the Library sponsored a very successful wine-tasting, hosted by a local wine master from Northampton's Table & Vine. A family Pumpkin Pie Party

brought out pumpkin pie eaters, decorators and crafters to enjoy all things pumpkin. The year finished appropriately with a Holiday Sing-a-Long. Over **500** adults and young adults attended more than **90** programs of interest in 2006.

Hubbard Memorial Library makes reading and learning fun. Story times develop pre-reading skills in even the youngest child. Children participated in craft projects, special storytelling events and musical performances. Aspiring princesses attended a modern princess party, and Mike Rondeau wielded his chainsaw to create an ice sculpture on the library's lawn. Children could make ice cream, go to the Teddy Bear picnic, or attend an Anime Festival. Over **8,200** children attended **330** events at the library in 2006. **646** children (14 and under) participated in the Summer Reading Program, *What's Buzzin' at Your Library*. This represents a **28%** increase in participation over 2005. The library gratefully acknowledges the support of the Friends of the Library for providing funds to support our many programs, especially the many museum passes to popular destinations, available without cost to library users.

In June, the library experienced the results of "a hundred-year rain" that overwhelmed the drainage system to the building.

Flooding occurred on the main and lower levels of the building. The rapid response of the Fire Department, the staff, and many dedicated volunteers saved thousands of books from water damage. With volunteers working non-stop while the carpeting was cleaned and dried, and ceiling tiles replaced, the building was reopened after a long holiday weekend. In July, three young library volunteers, Autumn Phaneuf, Ryan Benoit, and Rebecca Gazda organized a "Walk for the Library". Two walks were held on July 22, raising \$2,400.00 for the library. This was an inspiring community effort that made us all very proud of our young volunteers, their supportive parents, and all those who came out and walked for the library. Kudos is in order for Edith Tipton, a dedicated volunteer who garnered a \$500.00 CVS Volunteer Challenge Grant for the library. In 2006, **250** volunteers worked **4,100 hours** performing innumerable necessary tasks for the library. This is a **13%** increase over 2005.

The library has begun a facelift with some new interior painting in the Adult stack areas and the stairways. The colors chosen have met with approval by patrons and staff. Carpeting and painting in the Children's Room is slated for completion in early 2007. Exterior windows in the original building were scraped, caulked, and repainted over the summer and the library's aging flat roof was replaced.

We would like to recognize the library staff as they continue to deliver outstanding service to the citizens of Ludlow. We thank them for their energy, enthusiasm, and skill, which contribute to making Hubbard Memorial Library a vital and valued part of our growing community. The help and guidance of the Library's Board of Trustees is invaluable. The Board and staff are working hard to constantly improve our services, collections, and physical space. Ludlow residents deserve the best that we can provide.

From children's books to cookbooks, car repair to cat care, the library strives to meet our users' needs.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Kelly
Director

Board of Library Trustees:
Chris Davis, Chairperson
Gloria Bourdeau
Diane Goncalves

LUDLOW COMMUNITY TV

2006 was a very busy year for LCTV. In this report we will cover the functions of public access, what has happened over the last year, and our goals for the future.

STAFF

LCTV is currently comprised of (1) full-time manager, and (3) part-time employees. These persons are paid through grant monies received from the contract between the Town of Ludlow and Charter Communications.

Volunteers, interns, and Senior Abatement personnel were an integral part of operations this past year. They combined for over 1,000 hours of free service to public access. This volunteer time covered everything from filing paperwork to filming shows, physical labor to idea contributions. Their assistance allowed us to provide more coverage of meetings, etc. We are always grateful for their participation.

FUNCTIONS

LCTV performs such functions as:

1. Working with the Town Government to inform the public of what is happening within their community.
2. Being part of the Ludlow Local Emergency Planning Committee (LLEPC) and the Ludlow Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (LHMPC) as media coordinators.
3. Helping the public in their endeavors to create their own programming and shows.
4. Airing of bulletins from non-profit organizations, as well as airing items of interest through the use of electronic message boards.
5. Providing the public with access to the cable TV median.

In addition to the functions mentioned above, LCTV performs other community related services. Some are as follows:

1. Because LCTV films many of the Town's public meetings (Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, etc.), we have a large amount of governmental recordings. While we are not an "official" archives, we do offer the opportunity for a resident to obtain a copy of any meeting we do have on file.
2. LCTV also has the capability to make copies of any "LCTV produced" show/program. This includes some High School sports, local events, etc.

(NOTE: The two above-mentioned items are not a normal responsibility of LCTV. They are things that we offer as a "bonus", simply because we have the capability to do so. While we want to offer as much as possible, we want people to understand that we can only do these things when time allows.)

THIS PAST YEAR

Over the past year, we have continued to grow, both in programming, and in volunteers. There has continued to be an increase in public awareness regarding Ludlow Community TV, both from the residents, and community organizations.

We continue to offer printed TV Guides, which can be found at various locations in Town. While printed versions of our weekly TV Guides are available, electronic copies are available on-line at ludlow.ma.us (just click on "Ludlow Community TV"). It is on this website that you can obtain the various forms we have (Bulletin Board grids, Video Release forms, etc.).

LCTV continues to purchase equipment and supplies needed to keep us up and running. Over the last year, we purchased (3) new digital cameras, a state-of-the-art Video Server/Automation System, and built a 3-layer drapery

system. The new 3-chip digital cameras have replaced the three S-VHS camcorders which were destroyed by vandalism (when we first arrived in the High School). The new Video Server replaces the previous automated system we had.

New shows this past year included: LHS Soccer (both the Boys and Girls teams), a music video performance from “Audible Image”, LHS Swim Meets, “Learning to Live with Coyotes”, LHS Winter Concert, “American Veteran”, a show on “Human/Beaver Conflicts”, and many others. These are in addition to the many perennial favorites (Our Town, Polka Time, LHS Football/Wrestling/Hockey, W.Mass Pioneers, etc.).

On a sad note, we lost a dear friend and volunteer, Karyn Kernan. Karyn, we’ll miss you.

FUTURE

Our future goals have not changed. We are still looking to relocate our facilities to a permanent home; one which will have sufficient space for us to offer the residents of Ludlow everything possible. The Board of Selectmen has already passed a motion allowing us to go out to bid. We are currently awaiting a decision on our land request before them. If all goes well, we hope to have a new full-sized, fully operational facility by year’s end.

IN CONCLUSION

We have outgrown our current location and are looking forward to relocating to a new, and permanent facility; one which not only meets the needs of LCV, but also provides the residents of Ludlow with a modern facility where they can learn, create, and express themselves.

Those wishing to learn more about LCTV and Public Access are encouraged to visit us at our current location in the Ludlow High School, or visit our website at ludlow.ma.us, and click on “Ludlow Community TV”.

Bottom line ... Ludlow Community TV is here for you. As our motto says, we are ***“Your Hometown TV Station”***.

Respectfully Submitted,
Timothy S. Donnelly, Manager
Ludlow Community TV

LUDLOW HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Ludlow Housing Authority meets at 6:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at 114 Wilson Street. The Board of Commissioners is made up of five (5) members, four (4) elected and one (1) State appointee. The role of the Board of Commissioners is to set policy, oversee the financial responsibilities of the LHA, and ensures decent, safe affordable housing for the elderly, handicapped and families. The main office of the Ludlow Housing Authority is located at 114 Wilson Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts. Office hours are generally from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Ludlow Housing Authority has a total of one hundred fifty (150) units of state-aided elderly/handicapped housing that includes two congregate living units, Colonial Sunshine Manor located on Wilson Street, State Street Development, and Chestnut Street Development. Rental for these apartments is based on thirty percent (30%) of the tenant's net income and includes heat, water, and electricity. The Ludlow Housing Authority also owns ten (10) single family houses located on scattered sites within the Town and six (6) units called the John Thompson Manor located on Benton/Butler Streets. Rental for these units is based on twenty-seven percent (27%) of the tenant's net income with the tenants responsible for their own utilities. Funding for these programs is made possible through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development. In addition, that office establishes eligibility guidelines. Anyone meeting the requirements is placed on the appropriate waiting list for their household composition and admitted in accordance with those guidelines. Net income limits established by the Commonwealth for elderly/handicapped and family housing are as follows:

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| One person in the family | \$40,150 |
| Two people in the family | \$45,900 |
| Three people in the family | \$51,600 |
| Four people in the family | \$57,350 |
| Five people in the family | \$61,950 |
| Six people in the family | \$66,550 |
| Seven people in the family | \$71,100 |

The fair market rents as established by the Commonwealth are as follows:

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| One Bedroom | \$ 629 |
| Two Bedrooms | \$ 799 |
| Three Bedrooms | \$ 956 |
| Four Bedrooms | \$1,110 |

The Ludlow Housing Authority gives local preference housing applicants residing in Ludlow before applicants residing elsewhere. In addition, Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1995 allowed for the lowering of the eligibility age in elderly housing to sixty (60); a preference for veterans in the community in which they reside; and a placement rate of eighty-six and one half percent (86.5%) for elderly persons and thirteen and one half percent (13.5%) for non-elderly handicapped persons in public housing. Regulations also allow for applicants to come into affordable housing with asset savings. A calculation of one-percent of total asset savings or interest earned yearly on assets is calculated within the income guidelines. Many elderly/disabled/family applicants fail to apply to housing based on the fact that asset savings are part of their overall income. The waiting list for the elderly/handicapped developments had a total of (66) applicants during 2006 with family housing having (78) families apply for much needed affordable family housing. During 2006 there were twenty-seven (27) vacancies in the elderly/handicapped units and six (6) vacancies in the family units. Based on the number of elderly/handicapped units within the Ludlow Housing Authority, the average age of a unit occupant is 76.2. The average monthly rent is \$321.56 per unit. For the past five years, due to the governor and legislature continuing to under-fund the housing authority budgets across the State of Massachusetts, the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) has not been able to allow the average annual percent increase per year (usually two to six percent) necessary to maintain the housing units as well as the grounds at the levels prior to year 2001. Although DHCD allowed a 7% increase overall to housing authorities across Massachusetts, this amount is still far below the 15-20% allowable increase the housing authorities would have been funded had the budgets been funded appropriately for the past five years. The annual impact over the past five years to level-fund housing authorities has greatly diminished the Ludlow Housing Authority's ability to retain needed repairs and upkeep of the 166 units as well as maintenance services and office personnel to best serve our elderly/disabled as well as our family tenants. The results of a Harvard University Study indicated that due to the under funding of housing authorities across the state, the impact on safe, decent affordable housing has declined steadily. The report indicated the need for the Governor and legislature to fund the housing authorities as agreed through signed Contracts for Financial Assistance between the state of Massachusetts and the housing authorities prior to construction of these developments.

The Board of Health utilized the Wilson Street Community room for weekly blood pressure clinics on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The Board of Health also utilizes this room for the yearly flu clinic. This past year, the Nursing Staff for the Town of Ludlow provided flu injections to the elderly/disabled population of Ludlow. Many thanks go out to the Town of Ludlow Nursing Staff who came out to meet with the tenants to discuss health issues and perform free monitoring of vital signs of our seniors and handicapped population. Currently the Ludlow Housing Authority is working toward the installation of new window wall replacements for the 667-1 State Street Development. The 1961 constructed buildings (5 residential buildings providing 40 one-bedroom elderly/disabled units as well as one Community Building) consist of aluminum window walls which provide no insulation for the cold in the winter months as well as heat in the summer months. The estimated cost of the window wall replacements is \$500,000.

The Ludlow Housing Authority thanks the Ludlow Fire Department, Senator Brian Lees, Representative Thomas Petrolati, the tenants of the State Street Development and their families for their support of this project. Their continued support is essential to gain funding for the replacement of these window wall units. An updated fire alarm system was completed in March of this year providing a state of the art fire alarm system to the Wilson Street Development at a cost of \$168,000.

The Ludlow Housing Authority Board of Commissioners wishes to thank the Department of Housing & Community Development as well as the Ludlow Fire Department for their support of the safety of our elderly/disabled tenants. Without these systems in place, our elderly/disabled tenant's safety would be compromised.

The Ludlow Housing Authority would like to thank the Ludlow Fire Department, the Ambulance crew, and the Ludlow Police Department for their caring concern, support, and dedicated response to the needs of our residents at all hours and under all conditions and circumstances.

A special thank you goes out to the Hampden County Correctional Center. Through an integrative program, the Hampden County Correctional Center has been able to place pre-release individuals on a one-on-one work situation with maintenance crew personnel of the Ludlow Housing Authority. This program has been a huge success, especially during these hard economic times for the Ludlow Housing Authority.

The Ludlow Housing Authority would also like to thank Sheriff Michael Ashe, Jeff DiMaio and Kevin Crowley without whose assistance; we would not be able to complete some of the day to day maintenance duties as well as the larger projects within the Authority.

We would also like to thank the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Trial Court, Community Service Program, and the young, hard working individuals of the program for their help with snow removal in winter months as well as grounds keeping in the spring and summer months. Their help is greatly appreciated due to our on-going budgetary restraints. The Ludlow Housing Authority is looking forward to a continued relationship with the Community Service Program. Without the assistance of these two agencies, the Housing Authority would not have been able to accomplish on-going necessary grounds-keeping and maintenance especially during these hard economic times.

Another special thank you goes out to the KIWANIS Club for putting on their yearly picnic at the Wilson Street Development, an event they have been doing for the elderly/disabled tenants and townspeople for 30 years. The tenants of the Ludlow Housing Authority enjoy the late summer picnic and look forward to it every year. Once again, we entertained a full house in the Community Room of the Wilson Street Development. "Buddy" the Clown showed up once again. We celebrated from early evening to late evening. Our favorite event at the picnic is when "Buddy" the Clown plays his viola to a sing-a-long with the oldies. We were so pleased to have the Kiwanis Club within our community and send out our heartfelt best wishes to each and every member who makes every year a special event for us! Thank you.

The Senior Center Director and staff working at the Senior Center located in the Chestnut Street building deserve a special thank you from the Ludlow Housing Authority for their on-going efforts in the programs continually evolving at the Senior Center. The Senior Center serving our elderly population in Ludlow offers excellent programs as well as a meal service program on site. The tenants and staff within the Ludlow Housing Authority are grateful for the services offered through the Senior Center. It is only through the support of the townspeople of Ludlow that these services continue to be an integral part of the daily life of so many elderly individuals. WestMass Elder Care in collaboration with the Ludlow Housing Authority offers a meal site program at the Ludlow Housing Authority State Street Development Community Room Monday through Friday. This program offers a well-balanced meal to not only the tenants of the Ludlow Housing Authority but to the elderly/disabled population living within the Town of Ludlow.

The Ludlow Housing Authority wishes to thank WestMass Elder Care for their continued support of this meal program. The Board of Commissioners, the Executive Director, staff members and residents of the Ludlow Housing Authority thanks our list of volunteers, town departments, organizations, and churches that support and care for our elderly/handicapped tenant population. Your caring is as endless as your generosity and cooperation. Thank you for your caring support of the elderly/disabled population as well as families in need of decent, safe, affordable housing within the Town of Ludlow.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Cormier, Chairperson/State Appointee
Ludlow Housing Authority

Members:

Betty K. Socha
Arthur Augusto
Carol Romaniak
Brian Dobek

LUDLOW HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

Executive Director, Sidney J. Chevalier
Arlene Pereira, Executive Secretary
Marie R. Manchester, Secretary
Thomas Landry, Maintenance Crew Person
Patrick O'Donnell, Maintenance Crew Person
Samantha Marinari, Vocational Student Program
Dan McIntyre, Part-Time Custodian

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Department ran a Summer Program from June to August, Campership Fund, hired Lifeguards for Haviland Beach, supported the Ludlow Boy's and Girl's Club Triathlon in June, scheduled the use of all parks/athletic fields and the sign at the Town Gazebo.

GAZEBO

The Gazebo is utilized for prom photos, wedding ceremonies/photos, family portrait sittings, preschool graduations, Christmas Caroling, Tree Lighting, church services, and Concerts in the Park. This facility must be booked through our office to eliminate any obstacles on that special day.

The Recreation Department wishes to express their appreciation to the Parks Department and their employees: Mark Jurga and the rest of the park employees for their excellent up-keep of all the town fields and parks. Thanks also go out to the Rotary Club for their illuminating display during the Christmas season at the Gazebo.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The 2006 Whitney Park Summer Program changed this year as both the All Day and Preschool Programs were combined. Meaning that the 4-6 year olds had the option of signing up for all day or the ½ day program. Those parents who still wished to only send their 4-6 year old ½ day had the choice of sending their child from 9:00am – 12:00pm or 12:00pm – 3:00pm. In any event both programs had participated in a variety of fun and recreational activities. The all day program operated from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 26th to August 11th, 2006. Both the preschool and all day programs were very productive and successful. The all day program was under the direct supervision of Tiffany Coehlo & Melissa Miller. The counselor staff for this program included: Anita Alves, Kristen Asselin, Nicholas Bamford, Kyle Borowiec, Lauren Brunault, Jonathan Carignan, Steven Cassesse, Ashley Chenier, Andrew Coelho, Marc Coelho, Jolie Condon, Ashley Cookish, Amanda Crespo, Michael Czupryna, Melissa DaCruz, Shawn DaCruz, Cassandra Dias, Katherine Dias, Melissa Dion, Karla Ferreira, Rachel Fonseca, Casey Gomes, Michael Goodreau, Lucas Graffum, Stephanie Guarda, Alexandra Johnson, Brittney Kawa, John Kawa, Matthew Lavoie, Joshua Leone, Matthew Lively, Jordan Machado, Adam Madera, Joey Mateus, Ashley McFarlane, Karen Miele, Melissa Mikulski, Erica Moran, Kyle O'Connor, Sean Palatino, Jocelyn Perreira, Nicole Potter, Justin Powers, Jeffrey Richards, Julia Sadowsky, Megan Szwarcop, Alyson Terlik, Jillian Veautour & Zachary Zina.

The extra staff consisted of junior counselors (children unable by age to qualify for the program or a paid position) ages 13-15 and Anthony Curto & Richard Zina acted as subs when needed.

The enrollment for the 2006 program was 280 children with an average daily attendance of 180 (Ludlow residents only). The daily activities included arts and crafts, outdoor sports, co-operative games, and walking field trips to McDonalds, Burger King and Magic Wings. Unfortunately, the Thompson Memorial State Pool was closed again this year, so the campers walked to Haviland Pond twice a week for swimming and also were bused to the Boys & Girls Club twice a week for swimming.

The following special events also passed the summer at Whitney: World Cup, Mad Science workshops, Wacky Week, Field Day, and Camp Talent Show. Both programs enjoyed the Carnival which was a Pirate theme, there was a bounce house and jousting, Jedlie's Totally Interactive Magic Circus also performed this day. Popcorn and cotton candy were available for snacks and hot dogs were available for lunch. The entertainment was provided by Justin Powers. He was the DJ for this event along with some counselor putting on a dancing show for the children's entertainment. Field trips included: Roller-skating at Interstate 91, bowling at AMF, Look Park, and the movies on rain days.

The closing ceremony began with the lowering of the flag and ended with a summary of the events of the day.

PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

The summer of 2006 was the 8th year for the Preschool Program at Whitney Park; it served 25 children, ages 4 to 6, with a daily average of 14 children.

The program ran June 26th to August 11th, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This year the Preschool program was under the direct supervision of Amanda Santos.

The young age of the children usually require the need for special attention, having its own Director is necessary for this reason. The ratio of 1 counselor for every 5 children is also imperative to the success of the program (not to mention the fact that the State sets these ratios) which also made it easier to provide the extra attention needed for the younger children.

The Health Care Provider was certified Margaret Swanson.

The intent of the Preschool Program is to provide recreation for children ages 4-6 that normally would not have a program to attend until the age of 6. The program combined recreational activities with academic games, arts and crafts, swimming & physical education. Some special events held were Wacky Week, Carnival, Talent Show and Birthday Party Day which ended with pizza and cake & ice cream. Field trips included Lupa Game Farm, the Children's Museum at Holyoke and Interskate 91...

CAMPERSHIP FUND

The Campership Fund is a program in need of donations. These donations allow children of low-income families to attend the program even though they are unable to pay the one time registration fee.

HAVILAND BEACH

The summer of 2006 estimated serving 4,910 bathers (2,985 Residents and 1,925 Non-Residents). The Pond hours of operation were Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

This year the Recreation Commission's two Head Lifeguards were: Christine James and Patrick Austin, the five Lifeguards were: Joanna DaCruz, Adam DuComb, Courtney Gomez, Ashley Heyes & Kaitlyn Rosenbeck. Christopher Gates, Nicholas Gates, Jeremy James, Nicole Fuller and Sarah Fuller worked as subs when they were needed. The lifeguard responsibilities are for the safety of the swimmers, but also, for the upkeep of the beach area and bathhouse. In addition to these duties, they are required to give a daily report, which includes such information as weather conditions, approximate number of bathers, accidents and incident reports, and any other comments that they feel should be brought to the attention of the Recreation Commission.

A new program was introduced this year at the pond where our Headguard, Christine James offered swim lessons. For a small fee a parent could set up dates and times with Christine and she would teach the children how to swim.

She would go through the different levels with each child making sure they followed the correct procedures to be safe in the water. She also taught them different strokes to use while swimming. We hope to continue with this program.

The 2006 total revenue from this department is \$46,255 consisting of \$3,845 from pond fees, \$360 miscellaneous, and \$42,050 collected for camp fees.

Members:
Sean McBride
Don Cameron

Respectfully submitted,
Don Couture, Chairman
Recreation Commission

THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

The responsibility of the Office of Veteran's Services is to aid and assist veterans, and their dependents who qualify for benefits, and to ensure life sustaining needs are met. Chapter 115 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as amended governs these benefits. This office also guides Veterans through Counseling programs, application for Social Security Benefits, the acquisition of Military Records, and application for the Agawam State Cemetery.

This office is not the Department of Veteran's Affairs, commonly known and referred to as the VA, but we facilitate the filing for benefits administered by that body and other State and Federal agencies as requested.

There are many Veterans' issues which can be addressed in this office, but there are times when these concerns can be answered by calling the Department of Veteran's Affairs Regional Office in Boston at 1-800-827-1000, or the VA office in the Federal Building in Springfield (413) 785-0301 that can be used for medical information and outpatient clinic services and appointments please call

Listed below are the activities of this office for the period of January through December 2006.

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| Office Visits – 299 | Requests for Medals (from WWII to present) – 17 |
| Telephone calls – 2742 | Requests for Bonus Applications - 23 |
| Requests for Discharge – 88 | |
| Burials – 44 | |
| Fuel Fund - 13 | |

My office hours are **Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, and by appointment.

Good News The Welcome Home Bill (The Edward Connolly Bill) was passed this year that granted a war bonus to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

Future Developments for the Veterans Affairs Office. The following Bills have been introduced in the Massachusetts House and Senate and are being monitored closely by this office.

Two new bills which effect Chapter 115 benefits are HD 1903 which increases fuel and shelter benefits. Other new bills this year are HD 3834 The welcome home bill waived both tuition and fees at state colleges for National Guard this bill will expand the tuition and fees wavier to all Mass Veterans. HD 3084 Veterans Burial Benefits increases burial benefits. HD 2821 Hunting and fishing Licenses at no cost for honorably discharged veterans. HD 2595 An act creating a special commission to study the effects of war on returning Massachusetts service members.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Lombard
Veteran's Service Officer

WESTOVER MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMISSION

The Westover Golf Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank John Dryjowicz, Golf Course Superintendent and his staff, Bill Kubinski, Head Golf Professional and his staff and all the Town of Ludlow departments for their continued dedication in providing a quality recreational facility for the residents of the Town of Ludlow and surrounding communities.

The 2006 operating season ended in December with another year of accomplishments and productivity despite difficult spring and early summer weather conditions. The Golf Commission is continuing to move forward with its master plan and is currently in phase II of that plan, which is currently looking at course and play conditions and we hope to have this phase completed by late spring 2007. Phase I of the master plan was completed in spring 2006 and provided the Golf Commission with a comprehensive look at our buildings and facilities. The conclusion of Phase I was that top priority on the buildings end of our operation was that improvements to the clubhouse are desperately needed as the building is showing its age. The commission will continue to make improvements to the grounds and buildings until the completion of our master plan in order to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all who enjoy our facility.

The 2006 golf season totaled 34,108 rounds of play despite a year of unstable weather and continued competition from regional courses. The consistent numbers of rounds over the last three (3) years are a credit to the staff and conditions of the Westover Golf Course

The Commission would like to thank all of its employees for their commitment and dedication over the past year and every year. Their hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. Finally, the Commission would like to thank its patrons and the residents of the Town of Ludlow; it has been a pleasure to serve your needs over this past golf season and we look forward to that continued service. We also look forward to continuing to provide a self sufficient facility for the enjoyment of the residents at a reasonable cost.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean McBride, Chairman
Westover Golf Course Commission

Members:
Salvatore Amedeo
Donald Cameron
Donald Couture
Anthony Campagnari
Walter Craven
Raymond Evans

OUR HERITAGE

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission's powers and duties are primarily to preserve, protect, and develop the historical and archeological assets of the Town. The Commission shall conduct researches for places of historic and archeological value, shall cooperate with the state archeologist, and shall seek to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes. The Commission works very closely with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

In March, we requested permission from the Board of Selectmen and the Heirs of Herbert McChesney to have the History of Ludlow, Massachusetts 1774-1974 book reprinted as there were no more available for sale. The request

had been for 150 books. We contacted the company that originally published the book, the J.C. Otto Company, Inc. in East Longmeadow. The business is now a large corporation but never the less, they took on the task of recreating the book. The sales representative, R. Christopher Bliss, was very helpful in accomplishing the complicated task of reproducing the book. The completed books were done and delivered to Town Hall on April 18, 2006.

On June 12, 2006, members attended a reception at Historic Northampton. Members of Historical Commissions and Historical Societies as well as teachers and other interested guests got a chance to peruse the collectibles and artifacts that are on display. At the reception, teachers Jackie Zima of Chapin Street School and Laura O'Keefe of Paul R. Baird Middle School requested the Historical Commission's assistance in a history project they will be undertaking with their students. It will be a collaborative research project chronicling the Town's history and folklore. The Commission looks forward to doing tours with the school children.

On June 17, 2006, members of the Historical Commission took part in a ceremony at Center Cemetery to honor Robert Parsons. His broken and damaged gravestone was replaced with a new stone. Parsons was remembered as one of Ludlow's patriotic citizens who volunteered in the Civil War. He was a member of Company D 37th Massachusetts regiment and he died on November 18, 1862 of disease at Hagerstown, Maryland. Members of the Sons of the Union Veterans and Civil War, as well as members of the LATFF Camp #15 from Springfield, and a representative of the 25th Massachusetts regiment took part in the ceremony. A gun salute was presented and an Honor Guard was there to honor Robert Parsons' volunteerism in the Civil War.

The Historical Commission continues to offer Ludlow's history books for sale in the Town Clerk's office. The books are as follows: A HISTORY OF LUDLOW, MASSACHUSETTS 1774-1974, IMAGES OF AMERICA: LUDLOW, REMEMBERING WORLD WAR II, and COLOR THE ABC'S OF LUDLOW.

We continue to get requests and phone calls on many varieties of subjects about the Town of Ludlow. We try our best to either answer or steer these folks in the right direction.

The Commission holds meetings on the last Wednesday of the month, at the First Meetinghouse and are proud to do so in this very historic building.

Respectfully submitted,
Agnes E. Kibbe, Chairperson
Historical Commission

Members:
Karen E. Pilon
Elsie Hiersche
Lois LaMondia

PUBLIC SAFETY

AMBULANCE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE

The Ambulance Abatement Committee met twice during fiscal year 2006. We received approximately 20 hardship abatement requests from individual taxpayers throughout the year. About 50% of said requests were recommended for approval to the Board of Selectmen.

Denied abatement requests are referred back to the Town Collector for him to set up an affordable payment schedule with the individual taxpayer.

As always, we strongly recommend that all residents of the Town of Ludlow invest in the Ambulance Subscription Service. For the annual cost of \$20.00, when you use the ambulance, your insurance is billed and the balance, after insurance payment, is paid from the town subscription fund. This covers all members of your household. The Board of Selectmen appointed Lori Barbeau to the Committee to fill the spot vacated by Doreen Rae.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Pereira, Chairman
Ambulance Abatement Committee

Members:
Fire Chief Charles Chaconas
Police Chief James McGowan
Anthony Jarvis
Lori Barbeau

ANIMAL CONTROL

Ludlow Animal Control has been very busy this year. I have taken hundreds of calls ranging from requests to pick up stray dogs, cats etc to helping out with wildlife such as foxes, raccoons, skunks and coyotes. Animal life in Ludlow is prospering. I have enjoyed getting to meet loads of wonderful people and their pets as well as those who are concerned about the wildlife.

Luckily, I have been able to place all adoptable dogs and cats into rescue where they then find terrific new homes. This is such a plus for the town of Ludlow as we are helping to relieve the problem of overpopulation while offering wonderful animals to those who are waiting for them. I only had to euthanize one dog this year and that was for incredibly old age and illness. It was the best thing.

Only one wild animal was killed this year as a Rabies risk.....it tested Negative. One Bat was found already dead, it tested positive for Rabies. (already dead bats often test positive.) Please remember if you see a sick or injured wild animal, stay away from it and give Animal Control a call right away.

I would like to thank those who have offered to help out in many aspects. It has been a very busy year and Animal Control is blooming. I'd like to say that I can accept your offers for this coming year, but we'll have to play that by ear.

Please remember to license your dogs and keep all pets up to date with their Rabies vaccinations. This prevention will help keep Rabies low in our town as it seems to be at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Johnson
Animal Control Officer

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The purpose of the Weights & Measures Department is to test, adjust, seal or condemn all weighing and measuring devices used for buying or selling. The Department is also involved in consumer protection and presently checks all scanners in retail establishments.

The Annual Report of the Weights and Measures for 2006:

Scales:

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| Over 10,000 lbs. | 3 |
| 100 – 5,000 lbs. | 3 |
| Under 100 lbs. | 56 |

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| Metric Weights | 15 |
| Apothecary Weights | 15 |
| Gasoline Pumps | 132 |
| Oil Trucks | 6 |
| Reverse Vending Machines | 4 |
| Scanning Systems | 14 |
| Total | 248 |

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| Amount of fees billed | \$4,614.00 |
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Respectfully submitted,
 Douglas J. Wilk
 Sealer of Weights & Measurers

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2006 the Fire Department experienced another busy year with 2817 emergency calls. The Department responded to 934 fire, rescue and emergency calls. The ambulances were called upon for 1883 medical emergency calls.

The Fire Department received a State Grant for \$4,345.00 for the Student Awareness of Fire Safety program. The money from the grant helps defray the cost of our school fire safety program. I would like to thank the Ludlow Rotary Club for their continued support of the S.A.F.E. program. Each year the Rotary Club purchases the books and materials that are handed out to all of the elementary school children in Town.

In May, firefighter/paramedic Roger Boutin was called to active duty with his Army Captain serving with the 399th Combat Support Hospital in Iraq. Our thoughts as we await his safe return home to his family and fellow firefighters.



Retired call firefighter Stanley Haluch passed away in June. Stan will be sadly missed by the Fire Department. Stan had retired from the position of call firefighter in November 2006 after 31 years with us.

Two members of the Department, firefighters Walter Peacey Jr. and Scott Kozak, were accepted into and successfully completed a Hazardous Materials Technician course given by the State Department of Fire Services. The 160 hour training class was held at Westover Air Reserve Base. Firefighters Peacey and Kozak are now certified.

Walter Peacey Jr. completed the requirements to become an Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate.

The Fire Department now has 13 paramedics, 3 intermediates and 10 basic EMTs to respond to the emergency medical needs of the citizens of Ludlow.

This years Open House was the Department's most successful to date. The annual event gets more and more popular

each year. Visits by Sparky the Fire Dog, Smokey the Bear and rides in the Fire Department Tower Truck bucket are always favorite attractions. All apparatus was on display and equipment demonstrations were given throughout the day. I want to thank Mrs. Gauvin, Mr. Walsh and the Ludlow High School Boys and Girls Cross Country teams for their assistance at the Open House. Without their help the open house wouldn't have been as successful as it was.

Classes and Schools Attended

Fire Officer 1

William Dubuque

Fire Officer Tactical Training

Stephen Johnson

EMS Operations and Planning for Weapons of Mass Destruction

Michael Gallagher

Scott Kozak

Jan Thornton

Blasting Detail Orientation

Captain Mark Babineau

Fire Instructor I

Kent Doyle

Instructor Methodology I

Kent Doyle

Emergency Vehicle Operator

Joseph Crowley

Frederick Gamache III

Stephen Johnson

Jeffrey Lavoie

Susan McCombe-Crowley

David Nally

Ryan Pease

Captain Edwin Prokop Jr.

Paul Yelinek

Senior Fire Officer Training Series

Chief Charles Chaconas

Captain Mark Babineau

Captain William DiCarlo

William Dubuque

Types of Responses by Category

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| Structure Fire | 38 |
| Vehicle Fire | 9 |
| Dumpster Refuse Fire | 5 |
| Campfires/Bonfires..... | 6 |
| Burning Without Permit | 59 |
| Brush, Grass, Leave Fires..... | 18 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents..... | 63 |
| Jaws of Life | 1 |

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| Assist Ambulance | 128 |
| Assist Invalid | 34 |
| Emergency Med. Service (No Ambulance Available)..... | 45 |
| Gas/Oil Spills..... | 19 |
| Assist Police | 9 |
| Search and Rescue | 3 |
| Town Service..... | 11 |
| Flooded Cellars..... | 9 |
| Smoke Scare/Odor of Smoke..... | 50 |
| False Alarm-Unintentional | 54 |
| False Alarm-Intentional | 13 |
| System Malfunction..... | 129 |
| Bomb Scare..... | 2 |
| Cancelled In Route | 28 |
| Good Intent..... | 30 |
| Mutual Aid Given..... | 22 |
| Carbon Monoxide Detector Activations | 18 |
| Hazardous Materials Responses | 41 |
| Electrical Wires Down-Standby | 10 |
| Smoke Removal..... | 6 |
| Lock In/Out | 12 |
| Animal Rescue..... | 2 |
| Other Hazardous Responses..... | 27 |
| Miscellaneous Emergencies..... | 33 |

The Fire Department ambulance responded to 1883 medical emergencies in 2006. Ambulance billing for the year was \$926,330.00.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

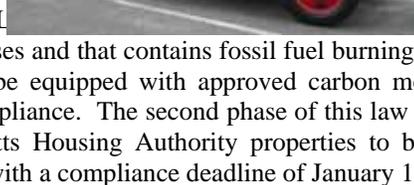
2006 was another busy year for the Fire Prevention office. Throughout the year, Fire Prevention Officer Captain Babineau conducted fire drills at schools, businesses and institutions, performed fire and life safety inspections, reviewed building and site plans, performed 21-E site assessments, investigated complaints of fire hazards, conducted fire origin and cause investigations and assisted local residents and businesses with fire code compliance issues.

On April 1, 2006 a new fire prevention fee was implemented. Prior to the increase, all smoke detector/carbon monoxide detector review/permit fees for the installation of new detectors was \$25.00.



This was the first fee increase in nearly twenty years. Now fees range from twenty five dollars for review/permit fees to one hundred dollars for plan review/permit fees for the installation of new detectors.

On March 31, 2006 Nicole's Law was implemented. It requires that every dwelling, building or structure that is occupied for residential purposes and that contains fossil fuel burning equipment or that has enclosed parking within or attached to the structure, be equipped with approved carbon monoxide alarms. All residential structures are currently required to be in compliance. The second phase of this law which requires hotels, motels, institutions, day care centers and Massachusetts Housing Authority properties to be protected with carbon monoxide alarms is currently being implemented with a compliance deadline of January 1, 2008.



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In the aftermath of the tragic nightclub fire in West Warwick Rhode Island, comprehensive fire safety legislation was passed. One of the components of this law was streamlining the fire code compliance process. The fire department now has the ability to issue Non-Criminal Fire Code Violation Notices with penalties ranging from a written warning, one hundred dollars for a 1st offense, five hundred dollars for a 2nd offense and one thousand dollars for a 3rd offense.

for a 3rd offense. Any monies collected through this process are to be earmarked for fire prevention efforts.

Public fire education efforts continued throughout the year. Fire extinguisher training, fire and life safety education programs and CPR training were provided to various schools, business and civic organizations.

Captain Prokop and firefighters Walter Peacey and Steve Johnson serve as the Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention officers.

The following is a list of permits issued by the Fire Prevention Office:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Smoke Detector | 307 |
| Oil Burners & Tanks..... | 94 |
| LP Gas Permits | 55 |
| Flammables Permits | 6 |
| Tank Truck Permits | 69 |
| Black Powder Permits | 1 |
| Blasting Permits..... | 8 |
| Tank Removal Permits | 21 |
| Sprinkler System Permits | 8 |
| Storage Tank Permits..... | 24 |
| Fire Alarm Permits | 13 |
| Cannon Permits | 1 |
| Fire Suppression Permits | 7 |
| Fireworks Permits..... | 1 |
| Vent Free Gas Heater Permits | 5 |
| Miscellaneous Permits | 4 |



A total of 624 permits were issued. Permit fees collected totaled \$15,155.00.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the members of the Department for their continued hard work and dedication to the Fire Department. Thank you to my clerical staff for their continued service to the Department and for the excellent work that they do on a daily basis. To the Board of Selectmen, all Town Departments and members of the community I would like to thank you on behalf of the Fire Department for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles P. Chaconas
Fire Chief

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

It is my distinct pleasure to give my first annual report from the Department of Inspectional Services. The calendar year of 2006 was robust and the activity shows a great deal of new construction, additions, and alterations of all types and sizes in both the residential and commercial sectors.

The relatively level starts for single family homes and an increase in new commercial projects as well as permits for 90 units of assisted living units on West Street presented us with a very busy year.

We were able to make adjustments to the fee schedule which puts Ludlow in tune with the times after a 12 year span of status quo.

Projects on the horizon are to streamline the public safety inspections and to launch the multi-family inspection process in mid-July which includes rental property three units and up.

The past year or two included inspections of businesses and establishments with licenses to sell alcohol including package/liquor stores and places of less than 50 person occupant load. These inspections are performed by a building official, fire official, plumbing and gas inspector and the electrical inspector.

Last but not least is the eminent start of another large project on Miller Street near the junction of East Street. The project consists of an 80-unit over 55 condominium project development.

The following is a breakdown of the permit activity for the calendar year 2006, including public safety certificates.

| # OF PERMITS | TYPE OF PERMIT | ESTIMATED VALUE |
|--------------|--|---------------------|
| 49 | SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS | 14,953,225 |
| 2 | MULTI FAMILY DWELLING-90 UNITS | 10,960,000 |
| 4 | CONDOMINIUMS | 1,080,000 |
| 41 | DWELLING, ADDITIONS | 1,337,700 |
| 68 | DWELLING, ALTERATIONS..... | 930,704 |
| 6 | COMMERCIAL-NEW CONSTRUCTION | 3,436,165 |
| 24 | COMMERCIAL RENOVATIONS/ADDITIONS | 1,064,365 |
| 12 | SUNROOMS..... | 204,252 |
| 10 | GARAGES/CARPORTS | 85,245 |
| 34 | DECKS..... | 129,510 |
| 47 | SWIMMING POOLS..... | 592,100 |
| 13 | PORCHES | 46,100 |
| 64 | FENCES | 181,826 |
| 140 | RESHINGLE..... | 782,590 |
| 56 | SIDING | 369,244 |
| 67 | WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT | 344,008 |
| 59 | STORAGE SHEDS | 190,838 |
| 2 | GAZEBOS | 12,000 |
| 23 | CHIMNEYS, WOOD-BURNING STOVES, ETC..... | 70,305 |
| 22 | PELLET STOVES, FURNACES | 48,277 |
| 45 | SIGNS | 51,664 |
| 2 | REPAIR FIRE-DAMAGED STRUCTURES | 106,000 |
| 2 | BARNS..... | 7,000 |
| 7 | RE-ROOF—COMMERCIAL | 1,010,700 |
| 3 | HANDICAP RAMPS | 9,100 |
| 12 | KITCHEN REMODEL | 135,695 |
| 23 | MISCELLANEOUS..... | 74,335 |
| 16 | PERMITS TO DEMOLISH | 0 |
| 48 | CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION – PAID | 0 |
| 901 | PERMITS ISSUED at an estimated value of | \$38,212,948 |
| | FEES COLLECTED | \$122,687 |

The following is a listing of **ELECTRICAL PERMITS** issued.

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|---|-----|
| SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS | 68 |
| MULTI FAMILY DWELLINGS (90 UNITS) | 1 |
| ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS..... | 38 |
| ALTERATIONS TO DWELLINGS..... | 108 |
| ANNUAL PERMIT TO JAIL..... | 2 |
| BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL, NEW..... | 3 |

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS TO BUSINESS BLDGS..... | 39 |
| REPAIRS TO FIRE DAMAGED STRUCTURES..... | 2 |
| GARAGES..... | 9 |
| CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING..... | 13 |
| FURNACES..... | 15 |
| PORCHES..... | 4 |
| SECURITY SYSTEMS..... | 59 |
| BOILERS..... | 6 |
| HOT TUBS..... | 7 |
| SHEDS..... | 5 |
| SIGNS..... | 1 |
| LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS..... | 24 |
| SWIMMING POOLS..... | 34 |
| SERVICE..... | 187 |
| MISCELLANEOUS..... | 16 |
| Total Number of ELECTRICAL Permits Issued:..... | .641 |
| FEES COLLECTED..... | \$34,672 |

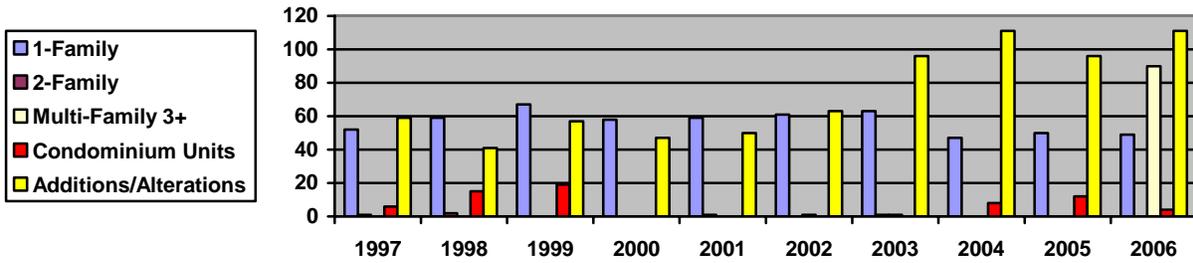
The following is a listing of **PLUMBING & GAS-FITTING PERMITS** issued.

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|---|-----------------|
| SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS..... | 58 |
| SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, GAS..... | 58 |
| MULTI FAMILY DWELLING (90 UNITS)..... | 1 |
| NEW CONSTRUCTION, COMMERCIAL..... | 5 |
| ADDITIONS DWELLINGS..... | 5 |
| ADDITIONS, COMMERCIAL..... | 2 |
| ADDITIONS, COMMERCIAL, GAS..... | 2 |
| ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING..... | 83 |
| ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING, GAS..... | 22 |
| ALTERATIONS TO COMMERCIAL..... | 10 |
| ALTERATIONS TO COMMERCIAL, GAS..... | 14 |
| ALTERATIONS TO INDUSTRIAL..... | 1 |
| ALTERATIONS TO INDUSTRIAL, GAS..... | 1 |
| HOT WATER TANKS..... | 62 |
| FIREPLACE, GAS..... | 10 |
| FURNACES, GAS..... | 28 |
| GAS LOGS..... | 6 |
| BOILERS..... | 24 |
| BACKFLOW PREVENTERS..... | 28 |
| MISCELLANEOUS GAS..... | 30 |
| MISCELLANEOUS PLUMBING..... | 30 |
| ROOF TOP HEATING UNITS, GAS..... | 1 |
| SWIMMING POOL HEATERS, GAS..... | 8 |
| COOKING RANGE, GAS..... | 4 |
| VENTLESS ROOM HEATER, GAS..... | 1 |
| Total Number of PLUMBING & GAS-FITTING Permits Issued: | 494 |
| FEES COLLECTED..... | \$24,130 |

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FOR 2006..... \$181,489

| | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1-Family | 52 | 59 | 67 | 58 | 59 | 61 | 63 | 47 | 50 | 49 |
| 2-Family | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Multi-Family 3+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 90 |
| Condominium Units | 6 | 15 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 4 |
| Additions/Alterations | 59 | 41 | 57 | 47 | 50 | 63 | 96 | 111 | 96 | 111 |

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I want to express a special thank you for the hard work and diligence of my staff, Joseph (Sam) Kozicki, Plumbing/Gas Inspector, Antonio (Tony) Portelada, Inspector of Wires, and Lorraine Czapienski, Office Assistant, for helping me in the first 7 months to run this department efficiently and in a professional manner. I would also like to extend a thank you to Donald Demers, Assistant Building Inspector, Kevin Douville, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector and Richard Chenevert, Assistant Inspector of Wires for their support to this department.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brien E. Laporte, C.B.O.
 Department of Inspectional Services

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department ended the 2006 year with 1477 offenses committed, 650 motor vehicle accidents, 492 arrests, 985 logged in incidents, and 9,367 total calls requiring police service.

On November 1, 2006 a new 911 system went online at the department. We were one of the first police departments in the state chosen to run the system. New capabilities which make use of GPS technology now provide the dispatch center with the ability to determine the location of a cell phone caller with a GPS enabled phone. All dispatch personnel and a majority of full time police staff have gone through training for the system. Sergeants Louis Tulik and Paul Madera have completed the administrators' course.

Also, the department now has the ability to contact translation service language lines when the need for a translator arises. The language lines provide translators via telephone for a majority of world languages. The systems can be assessed directly through the 911 system or business line.

On May 3, 2006 the Department and the Town suffered a devastating loss with the untimely death of Officer Roger Beauregard. Officer Beauregard had served over 30 years of dedicated service to the Town. He was a strong and proud officer, a loyal friend and a devoted family man. He will be sadly missed by the community, friends and co-workers.

On July 10, 2006 three new officers were appointed to the Police Department. After graduating on December 5, 2006 from the Academy, Officers Brian Shameklis, Stephen Ricardi and Jason Chelo have been assigned to the midnight shift. We send our congratulations and wishes for a long and prosperous career.

Officer Michael Brennan became a new addition to our EMT roster. He successfully completed his training to become a certified EMT in July 2006.

The Special Response Team (SRT), led by Sgt. Thomas Foye, is now in its second year and continues to pursue excellence in the areas of training and community involvement.

SRT team leader, Officer Derek DeBarge and Officer Stephen Sambor, have become certified tactical instructors. This training has become invaluable during the groups' regular training sessions. The SRT were called out to assist patrol officers on numerous calls. Two calls involving weapons resulted in arrests and ended without incident. As the teams level of expertise increases, they become more of a valuable resource to the community to help improve safety in the schools and the entire community.

During 2006, officers, dispatchers and special police officers attended IS-100 Training and supervisors attended IS-2-Training. All were certified under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for Homeland Security.

On November 9, 2006 Officer Michael Brennan, Michael Whitney and CITO assisted in the search of two male subjects who walked away from a pre-release facility. They received Certificates of Commendation from the Board of Selectmen for safely apprehending without incident, the two subjects. In house personnel involved in the incident Sgt. Mark Mendes, Sgt. Daniel Valadas and Dispatchers Ryan Bartolucci and Shelby Anderson all received Letters of Commendation from the Police Department.

On December 22nd, at the 12th Annual Police Day at Mom & Rico's Specialty market, Ludlow Officers David Belanger, Alison Metcalfe and Michael Whitney were honored for their extraordinary courage and valor during a domestic situation on October 23rd, involving a firearm. All three officers and Dispatcher Shelby Anderson received Certificates of Commendation from the Board of Selectmen.

The K-9 Unit led by Officer Michael Whitney and "Cito" continue to train two days a month and have been recertified in both patrol and narcotics detection. The K-9 Unit received 56 specific calls for assistance in 2006, while working their regular patrol. Some of these calls included assisting patrol officers on motor vehicle stops in the search for illegal narcotics, helping track down offenders and assisting the School Resource Officer in locker sweeps for narcotics.

As always, the Special Police Organization under the direction of Officer Mark Witowski and Special Police Lieutenants Fernando Pina and David Salvador should be acknowledged for volunteering over 4436 hours of service for traffic duty and community events.

Fees collected by the Police Department during the 2006 year are as follows:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Photocopies | \$ 3,304.00 |
| Administrative Fees | 29,243.57 |
| Firearm Permits | 22,825.00 |
| Court Fines | 7,197.00 |
| MV Citations | <u>33,676.63</u> |
| | \$96,246.20 Totals |

Respectfully submitted,
James J. McGowan
Chief of Police

SAFETY COMMITTEE

The committee meets on the second Thursday of the month, at Town Hall, to review requests for Class I, II, and III licenses, site plans, and special permits. This committee also reviews requests submitted by residents for signs, traffic lights and other traffic issues which they feel are of concern. The Safety Committee in turn makes a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for further action. Members will sometimes make a request that those

applicants applying for licenses, special permits, and/or site plan approvals, appear before the Safety Committee in order to address any issues that may be pertinent for review. This is done in the hope of clarifying any issues that cannot be ascertained by a review of any submitted plans.

2006 was another busy but constructive year for the committee. Decisions and recommendations were made that would help to insure safety to the residents and motorists alike. Some of the recommendations to the Board of Selectmen included, but was not limited to, placing numerous "Stop" signs throughout the town to slow down the flow of traffic, recommendations that traffic studies be done in key areas throughout the town and before new construction sites were allowed to progress.

The Safety Committee wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Public Works for their cooperation in implementing our recommendations, and all Town Departments for their assistance in these matters. To the citizens of the Town of Ludlow, we continue to request your input and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Sgt. Francis J. Nowak, Chairman
Safety Committee

Members:
Edward DeChellis
CPT William DiCarlo
Michael Goncalves
Brien Laporte
Phillip McBride
Edgar R. Minnie, II
Penny Silveira, Alternate

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Board of Public Works is pleased to present this Annual Report to the Town of Ludlow which summarizes and describes the services and activities performed by the Department of Public Works (DPW) during the 2006 calendar year.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

The DPW provides services to maintain the town's public ways and roads in a safe, passable and trouble free condition. The office has acquired a new computer Work Order Program to electronically record and log all inquiries from the public to systematically respond to and address road and infrastructure deficiencies and problems in the public way and or on public properties. The Board appreciates and encourages the community to report public infrastructure concerns to the Department of Public Works' Administration Office.

Road maintenance, rehabilitation and reconstruction projects continued throughout the year with funds appropriated by the Town through the budget process and with funds allocated through the Commonwealth Chapter 90 Highway Program. The Chapter 90 funds are generated from gasoline taxes and are distributed to towns annually for the maintenance of accepted public ways. The Town has approximately 130 road miles.

During the 2006 calendar year, the road reconstruction projects consisted of the rehabilitation of the entire length of Blanchard Avenue from Fuller Street to Swan Avenue. The project consisted of the reconstruction of the road section including modifications to the grade and profile resolving localized drainage problems, installed storm drainage improvements, installed asphalt curbing and concrete sidewalk as well as the planting of street trees. The DPW also repaved several streets including Alden Street from Center Street to Jerad Drive; Moore Street from Poole Street to Woodland Circle and Miller Street from Center Street to Cislak Drive. In addition to the street paving and reconstruction projects, routine maintenance and improvements to the infrastructure were accomplished during the year. For example, the DPW provided roadway markings and line striping replaced and installed street signs,

conducted street sweeping, repaired road potholes and repaved localized stressed road areas throughout the town. Other projects during the year included the replacement of storm drain culverts crossing on Ventura Street and Moore Street. In addition, the department was active with the pavement crack sealing program with the continued application on Center Street, State Street, Sewell Street, Cady Street, Winsor Street and Chapin Street from Center Street to Holyoke Street.

The sidewalk replacement program was widespread with work completed on the following streets. Concrete sidewalks were replaced on Prospect, Highland, Howard, Greenwich, Canterbury and Birch Streets.

The DPW repainted the numerous crosswalks at all school locations and at street crossing locations throughout the town. Approximately fifty crosswalks were repainted with bright visibility paints to provide safety for pedestrian traffic.

The traffic signals upgrade program continued with the installation of new energy efficient LED red lenses and green arrows. The LED lenses provide extra brightness and have a life of five years or more. Moreover, they are more economical and typically reduce operating costs upwards of 40 percent. The department will continue the replacement program and replace the remaining green lenses as funds permit.

The Department was proactive with the cleaning of storm drain catch basins on East, Center, Chapin and Randall Streets.

During the 2006 construction season, approximately 150 Construction within the Public Way Permits for projects within the public way were issued resulting in \$15,865 in fees and \$16,100 in bonds collected typically for the construction of new driveways and installation of utility services.

SANITARY SEWER DIVISION

The DPW is responsible for the operation, inspection and maintenance of the sewer collection system including two (2) sanitary sewer lift stations located at Chapin Street and Moody Street. The DPW has developed a sanitary sewer line maintenance program beginning with the flushing and cleaning of sewer lines on Oak Street, East Street, Stivens Street and Prospect Street. The division responds on a 24-hour basis for sewer line obstructions and or other problems within the system. The DPW issued or renewed 12 Drain Layer Licenses which generated \$750 in fees and issued 27 Sewer Service Connection Permits. The division collected a total \$27,986 in fees during FY 2006.

TREE DIVISION

The DPW provides forestry maintenance for the town shade trees located within the public ways and on select public properties. The division is responsible for trimming, pruning and or removal of damaged, diseased or dangerous town trees. The trees and branches are chipped and stockpiled for use on town projects. Wood chips are available at the compost area for the residents as the supply allows.

The DPW planted approximately 30 new trees within the public way tree belts this year.

The DPW organized and participated in an Arbor Day Celebration with the Baird Middle School students this April which included the planting of an American Elm Tree on Sportsmen's Road.

PARK DIVISION

The DPW is responsible for the maintenance of the town playgrounds, parks and athletic fields as well as providing routine maintenance to the School Department's athletic fields. The activities consist of lawn maintenance, athletic field line striping for various sporting events and the restoration of the fields as funds allow.

The DPW reconditioned the Nick Silva football field after another football season and unfortunately for a second time due to vandalism.

The department completed several renovations to the Whitney Park Field House including the installation of new exterior windows and doors, upgrades to the security and fire protection system and general house keeping of the interior. Also, the Whitney Park baseball field was reconditioned in the spring for the upcoming season. The children's playground areas were treated with a new application of wooden chips in the fall zone areas.

DPW personnel assisted at special events during the year which are sponsored by the town and or organizations that include the Memorial Day Celebration, Sunday Concerts in the Park, Celebrate Ludlow Event, Veterans' Day activities, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and other functions conducted throughout the town and special events at the Ludlow Fish and Game Club property.

CEMETERY DIVISION

The DPW maintains and operates the five cemeteries within the town; the largest cemetery is the Island Pond Cemetery located on Center Street. The other town cemeteries include the Center Street Cemetery, Sikes Cemetery, Fuller Street Cemetery and the East "Ould" Street Cemetery.

The division installed new decorative fencing along Center Street at the Center Street Cemetery. The Island Pond Cemetery Chapin Street entrance was improved to enhance traffic safety with the relocation and replanting of the street trees inside the cemetery. A new sign was installed on Chapin Street.

The following is a summary of activities and fees collected during FY 2006:

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|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of lots sold | 70 |
| Income from lots sold | \$34,200 |
| Number of burials | 80 |
| Income from burials | \$41,900 |
| Number of monument foundations | 55 |
| Monument Income | \$7,200 |
| | |
| Total Income | \$ 83,300 |

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The DPW maintains the records for plans, plats and maps for the community. In addition, this division maintains plan files for the Planning Board and Assessors' Office, including the annual updates of the Town Street Map, Assessors' maps, zoning maps and Voter Precinct maps. This division provides engineering assistance and information to other departments, boards and committees upon request. The engineering staff provides technical analyses and recommendations to the Planning Board for the various projects during the year including subdivisions and commercial developments.

The Engineering Division has developed storm drainage improvement plans for Posner Circle at Electric Park neighborhood which was impacted by the October 2005 storms. The project was submitted to MEMA for financial assistance for the construction of the storm improvements. Work is scheduled for the 2007 construction season.

The DPW responded to current regulations from the Office of Dam Safety and completed inspections of the Wade Pond Dam and the Harris Pond Dam.

The sale of record plans and prints to the general public generated \$1,069 in fees.

Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycle Center and Transfer Station

The DPW operates the Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center for the residential community at the DPW facility on Sportsmen's Road which provides the collection and disposal of trash and recycle material needs of the community. The DPW yard is accessed from Claudia Way for composting and brush disposal.

The DPW has conducted and submitted the newly instituted annual Transfer Station Inspection in accordance with MassDEP regulatory division.

Residential curbside collection of trash and recyclables was provided by Central Mass Disposal. Household trash is transferred and disposed of at the eco/Springfield Plant which generates electrical power. The recyclables are collected and transferred to the Municipal Recycling Facility (MRF) in Springfield. The combination of the curbside trash collection and drop-off at the Transfer Station accounted for 7,626 tons of trash transported to the eco/Springfield Resource Recovery Facility for incineration to generate electrical power, and 23 tons were land filled.

This recycling program generated 751 tons of paper, 329 tons of mixed containers (glass and cans) 150 tons of scrap metal and approximately 1,065 tons of grass, leaves and branches that were processed for compost. The grass and leaves are composted at the DPW facility creating loam for use on town projects and is available to town residents.

The Solid Waste Collection and Disposal operational costs are augmented by fees generated from the sale of residential permits for the use of the Transfer Station and the sale of Compost and Recycle bins.

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Transfer Station Permits issued | 982 |
| Senior Permits (no charge) | 655 |
| Income | \$17,030 |
| Special Dumping Permits issued | 149 |
| Income | \$4,235 |
| Compost Bins | 5 |
| Income | 0 |
| Recycle Bins | 265 no charge |
| Recycle Bins | 9 |
| Income | \$45 |

GRANTS

The following is a listing of grant applications and awards made during the past year:

Grant award from the MassDEP Office for Technical Assistance for the study of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling Program.

Grant award from the MassDEP Office for a Public Space Recycling Grant for recycle containers.

Grant application to Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for a Hazardous Mitigation Grant for Storm Drainage Improvements for the Electric Park Subdivision.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The following is a description of the Capital Improvement Projects under construction or in the design phase at the time of this publication:

Hubbard Street Neighborhood Sewer Separation Project design plans are nearly complete. The project design is funded by the Connecticut River Cleanup Committee and the Town. A project application for funding will be submitted this August to the Commonwealth for consideration of the State Revolving Fund Program for the construction costs.

The reconstruction of the Green Towne Bridge (commonly know as the Collins Bridge) was completed in November. The construction was financed by Massachusetts Highway Department. The cost was approximately three million dollars. The towns of Ludlow and Wilbraham celebrated a bridge opening ceremony which

rededicated the bridge according to history. The bridge was renamed the Green Towne Bridge in memory of the two dedicated selectmen from Wilbraham and Ludlow.

East Street Rehabilitation Project Phase 3 was completed. The project limits are from Winsor Street to Chestnut Street. Phase 4 which begins at Lakeview Avenue and ends at Tony Lema Drive is currently under design. Work is scheduled for the spring of 2007.

East and Chapin Street Intersection improvement project is ongoing. The project will address the congestion issues with the addition of left turn lanes and enhanced traffic signal controls.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Board of Public Works, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Paul Dzubek and Operations Supervisor Kenneth Batista wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the staff of the Department of Public Works for their commendable efforts and performance during the year of 2006.

On behalf of the Department of Public Works, this Annual Report is submitted to the Town of Ludlow by the Board of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Haluch, Chairman
Board of Public Works

Members:
Michael Goncalves, Vice Chairman
Brian Martell
Barry J. Linton
Carlos Chaves

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals consists of five (5) regular members and two (2) alternate members who are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Appeals is charged with hearing appeals or petitions for variances according to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40A, and the Town of Ludlow Zoning Bylaws. The Board of Appeals meets at seven (7) PM at Town Hall conference room two (2) upon receipt of a request for a hearing/appeal or a variance. During the year 2006 there were seventeen (17) request for Hearings/Appeals or a Variance, Ten (10) were granted, Four (4) were denied, and Three (3) were Withdrawn.

It is with great sadness that we inform everyone of the sudden passing of one of our alternate members Mr. Joseph Bradley. Mr. Bradley was a conscientious individual giving 100% of his time and energy to make sure that all information on a particular issue was explored; he is sorely missed by all.

We would like to thank the various boards and departments who assisted us in obtaining the information needed for the public hearings. A special thanks to the Building Department, Assessor's Office, and the Planning Board, without their help the task of obtaining the needed documents and information would be extremely difficult.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony W. Jarvis, Chairman
Board of Appeals

Members:
Kathleen Bernardo
Patricia Campagnari
Raul Coelho
Paul Zielinski, Vice Chair.

Alternate Members:
Albert LeMay Jr.
Frank Silva

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Ludlow Conservation Commission is a State mandated board comprised of volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three year terms. The Conservation Commission works on the Town's behalf in administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131, § 40), Rivers Protection Act, and Town of Ludlow Conservation Commission Bylaws (Chapter XV). The Commission is dedicated to the preservation of Ludlow's wetland resources for the benefit of our present and future residents.

Regular meetings of the Conservation Commission were held on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month at 6:30 P.M. in 2006 and no meeting schedule changes are planned for 2007. Additional meetings were held for a specific purpose, such as discussion of Bylaws, Drafting new Rules and Regulations and other similar reasons. Site inspections were scheduled on the Saturday mornings prior to each meeting and attended by any/all members. We continue to fine tune our Proposed Rules and Regulations that will also, if adopted impose minimal town fees for wetland permits.

The Commission began and ended 2006 with five (5) members and no vacancies on the Commission.

During 2006, The Conservation Commission worked on thirty (30) Notices of Intent, many of which required multiple site inspections and Public Hearing continuances, and two (2) Amended Notice of Intent. Fifteen (15) Requests for Determination of Applicability were filed with the Commission, twelve (12) of which resulted in negative determinations, and three (3) positive. The Commission issued seven (7) Certificates of Compliance and seven (7) Enforcement Orders. We worked with one (1) applicant on an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation to confirm a wetland line on a large parcel of land. We issued five (5) extension permits on projects that could not be completed by the expiration date of their permits and one (1) extension to an Order of Resource Area Delineation to allow the applicant additional time to commence the project. Emergency Certifications are requested when a project must take place immediately to prevent danger to individuals and/or damage to property. The Commission issued six (6) Emergency Certifications in 2006. Wetland Regulations do not require a Public Hearing prior to the issuance of emergency permits. Otherwise, all permits issued by the Commission require a Public Hearing process. Only specific permit requests, however, mandate under the MA Wetlands Protection Act that abutters are individually notified.

Projects under the Conservation Commission's purview in 2006 ranged from those as simple as shed installations to single family homes, subdivisions, several condominium projects, M.W.R.A's redundant water pipeline, utility projects large and small such as sewer extensions and upgrades. We began oversight of a very large Comprehensive Permit Condominium Project in 2006 that spanned several meetings. We will continue to oversee that project into 2007 and well beyond. Application Fees collected by the Conservation Commission in 2006 were \$16,919.00, which were deposited into a revolving account to be used for salaries, consulting fees and administration of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Commission members attended the MACC (Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions) annual conference in Worcester, MA., in March and the regional conference in November in Lenox, MA. These educational conferences assist Commissioners with staying informed about changes in regulations and/or policies. Additionally, we attend many other conferences and seminars that are pertinent to administering the Wetlands Protection Act and work with our local office of the Department of Environmental Protection when we need assistance with answering a complicated question or resolving difficult issues. The D.E.P. Circuit Rider Program allows us to have a personal contact at the Department and has provided us with guidance on many such occasions.

The Conservation Commission will continue to promote community awareness about wetlands and environmental issues and, when appropriate, will publish articles in the Ludlow Register to share its views on important environmental and conservation-related topics. In 2006 we committed to our participation in the Community Voices section of the Register whereby we will submit an article approximately once every 3 months, with the goal of offering some education on environmental topics in that venue. We strongly believe that the time to pass the Community Preservation Act in Ludlow is now and hope to gain support toward that end.

Members of the Conservation Commission continue to participate on committees such as the Open Space Planning Committee that completed the new Open Space Plan and the Disaster Preparedness Committee that meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fire Department. Additionally, we work in conjunction with other town departments to maintain consistency with permitting procedures. We to review all permit applications submitted to the Planning Board, Building Department and Board of Health, some of which require a sign-off from the Commission Office. G.I.S. continues to be a valuable asset to us in this review process.

Commissioners will enjoy attending M.A.C.C. Conferences twice each year as well as other training meetings that may be offered. These conferences are educational and provide us with the necessary training so that we can remain current in our knowledge of conservation/wetland regulations, allowing us to make informed decisions on projects that require our involvement.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin M. Brown, Chairperson
Conservation Commission

Members:
Marcia Kida
Angela Tierney
John Dryjowicz
Susan Denette

PLANNING BOARD

Two **PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION** plans were approved:

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| Longford Development Corp. | 17 lots |
| Dan Coelho – Irla Drive Ext. | 4 lots |

A public hearing will be scheduled when the applications for definitive subdivision on these parcels are received.

Thirty-six **SPECIAL PERMITS** were issued for the following addresses:

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| East & Miller Streets | Condominiums |
| 451 Miller Street | Home Office |
| 66 Chapin Street | Home Office |
| 90 Timber Ridge Road | Home Office |
| 85 Fairview Street | Home Office |
| 4 Alice Street | Home Office |
| 306 Lyon Street | Home Office |
| 7 Winsor Street | Home Office |
| 108 Loopley Street | Massage Therapy |
| 798 West Street | Woodworking/Craft Design |
| 350 West St. Lot. 38 | Home Office |
| 38 Lyon Street | Home Office |
| 348 Miller Street | Home Office |
| 51 Simonds Street | Home Office |
| 79 Laconia Street | Home Office |
| 296 Fuller Street | Home Office |

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| West Avenue | Telecommunications Tower |
| 83 Michael Street | Home Office |
| 117 Oakridge Street | Home Office |
| 67 Cedar Street | Home Office |
| 89 Prospect Street | Craftsman |
| 921 West Street | Home Office |
| 89 Minechoag Hgts. | Home Office |
| 58 Duke Street | Home Office |
| Russell Street | Condominiums |
| 162 Cady Street | Home Office |
| 111 West Avenue | Home Office |
| 77 Allison Lane | Home Office |

Thirty-six **CHANGES OF OCCUPANCY** were issued at the following business addresses:

274 East Street – J. R. Butcher Shop
200 Center Street - Cosmetologist
733 Chapin Street – Massage Therapy
733 Chapin Street – Hairstyling
733 Chapin Street – Skin Care
733 Chapin Street – Skin Care
200 Center Street – Nail Technician
200 Center Street - Hairdresser
326 West Avenue – 326 West Avenue
293 State Street – Simple Pleasures Day Spa
360 Sewall Street – ProHealth Chiropractic & Rehab
223 East Street – Aliança Market
473 Holyoke Street – Auto Art of Southern New England, Inc.
830 East Street – Chapin/East Variety
247 East Street – Salon Accents
123 Center Street – American Nationwide Mortgage Co.
12 Lakeview Avenue – Bragiel’s European Market
20 East Street – Round the Clock Fitness
263 East Street – Elegant Nails
247 East Street – Salon Accents (2)
430 Center Street – Ludlow Automotive
575 East Street – East Street Auto body
40 East Street – Delicatessen
407 West Street – Used car repair / sales
26 Kirkland Avenue – Bay State Duct Mfg.
207 Winsor Street – Fancy Nails
81 East Street – Port USA Entertainment
305 East Street – Turkish Soccer Club
148 Amherst Street – All State Stone
Ludlow Mills – DK Trading
249 East Street – Coffee House
Ludlow Mills – Bldg. 272 – Baking Supplies
733 Chapin Street – Nail Technician
329 East Street – Classic Ceramic
425 Center Street – Xtreme Fitness Center
154 East Street – Massage Therapy

Fifteen **APPROVALS NOT REQUIRED** were signed:

Roosevelt Hill, LLC – Center Street
Fido – 286 Fuller Street

A.A. Miele Sr. Family Trust – Fuller Street
Winiewski/Midura – Rood/Church Streets
Pires/Marta – East Street
Sousa – Fuller Street
Beachside Motors / Chrela LLC - 556 Center Street
Bousquet – 305 Miller Street
Chiasson – Lawton Street
Quesnel – Poole Street
Ferrara – 50 Moore Street
Farr – West Street
Focosi - 202 Cady Street
Goncalves - Holyoke Street
Coelho – Irla Drive

Six **ZONE CHANGES** were passed at Town Meeting:

May 8, 2006

- Agricultural to Residence A – Map 2D, Parcels 91 & 99 Grimard Street - Paul & Lucille Cislak
- Residence A to Business A – 614 Chapin Street – Richard Kowalski
- Industrial A to Residence B – Map 3, Parcel 66G West Street - Val Rodrigues

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- Business A to Residence A – 614 Chapin Street – Richard Kowalski
- Agricultural to Industrial A – 270 West Street – Frank & Holly Arduino
- Residence A to Residence B – 513 Center Street – Joseph Chaves, Antonio Goncalves, John Bettencourt

CHANGES TO THE ZONING BYLAWS INCLUDED:

- *Section 4.1.1.b Distance between two buildings on the same lot – Deleted.
- *Amended Section 2.1 to refer to the eight-page zoning map.
- *Amended Section 4.0.11.a by changing the building height provisions.
- *Amended Section 5.1.3.f by deleting the last two sentences which refer to parking in the front yard.
- *Amended Section 5.5 the Stormwater management Bylaw.
- *Amended Section 6.4.5.a by changing the title and reference in the accompanying paragraph.
- *Amended Section 6.4.5.b. by changing the title.
- *Amended Section 6.5.8.c by deleting the reference to Article 14.
- *Amended Section 7.1.5 by adding the requirement for endorsement space.
- *Amended the definition for Private Garage by deleting the sizes.
- *Amended the definition for Parking Space
- *Amended Section 10, Definitions by adding multiple new definitions.
- *Amended Section 6.4.7 to refer to the DPW regulations.

Total Fees Generated by the Planning Board were:

\$51,503.69.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edgar R. Minnie, II, Chairman
Planning Board

Members:

William H. Bates
Richard Ollari
Raymond E. Phoenix
Kenneth Y. Hill, Jr.

WESTOVER ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Stony Brook wetlands are a 315-acre tract of wetlands, woodlands and meadows where the Westover Advisory Commission wishes to increase public education and recreation use while protecting conservation values.

Stony Brook Wetlands were acquired by the Town of Ludlow in 1977. The site was formerly known as Westover Wetlands Area, Ludlow Wildlife Management Area, and Ludlow Recreation Area. The focal point of the property is a large wetland created by human activity. Other features include woodlands, meadows, streams and ponds, providing important wildlife habitat and offering an excellent opportunity for education and recreation.

The Westover Advisory Commission is a group of appointed citizen volunteers formed to oversee the development and management of the Stony Brook Wetlands. The aim of the Commission is to preserve wildlife habitat, promote outdoor recreation, and provide opportunities for natural science education within Stony Brook Wetlands.

Over the last twenty years the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has managed a lottery system for duck hunting within the wetlands. The Division is responsible for maintaining five duck blind positions, installing temporary blinds for the hunting season, cutting brush along roadsides and trails, and maintaining signs, blinds, and a vandal proof gate.

The members of the Commission wish to encourage users interested in the preservation of wetlands and wildlife, and discourage those users having a negative impact on the fragile ecology.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Batista, Member
Westover Advisory Commission

Editors Notes:

This year the Town Report is dedicated to former Senator Brian Lees and Representative Thomas Petrolati. The cover reflects the projects and renovations to the Town as a result of their combined efforts.

There are several individuals that I would like to thank for their assistance and support. Module Mason for her professional expertise in designing a cover that best portrays the revitalization of the Town. John Ryan, James Goodreau and Matthew Christy for providing the pictures on the cover. Marsha Cote, Ellie Villano and Michael Lombard for their technical computer support and the Town departments who submitted a report, for their cooperation.

Beverly C. Tokarz